

Regular Meeting
February 12, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Nunez, Trustee Torres, Trustee Whitlock, Trustee Martinez, and Trustee Crist

Others Present: Mike Castillo, Dave Sment, Phyllis Sims, Elena Chavarria, Teresa Trujillo, David Shields, Willie Herrera, Joe Chaidez, Catherine Olmstead, Linda Alvarez, Lisa Neal, Shirley Rice, Chief Gimler, Elizabeth Porras

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch was held in the Trustees Chambers located at 133 N. Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico, on the above date. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll as follows: Mayor Nunez – Present, Trustee Torres – Present, Trustee Martinez – Present, Trustee Whitlock – Present, and Trustee Crist – Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Nunez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Torres led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and Trustee Whitlock gave the opening prayer. Mayor Nunez then called for a moment of silence.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2019 as written. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Robert Peixotto gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees on the FY 2017-2018 Audit Report as the Office of the State Auditor has completed their review of the audit report required by Section 12-6-14(B) NMSA 1978 and 2.2.2.13 NMAC. Paul Dulin, Partnership Specialist US Census Bureau 2020 gave a presentation on the 2020 census and expressed the importance for municipalities to account for everyone in their communities, counting for dollars. New Mexico receives over six billion dollars per year based on Decennial Census data. The per capita per annum allocation is \$2,972 just a 1% undercount of New Mexicans in 2020 could result in a \$6,000,000 loss of funds over a 10 year period.

Dave Shields from Bohannon Huston gave an update on the pending projects for the Village of Hatch. The Municipal Airport construction is about 95% complete and should be finished this month. The Adams Street sidewalks project preliminary design complete and working on clearance request letters. Letters of intent need to be sent to NMDOT prior to March 10, 2019.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve to accept the Village of Hatch FY 2017-2018 Audit Report. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to amend Village Code Title 4, Economic Development Plan, by adding Section 4.08 Hatch Valley Economic Development Council, establishing an effective date; and providing for repeal and severability. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to amend the Village Code Title 4, Economic Development Plan Section 4.04.050 definitions (Enabling Organization), establishing an effective date; and providing for repeal and severability. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve to amend Chapter 5.12 Public Activity Permits Section 5.12.065 Fees. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to draft an ordinance to repeal Chapter 13.16 Natural Gas Service Rates and Charges all sections in its entirety. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve to draft an ordinance to repeal Chapter 15.12 Gas Code all sections in its entirety. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Resolution No. 958 Authorizing acceptance of transfer of property rights and maintenance responsibility of the West Canal Road Bridge and associated roadway to the Village of Hatch. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Crist-aye, and Trustee Whitlock-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to reconsider the motion to approve and authorize the Village of Hatch to invest in the Local Government Investment Pool and allow the Mayor to sign all required documents. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to authorize the Village of Hatch not to invest in the Local Government Investment Pool and allow the mayor to sign all required documents. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to accept Richard J. Martinez's resignation effective January 31, 2019. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve to advertise to fill the Police Officer position. Seconded by Trustee Crist. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to start advertising for seasonal employment for a Swimming Pool Manager, Lifeguards, and Parks and Recreation Manager. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Mike Castillo thanked the Board of Trustees for the two new vehicles and gave a brief report on the Utilities Department. Shirley Rice, Judge informed the Board of Senate Bill 173 that is probably going to pass, and if it does pass it will create a big budget hit for the municipalities. Met with Codes Enforcement, P & Z Department, Police Chief, and Clerk to talk about a process to put in place for the cleaning of the properties, and there's a process now which should take between thirty days and up to six weeks. Working with Officer Hernandez and JPO's to see about Teen Court. Lisa Neal Library Director reported on the Library about all the activities going on at the Library from setting up emails, filing for unemployment, writing resumes, applying for jobs online, basic web search information and filing for citizenship or work permits. There was a Community Meeting with NM Representative Angelica Rubio, and discussed issues concerning Hatch Valley. Police Chief Gimler reported a busy month, biggest concerns are the Border Patrol pursuits had six the past month. Discussions with Border Patrol to see about having better communication as the Police Department is in a different radio channel and Border patrol needs to communicate with our Police Department when there's pursuits for the safety of our citizens.

Trustee Whitlock thanked Dave Sment and the Clerk for submitting all the Legislative Capital Outlay requests a total of \$1,632,419. Among those projects were the Low Water Crossing Canal Street, Spring Canyon Dam, Library Improvements, Downtown Park planning and design, Planning/Design for septic tank drain field, commercial kitchen, and bathrooms for Chile Festival grounds, Announcer stand Frank Hinojos Ball Fields, Building Demolitions, and Gateway sign.

Mayor Nunez informed the Board of Trustees that the Clerk has submitted the second quarterly report to DFA, W2's and 1099's have been submitted as well. Staff working diligently on the delinquent accounts, IPRA requests. Also informed the Board of Trustees that the Village of Hatch will be looking into protesting a water well application filed with NMOSE based on the combining and comingling water rights that could increase pumping near the Village's well and result in impairment. Drawdown in the Village's wells could result in increased production of arsenic and the subsequent need for an expensive arsenic treatment plant would increase the cost of water to consumers and be contrary to public welfare.

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: _____, Mayor

ATTEST:

Date: _____

