

VILLAGE OF ANGEL FIRE
Organizational / Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 18th, 2014 at the Village Hall

Call to Order

Mayor Cottam called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cottam called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present were Mayor Cottam, Mayor Pro-tem Howe, Councilor Colenda, Councilor Germscheid, Councilor Lamson. Also present Village Manager Jay Mitchell, Village Clerk Terry Cordova. A full quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Lanon seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Requests and Responses from Audience (Limited to 3 minutes) –

Bubba Davis – Asked what was going to be done with the “house that moved “the old Larson building.

Announcements and Proclamations

Councilor Germscheid reported that at the next sustainability committee meeting that Steve Fuhlendorf with Kit Carson Electric would be here with a presentation on Kit Carson’s solar electric programs. She also reported that thanks to Tracy Orr’s hard work the village received a DP, Snapple, KAB, Public Park Bin Grant. So the village will receive 12 recycling bins that will be used throughout the village.

Mayor Pro-tem Howe reported that the Federal Highway Administration has come up with a new program; it is the Highway Planning Program Map 21. This funding trickles down to the state and then to the regions. At the last district 4 NERTPO meeting there were representatives from state DOT office and three (3) consultants. We started the first (1st) of four (4) planning meeting for us to filter our info back up. We talked about the 2040 highway vision for this area, key challenges and data needed for the study. Yesterday was the New Mexico Municipal League’s district 2 meet in Los Alamos. At that meeting Ed Zendale informed everyone that the rate for self-insurers would not be going up. He also stated that the village would be getting \$42,700 in dividends this year. Also at that meeting I was elected as the district 2 director. He also reminded everyone that there will be an Angel Fire Proud meeting on Tuesday March 25th.

Mayor Cottam presented a certificate of appreciation to Carl Nelson for all of his hard work in the Cimarron School Bond election. Mayor Cottam ,along with Manager Mitchell presented certificates of recognition for their professionalism and compassion while on a call the night of March 9th ,2014 to JD Harvey and Chris McCasland with the Angel Fire Police department and Jack Meyer ,Mark McDonald , Cindy Coss with the Angel Fire Fire department .

New Business

A. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials

Judge Hill swore in the following: Councilor Rogers Lanon and Councilor Chuck Howe.

B. Electing a Mayor Pro-tem

Councilor Colenda nominated Chuck Howe as Mayor Pro-tem, Councilor Lanon seconded. With no further nominations the motion carried 4-0 with Councilor Germscheid –aye, Councilor Colenda –aye, Councilor Lanon-aye, Mayor Pro-tem Howe –aye.

C. Reappointment of Village Manager, Village Clerk , Police Chief , Finance Director

Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve the reappointment of village manager, village clerk, police chief, finance director. Councilor Colenda seconded. Councilor Colenda complemented staff and thanked them for their hard work. With no

1 further discussion motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Howe-aye, Councilor
2 Germscheid -aye, Councilor Lanon, aye, Councilor Colenda-aye.

3 **D. Reappointment of All Village Staff and Departments**

4 Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve the reappointment of all village staff
5 and departments. Councilor Germscheid seconded. With no discussion the motion
6 carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Howe -aye, Councilor Germscheid -aye, Councilor
7 Lanon-aye, Councilor Colenda- aye.

8 **E. Discussion / Approval of Resolution 2014-08 the Code of Ethics Resolution**

9 Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve resolution 2014-08 village of Angel
10 Fire governing body code of ethics. Councilor Lanon seconded. With no discussion the
11 motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem -aye, Councilor Germscheid -aye, Councilor
12 Lanon- aye, Councilor Colenda -aye.

13 **F. Discussion/ Approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 13 of Chapter 7 of Title
14 Nine of the Village Code (2nd Reading) (Public Hearing)**

15 Mayor Cottam opened the public hearing at 5:54 pm. Bubba Davis stated that he has had
16 several people come to him that have issues with the storing of fire wood as it reads in
17 this document. He also added that almost 60% of the drive ways in Angel Fire are over
18 35 feet long , in reading this it would mean that 30 feet on each side of those drive ways
19 would need to be cut back and would leave only about a 10 feet search of trees. A lot of
20 people are not happy about the way this stands. Let's not put another ordinance out there
21 that may or may not be enforceable. Mark Rivera explained that this was a 2nd reading
22 and what this was doing was replacing existing language not a new ordinance .In review
23 we found that what we have in place now is for the forest at large and not for half acre
24 lots which we have a lot of. This is an attempt to back off some of the requirements and
25 make if more palatable for everyone. Councilor Lanon stated that he did a fair and
26 impartial drive by of three of councilors home and that they all have 35 feet drive ways
27 and to meet these rules Councilor Colenda would most likely lose 3 trees and Councilor
28 Germscheid would lose 1 tree and Mayor Pro-tem Howe would lose 3 trees to meet the
29 35 feet rule. Councilor Germscheid added that this rule was added for the fire
30 department to enter the property. Councilor Colenda said he would like to make a
31 motion to postpone so we can discuss this more, that it is too subjective. He stated that
32 he understood the cutting down of trees but that we needed to do it in a rational way.
33 Manager Mitchell added that as it stands now with the current ordinance on the books
34 no fire wood at any time of the year can be stored less than 30 feet from a house. Bubba
35 Davis commented that there already so many ordinances on the boxes now that are not
36 enforced and would like to see council take more time before passing this one. With no
37 further input the public hearing was closed at 6:03pm. Councilor Colenda made the
38 motion for a 2nd supplemental reading of this village ordinance. Mayor Pro-tem Howe
39 second. Mayor Cottam stated that the supplemental 2nd reading would be April 22nd, the
40 second meeting in April. With no further discussion the motion carried 4-0 with Mayor
41 Pro-tem Howe-aye, Councilor Germscheid -aye, Councilor Lanon- aye, Councilor
42 Colenda -aye.

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Adjournment

Mayor Cottam adjourned the meeting at 6:04

Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 8th day in April, 2014


Barbara Cottam, Mayor

ATTEST:


Terry Cordova, Village Clerk

