

Regular Meeting  
July 9, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor Nunez, Trustee Torres, Trustee Whitlock, Trustee Martinez, and Trustee Crist (via phone)

Others Present: Teako Nunn, Johnnye Hammett, Patsy Trujillo, Tiffany Goolsby, Gloria Molinar, Elena Chavarria, Dave Sment, Blake Gumprecht, Willie Herrera, Joe Chaidez, Leticia Contreras, David Shields, Manuel Sanchez, Shirley Rice, Linda Alvarez, Sal Ramirez, Celeste Zimmerman, Phyllis Sims, Sindy Hernandez, Teresa Trujillo, Lisa Neal, Rhonda Gimler, James, Gimler, Chief Gimler, Mike Castillo, 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 Whitlock moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2019 as written. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 20, 2019 as written. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

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

Mr. Armijo gave a brief presentation on the Mesilla Valley Transit Services. The mission is to strengthen communities, facilitate economic and educational activities, and promote health and safety through safe and efficient transportation services. There's \$293,000 allocated for the Green Route, and the plans are to have two round trips per day with two stops in Garfield, four stops in Hatch, another stop in Salem and Rincon. The estimated time is ninety five minutes round trip and planning to begin early October. There will be reduced rates for elderly and disabled veterans.

\*6:15 p.m. – Mayor Nunez recessed the meeting and conducted the ICIP Public Hearing.

\*6:25 p.m. – Mayor Nunez reconvened the regular meeting.

Dave Shields from Bohannon Huston gave an update on the projects for the Village of Hatch. The Adams Street project is under construction and is progressing well. Working on the Planning Grant Application process for funding a Water System PER.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve zone change request for Case #2019- Teako Nunn. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve Ordinance No. 402 Amending Village Code Title 4, Economic Development plan, Section 4.04.050 definitions adding (G) Small Business, establishing an effective date; and providing for repeal and severability. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Ordinance No. 403 Amending Village Code Tile 4, Economic Development plan, by adding Section 4.04.071: application requirements for small businesses, establishing an effective date and providing for repeal and severability. Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

After discussion and review from public input on designating the Village of Hatch a “Colonia” Trustee Whitlock moved to approve Resolution No. 970 Designating the Village of Hatch a “Colonia” within Dona Ana County and send to the County Commission for approval. Seconded by Trustee Crist. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve to draft up a Village of Hatch Social Host Ordinance. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve possible changes to the Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve to authorize Chief Gimler to sell the two 2010 Dodge Chargers to Bosque Farms Police Department for \$3500 each. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

\*6:59 p.m. Trustee Whitlock moved to convene in closed executive session to discuss threatened or pending litigation, employment matters as authorized by the open meetings act § (H)(7). Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

\*7:28 p.m. Trustee Whitlock moved to reconvene in open session from closed executive session where no decisions were made. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Whitlock moved to table the reconsideration of the approval of overtime request from Chief Gimler. Seconded by Trustee Crist. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Martinez-aye, Trustee Whitlock-aye, Trustee Crist-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Martinez moved to approve a two percent pay increase for Valerie Montoya on anniversary of date of hire effective July 14, 2019 a per FOP Contract. Seconded by Trustee Whitlock. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Martinez moved to ratify the hiring of Christian Aguirre as full time Police Officer by the Mayor at \$17.00 hourly rate with a six month probation period effective July 1, 2019. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to hire Leticia Contreras as Fire Department Secretary ten hours a week at \$10.00 hourly rate effective July 10, 2019. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Mike Castillo gave a brief report on the Utilities Department and informed the Board of Trustees that the youth kids did an amazing job cleaning the alleys. There was some sewer problems, no water leaks for this month. The swimming pool is doing great the Manager Melissa Castillo has done an excellent job managing the pool. Lisa Neal Library Director reported on the Library about all the activities that are going on for the kids this summer. Also thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for going out to the Library and talked to the kids, and allowed them to try out the fire fighter gear. Police Department demonstrated how the K-9 finds drugs. Shirley Rice, Judge gave a brief report for the court and informed the board about the new software for the court system. Willie Herrera Fire Chief informed the Board of Trustees that Hatch Fire Department will be attending training with the Rincon Fire Department every Wednesday. Rincon is assisting the Hatch members of the Fire Department to familiarize with fire equipment and get them ready to attend the fire academy in Dona Ana in August. Chief Gimler reported no big issues reported for the month of June. Alert the community about all the scams that are going on everywhere be aware and very careful.

Mayor Nunez introduced Mr. Mike Chavez, Superintendent for the Hatch Valley Schools. Mr. Chavez expressed how he would like to see that the schools be more of a partner to the community. Commissioner Sanchez informed the public about community meetings that Senator Jeff Steinborn, Representative Nathan Small, and Representative Rudy Martinez will be holding in the upcoming week in different parts of Doña Ana County. The meetings will update residents about significant funding obtained by the legislators in the recently completed legislative session for community projects. There will also be other session updates about important progress for education, healthcare, energy and economic opportunity. Most importantly, residents are invited to share ideas, concerns, and feedback. Doña Ana County Commissioners will also be in attendance, as will translators and other government officials. The scheduled county meeting in Hatch will be from 6 – 7:30 pm on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Hatch Community Center.

There being no further business Trustee Crist moved to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Martinez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_