

**VILLAGE OF ANGEL FIRE
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 8th, 2011 at the Village Hall**

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I. Call to Order

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:00PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hamilton called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Present were Mayor Hamilton, Mayor Pro-tem Howe, Councilor Germscheid, Councilor May, Councilor Welker. Also present were Administrator Leahy and Village Clerk Terry Cordova. A full quorum was present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve the agenda as written .Councilor May seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Consent Agenda – None

VI. Requests and Responses from the Audience (Limited to 3 minutes)

1. Greg Battershell- gave support for the decision council made concerning Administrator Leahy’s contract

VII. Announcements and Proclamations – Mayor Hamilton announced that the level 1 and 2 water restrictions were lifted

VIII. Reports

a. Governing Reports – Mayor Pro-tem Howe thanked the council for all their help given to the Veterans Wellness and Healing. The money that council approved last year along with the lodgers tax dollars, if you go on the wellness website you will see that it is updated. The money council approved will not only help veterans but Angel Fire as well. Councilor Welker is still having issues finding members for the roads committee. Staff will find ways to get the word out about our committees
Mayor Hamilton went over his plans for when Administrator Leahy’s contract expires in December. He is not going to replace the administrator at this point and time. I will work with department heads to move forward with projects they are working on and daily activities. We have a great staff so for the next several months we can work with that. Larry has made himself available to me and to the department heads as a non-paid consultant to help us through with questions we may have on an on-call basis. We do not want to lose any conversations we may have had on the state ,federal and community level . I will advertise for that position when it is appropriate. It will be before the elections so that we can have applications come in before the new council take office , so they can be able to look at those and conduct interviews.

b. Administrator’s Reports – none

c. Staff Reports – None

1) Old Business -None

2) New Business

A. Consider Approval of Proposed Zone Change C-2(General Commercial) to C-3(Heavy Commercial) 1st Reading (Public Hearing)

Mark Rivera Community Development Director explained that the resort sent in a zone change request for lot 173 in the Moreno Valley Lands 3rd Subdivision just north of the transfer station and south of the waste water treatment plant. The Planning and Zoning Commission think this an appropriate zone change. Mayor Hamilton opened up the public hearing at 5:40pm, with no input the hearing was closed at 5:40pn. Mayor Pro-tem Howe

1 made the motion to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance granting a zone change from C-2
2 to C-3 for lot 173 of the Moreno Valley Land 3rd Subdivision. Councilor May seconded
3 Councilor May and Councilor Germscheid both disclosed that they were employees of the
4 resort. The remaining council did not have a problem with them voting. With no discussion
5 the motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Howe –aye, Councilor Germscheid-aye,
6 Councilor Welker –aye, Councilor May-aye

7 **B. Consider a CUP Amendment request from Nancy Burch**

8 Mark Rivers Community Development Director explained that he had gotten an e-mail from
9 Nancy asking that council reconsider her CUP approved last year. Basically she wants the
10 horses back on the land she had north of 64. She also wants to use the site to stage sleigh rides
11 with the addition of wagon rides .There is not a resolution for approval tonight as I was
12 waiting for council to decide if they wanted to make any changes. Mark feels that the resort
13 will again lease her land .The resort wanted to wait and see what the council was going to do.
14 Mayor Pro-tem Howe asked what location was covered under the current CUP? Mark stated,
15 Camp Elliot Baker, Elk Horn Lodge and Resort access. As it stands she can only park two
16 sleighs out there and only concurrent to when the ski area is open. Mayor pro-tem Howe
17 asked about the 20 horses for sixty days and when would the sixty days begin? Mark said he
18 had no idea. Mayor Pro-tem Howe asked if the horses would be near the area where the RV
19 resort would be. Mark stated that it would .Councilor Germscheid stated she had no problem
20 with the addition of two wagons, but she would not be in favor of the horse grazing. Mayor
21 Hamilton would like to see it kept at two sleighs or two wagons, not both. Karen Kelly
22 Tourism Director stated that to her understand Nancy wanted to use the Elliot Baker land to
23 graze the horses. Mark was given the directive to rework last year’s CUP.
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25 **C. Consider a Resolution Directing the Mayor and Staff to Negotiate a Professional
26 Engineering Service contract with Dennis Engineering Company**

27 Mark Rivers Community Development Director, explained that the current contract has
28 expired and we went out to RFP we got 4 responses and we had a review committee. Though
29 the scoring process Dennis Engineering came in first, SMA second, Smith Engineering third
30 and Bohannan Huston fourth. Most of the committee members felt that we have an eight year
31 history with Dennis Engineering and they have been good to work with. They have been very
32 understanding of our financial struggles in past few years. They got the highest score and staff
33 would like to proceed. Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve a resolution
34 directing the Mayor and staff to negotiate a professional engineering service contract with
35 Dennis Engineering Company, a New Mexico company, Councilor Germscheid seconded.
36 Councilor Welker asked if HDR was asked to submit a proposal. Mark stated that they were
37 not asked, but they were allowed to submit one. Councilor May asked who was on the
38 committee. Mark stated that Darrell Benjamin, Rick Tafoya, Frank Salois, Butch Steinman,
39 Larry Leahy. Councilor May asked if in the RFP process we them held to a certain amount
40 and we went with the lowest bidder or are we not there yet? Mark said that we will start to
41 negotiate now. Councilor May had concerns that Dennis Engineering may have made some
42 mistakes in the past. She asked about Valley of the Utes and the PID projects. Mark and Larry
43 stated that they were not working on our behalf on those projects. Mayor Hamilton expressed
44 he had concerns with Dennis engineering several years ago. But that over the last several
45 years having worked with him and getting to know them better I have changed my mind.
46 Councilor May asked if we owed them any money at this time? Administrator Leahy stated
47 we owed them about \$2,000 to \$3,000 at this time. Councilor Germscheid asked about the
48 possibility of having someone in house as an engineer and was that still on the table.
49 Administrator Leahy stated that there was a time when we had several project and the idea for
50 that was considered. but now there are not as many and so the need for someone in house is
51 not there. The motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Howe –aye, Councilor Germscheid-
52 aye, Councilor May-aye, Councilor Welker-aye
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X. Adjournment

Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm Councilor Welker Second the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 13th day in December 2011.



Stuart Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Terry Cordova, Village Clerk