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VILLAGE OF ANGEL FIRE
Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday August 25th, 2015 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 Germscheid, Councilor Lanon, Councilor Colenda. Also present were Village Manager Richard Tafoya, Village Clerk Terry Cordova. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve the agenda, Councilor Germscheid seconded

Motion carried 4-0

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of August 11th Regular Council Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of Actual Travel for the November National League of Cities Conference

Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Councilor Colenda seconded.

Motion carried 4-0

Requests and Responses from the Audience (Limited to 3 minutes) –None

Announcements and Proclamations –None

Reports:

a. Governing Body Report

Mayor Pro-tem Howe reported that the memorial was preparing for the brick laying ceremony that will be on September 5th.

Councilor Germscheid gave an update on the solar array project saying that Go Solar Go was awarded the project and the next step will be to put together a lease.

b. Manager's Report-None

c. Staff Reports

Tracy Orr, Grants and Projects gave an update on a grant the village received (see attached)

Brad McCaslin, Police Chief gave an update on the police department (see attached)

Bret Weir – Finance Manager, gave a report on the finance department (see attached)

Old Business-None

New Business

A. Discussion/Approval of the Award of the EMS Fund Act Grant of \$13,417.00 to Upgrade Cardiac Monitors to Capnography and Data Management

Tracy Orr, Grants and Projects explained that the fire department applied for an EMS Fund Act Grant in amount of \$13,417 which will allow us to upgrade to capnography and data management /transfer capabilities. We currently operate with three ALS capable ambulances. All ambulances have cardiac monitors with cardiac monitoring capabilities only. There are no capnography capabilities on any of the ambulances.

Without the capnography there is no way of transferring the information obtained by the monitor into our reporting system. Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve EMS fund act notice of award for \$13,417 to upgrade cardiac monitors and capnography and data management /transfer capabilities. Councilor Lanon seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried 4-0

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- B. Discussion/ Approval of Resolution 2015-31 a Resolution to Accept the New Mexico Environment Department Solid Waste Grant Agreement for \$13,980.00**

Tracy Orr explained that the village received a grant for \$13,980 from the New Mexico Environment Department Solid Waste Bureau to purchase a conveyor to be used in our glass recycling efforts. The grant includes an in-kind expense of \$2,986. The addition of a conveyor will help us transport glass from one location to another in safe and efficient manner. Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve resolution 2015-31 to accept the New Mexico Environment Department Solid Waste Grant agreement for \$13,980 to purchase equipment to be used for glass recycling. Councilor Germscheid seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Howe –aye, Councilor Germscheid –aye, Councilor Lanon-aye, Councilor Colenda –aye.
 - C. Discussion / Approval of Resolution 2015-32 a Resolution Approving the ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan)**

Tracy Orr, Grants and Projects explained that the village completed the FY2017-2021 ICIP plan, which is due to the state by September 2, 2015. There are 10 projects for 2017, 6 projects for 2018 and 1 project for 2019. The top five priorities are: Wastewater Plant upgrade, Village Water Tank repair, Street Improvements, Water Rights Acquisition and Storm Drain mater plan. Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve resolution 2015-32 a resolution adopting an infrastructure improvement plan, ICIP. With no further discussion the motion carried 4-0. With Mayor Pro-tem Howe –aye. Councilor Germscheid –aye, Councilor Lanon-aye, Councilor Colenda –aye.
 - D. Discussion / Approval of Resolution 2015-33 a Resolution Revising and Amending the Wildfire Protection Fee and Granting Certain Credits and Refunds**

Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve resolution 2015-33 a resolution revising and amending the wildfire protection fee and granting certain credits and refunds. Councilor Lanon seconded. Councilor Colenda read a statement explaining why he would be voting against the resolution (see attached statement). Mayor Pro-tem stated that his concerns were the access that the fire department would have to put out a fire if the lots were not cleared; he also stated that this resolution was recommended by the village attorney. With no further discussion the motion carried 3-1 with Mayor Pro-tem Howe –aye, Councilor Germscheid –aye, Councilor Lanon-aye, Councilor Colenda –nay
 - E. Discussion / Approval of Change Order #1 to Camino Grande Improvement Contract**

Amos Torres, Public Works Director explained that this change order was in the amount of \$24,624.77. This item is needed for erosion control along water drainage sections of the project. Also included in this change order is a price deduction to remove 1170 sq. /yards of Geotextile material that is not required. Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion approve change order #1 to Camino Grande improvement contract. Councilor Germscheid seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried 4-0
 - F. Discussion / Approval to Submit a Grant to Start the First Phase of Main Station 3**

The fire department would like to construct a main station on Darrell Benjamin drive to house equipment and personnel. This grant will request \$96,000 to construct phase 1 of the station. This will allow the fire department to vacate the current building and utilize the lease money for building the new station. Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to approve the submission of a grant to start the first phase of main station 3. Councilor Lanon seconded. With no further discussion the motion carried 4-0.

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Adjournment
Councilor Lanon made the motion to adjourn at 6:11pm .Councilor Colenda seconded. Motion carried
4-0

Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 15th day in September, 2015


Barbara Cottam, Mayor

ATTEST:

Terry Cordova, Village Clerk

Staff Report-August 25, 2015 Council Meeting

Men's Elite E Softball Tournament was held Saturday and Sunday, August 22nd and 23rd at Allen Fields. This was an invitation only tournament as was a qualifier for World's being held in Las Vegas, NV in October. We had 12 teams entered. There were several Taos teams, a Las Vegas team, several Espanola, Santa Fe and Albuquerque teams and a team from Grants who won the tourney. Sponsors included State Farm, H2 Uptown, Resort Properties and Café Espresso. The USSSA State Director, Bert Frederick, from Las Cruces came up as well as the head of the USSSA umpires association from Hobbs, Willard.

Choice Network was there with a tent handing out freebies and Raw Taos giving out samples of health juice. Our next tournament will be Labor Day Weekend, September 5-6 followed by a coed tourney September 12-13. Both have 8-9 teams registered already.

**Village of Angel Fire
Finance Department
Village Council Report
08/25/2015**

The approved 2013-2014 Audit Report was presented to the Council for their review. The Council will be voting on the acceptance of the Audit Report on September 2015. Mark Santiago from Axiom is scheduled to attend the September 15, 2015 meeting to answer any questions. The Council was asked to pay particular attention to the Findings at the end of the report. The council was told that although all of the findings would probably not be resolved for the 2014-2015 audit, corrective actions had already been implemented and most if not all of the findings will be resolved for the 2015-2016 audit.

The Council was presented with and Income Statement for the Month ending 07/31/2015. The layout of the report was explained and there were a few questions about certain expenditures that seemed to be high. The Council will contact the Finance Manager with specific questions.

- Vote against this - would vote for if Châlet 3 were removed
- Several reasons

1. Underdeveloped, unhabited + inaccessible

By passing this resolution, we are creating a new class of citizens, citizens who are entitled to be treated differently - and in a financial sense, treated better. 2/3 of these adjectives apply to thousands of empty lots scattered all over Angel Fire. The key is inaccessible. Why give that protected status?

The Fire Protection fee now treats all lots equally. There is no financial or other reward for a landowner anywhere for clearing a lot. So the objection that "inaccessibility" somehow penalizes owners in Châlet II is really irrelevant. It simply does not matter if they can get their chainsaws + tractors to their property.

- Rogers - no service provided, I disagree with availability fee - for infrastructure

Fire Protection fee - for fire fighting infrastructure

If a fire occurred in Châlet II, it would be fought if possible or conversely, a fire in Châlet II or the ski area that would head east towards Châlet III would be fought.

The real objection that some owners, and I emphasize some, have is that they simply don't care if Angel Fire turns down a vote. Several have said that. ~~Some~~ At least one has threatened a lawsuit.

The famous local American philosopher
Jan Harrell, has a pet theory,

In any large group of people, there are a certain %
of malcontents. There are definitely some malcontents in
Chalet II who are making more noise than their #'s
deserve.

My ~~thought~~ ~~to~~ the fear is that there will be a
% of malcontents in CC I + the rest of Angel Fire
who own lots that are uninhabited + undeveloped
who will object to being discriminated against +
will be heard from, vocally, by resisting things, and/or lawsuits.
And they are a lot more of them ^{wildfire protection} ^{work}

Already we have people at every ^{first} meeting
who object to not having some means of cleaning up ^{burning}
uninhabited + undeveloped lots, greenbelts + other
large areas. I think this resolution as written ^{bolders}
~~to~~, there you have it. I ~~object to showing~~ ^{their objectivist} fears
a wedge between groups of citizens + I ~~object~~