

VILLAGE OF ANGEL FIRE  
Council Work Session  
Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Village Hall

I. Call to Order

Mayor Hamilton called the meeting to order at 2:00PM

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 was absent at the time of roll call, but came in shortly afterwards, Councilor Welker. Also present were Village HR Director Patti Galliher in the absents of 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 with the following changes; deletion of items 1 and 3, Councilor Germscheid seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Audience Comments:

**Bubba Davis:** Gave his support for the ATV ordinance

**Dennis Edwards:** Gave his support for the ATV ordinance

**Rick Sprott:** Gave his support for the ATV ordinance

Council Work Session:

1. Financial Update – Lupita de Herrera

Lupita went over the department financial statements and explained the budget overruns that occurred when the budget was entered into the Incode system. Councilor May said that she had gone over the financials and that she understood that at this time of year that most department budgets would show a 25% use of their budgets. As she went further along she began to find some more budget overrides especially in Workers’ Comp.. Lupita explained that when she was doing the budget she had switched the insurance and the administration fee and that it will be corrected. Councilor May also asked about a credit that was in Municipal Courts budget and why it was there. Lupita explained that it was an item she was researching . Councilor May also asked about the line item under the Tourism department for special events and will they stay within their budget? Karen Kelly Tourism Director stated that most of the money expensed for that line item was for summer fest . Councilor May also asked about the overruns in the Streets department, Police Department .Lupita explained that we no longer have a vehicle maintenance or a bulk fuel department , what happens is that vehicle maintenance repairs a vehicle and then the charges for those repairs are placed in the individual department budgets which sometimes shows as an override and that she would be fixing these. Lupita also went over the GRT report and how there is an increase from last year’s collection. Mayor Hamilton asked Lupita if she had any information about the refinance ,Lupita stated that she and Larry were told by DFA and New Mexico Finance Authority that until we have all our audits current we could not move forward. Lupita went on to report that the 09 audit was in review by Gunderson and that FY10 was in the process to being completed and that the auditors would roll right into FY 11. Mayor Hamilton explained that Larry and Lupita have been looking at our long term debt that the Village has with the New Mexico Finance Authority and the possibility of refinancing those loans. The saving would shorten the loans by 10 years and a savings of about 1 million dollars. Councilor May also asked about the quarterly report, Lupita stated that she was waiting for the ending balances from Sean to complete those. Councilor May also asked if council could get a copy of the August financials. Lupita will forward that to council.

2. Discussion about the length of time the meeting tapes are kept before being erased

1 Terry Cordova, Village Clerk started the discussion with a suggestion, that if council agreed  
2 she would look into the possibility of recording the meetings digitally. She would look into the  
3 cost of a digital record. She then could load the digital recording on to her computer and would  
4 be able to burn a CD for anyone wishing to listen to that recording. There is also a possibility  
5 that the recording could be placed on the website for citizens to listen to as well. Mayor Pro-  
6 tem Howe asked what the New Mexico Municipal League recommendation would be. Terry  
7 stated that it is the same, that when the minutes are approved to get rid of the tapes. Mayor Pro  
8 tem Howe stated that was the recommendation from their attorney that provides guidance to  
9 104 municipalities in the state. Councilor Welker sited several municipalities that kept their  
10 tapes longer and that it was up to council to decide. Mayor Pro-tem Howe stated, what is the  
11 point in hiring an attorney and then disregarding his advice? Councilor Welker expressed his  
12 concerns with the way the Municipal League states that you should get rid of your tapes right  
13 away. Get rid of your tapes to prevent law suites, to me it is a CYA. As far as I am concerned if  
14 you conduct your actions with honesty and integrity the losses will be zero or minimal.  
15 Councilor Welker sited some research he had done in other states and the length of time the  
16 tapes were kept. Mayor Pro-tem Howe asked what the value was in keeping them. Councilor  
17 Welker answered transparency. Mayor Pro-tem Howe asked what does that mean, we vote on  
18 the issues, we vote on the ordinance, we vote on the resolution and it is final and we were  
19 sitting here in a public forum so I don't understand the transparency issue. Councilor Welker  
20 went on to say that the conversation that they were having right now would not be reflected  
21 completely in the minutes and that's how the minutes are done. That the conversation that the  
22 two of them were having right now would not be reflected in the minutes if someone out there  
23 wanted to check them. Mayor Pro-tem Howe asked why it was important that our conversation  
24 was reflected verbatim in the minutes? Councilor Welker referred that answer to the people in  
25 the audience. Bubba Davis stated that council is at all the meetings and a citizen is not the  
26 minutes only reflect what happened and does not express a tone or demeanor about what is  
27 being said. He feels that we should keep them longer. Mayor Pro-tem Howe asked why was  
28 that important? Bubba Davis said because if he is not at a meeting he wants to know what is  
29 said and the manner in which it was said. Councilor Germscheid agreed that we should keep  
30 the tapes longer to give the citizens a chance to listen to them. Mayor Hamilton stated that is  
31 was a good concept, the fact is that no one ever comes and asks for them, but that does not  
32 mean we should not have them. Patti Galliher will get an opinion from Randy Van Vleck from  
33 the NMML.

34 **3. Discussion about Community Center Rates and Policy**

35 Shay Tibljas Community Center Supervisor reported that after the approval of the policies and  
36 fees last year she has run into some problems with the policy. That there is some wording  
37 issues between the old and the new. She proposed a change please see attached. Shay was  
38 given the directive to bring before council an amended resolution.

39 **V. Adjournment**

40 Mayor Pro-tem Howe made the motion to adjourn at 3:17pm, Councilor Welker seconded, motion carried  
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43 **Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day in December, 2011**

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**Stuart Hamilton, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Terry Cordova, Village Clerk**