

## VILLAGE OF CLOUDCROFT

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the Governing Body for the Village of Cloudcroft, held on Tuesday, July 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., in the Village Council Chambers, 201 Burro Avenue, Cloudcroft, NM.

Mayor Venable called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with the following Council members providing a full Quorum:  
Present/absent:

- Trustee / Mayor Pro Tem William Denney - present
- Trustee – George Mitchell - present
- Trustee – John Tieman – present
- Trustee – James Maynard - present

The following Village staff and guests were present: Barbara K. Garcia, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Jini Turri, Administrator; Jubal Hall, VOC; Bruce Smaga, self; Cindi Bradshaw, Chamber of Commerce; Bryanna Bradshaw, student; Tana Daugherty, Cloudcroft School System; Carlene Briggs, self; Jeanne Hosch, self; Harmon M Hosch, self; Debbie Walters, self; Maria Tieman, self; Arlan Ponder, self; Jon Brinkman, self (Item #1)

The pledge of allegiance to the US and NM flags was led by Mayor Venable. (Item #2)

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Venable entertained a motion to approve the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting of July 30, 2020. Trustee Denney made such motion, Trustee Maynard seconded the motion and upon vote of Trustees Denney, Mitchell, Tieman and Maynard all voting "aye" the motion carried unanimously. (Item #3)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Venable entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 14, 2020. Trustee Mitchell called for a point of order as pertains to "Bills & Treasurers Report". Trustee Mitchell requested that the record be amended to reflect that he voted "Aye" as opposing the motion. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Trustee Tieman seconded the motion and upon vote of Trustees Denney, Mitchell, Tieman and Maynard all voting "aye" the motion carried unanimously. (Item #4)

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Appointment of Village of Cloudcroft Mayor

Mayor Venable recommended that Mayor Pro Tem Denney be elevated to serve as the Mayor of Cloudcroft effective as of August 1, 2020 at 12:00 a.m. Mayor Venable explained that Trustee Denney has the experience and has agreed to serve. Trustee Maynard made a motion to appoint William Denney to the position of Mayor of Cloudcroft effective August 1, 2020, Trustee Tieman seconded the motion and upon request of discussion Trustee Mitchell questioned if Trustee Denney would have time, as a paid employee of the electric company would he have time to devote to being Mayor? He voiced concerns that during an emergency, such as storms and power outages that Trustee Denney would have obligations to the electric company that would not allow him to devote full time to the position of Mayor when he is fully obligated and on the payroll of the electric company. Trustee Denney stated that he had a unique position with Otero County Electric Company as the member service advisor which means that part of the duties of the job is to get out into the public and deal with the public. He acknowledged that it would not be just Cloudcroft that he would be communicating with but the entire system. Trustee Denney stated that he also has the support of the General Manager of OCEC. Trustee Mitchell requested if Trustee Denney was still on the board of education for the school? Trustee Denney stated no he was not. Trustee Mitchell stated that he was satisfied with these answers.

With a motion and a second on the table, Mayor Venable called for any further discussion and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

- Trustee Maynard - Aye
- Trustee Mitchell – Aye
- Trustee Tieman – Aye
- Trustee Denney - Aye

The motion carries unanimously.

- Appointment of Village of Cloudcroft Municipal Judge

Mayor Venable announced that there were letters of interest from several members of the community for the post of Judgeship and after review of the candidates Mayor Venable is recommending that Gerald Dustin Wylie for the Village of Cloudcroft Municipal Judge as Mr. Wylie brings a good resume to the position. Trustee Tieman questioned if the position was eligible for insurance benefits through the village and it was confirmed that as a part time position the confirmed candidate would not be eligible for insurance benefits, vacation or sick leave and that the salary is set by ordinance. Trustee Mitchell asked for the qualifications of the candidate. Mayor Venable requested Mr. Wylie to speak to his qualifications for the position. Mr. Wylie has fifteen (15) years law enforcement in California, also hearing officer hearing domestic cases for thirty (30) years. Mayor Venable explained the qualification process that Mr. Wylie will have to fulfill prior to serving on the bench to ensure that he has the qualifications needed to perform the post. It has been confirmed that Mr. Wylie is a registered voter in the municipality of Cloudcroft. All training will be done on-line due to COVID-19, this is an extensive training program and the appointee will have a mentor. Trustee Maynard requested if the candidate felt that he had time to do all the training and hold the post? The candidate responded that yes, he did and that he could be available when needed. Trustee Denney stated that he was very impressed with the number of candidates that stated interest and that he was pleased with the community for stepping up at this time. Jini Turri, Administrator added that the term for Judge would expire in November 2021 with the next regular election and that the term of Mayor would run through November 2023. Mayor Venable requested any further discussion or comments and with none forthcoming recommended that Mr. Wylie be appointed Municipal Judge for the Village of Cloudcroft. Trustee Denney made a motion to confirm Gerald Dustin Wylie to Municipal Judge, Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.


- Trustee Maynard - Aye
- Trustee Mitchell – Aye
- Trustee Tieman – Aye
- Trustee Denney - Aye

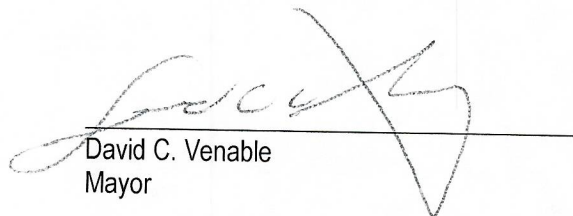
The motion carries unanimously.

A time was set for both the Mayor and Judge to come in to complete their oath of office with the Village Clerk.  
(Item #5)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Venable thanked the audience for their attendance and expressed his honor in serving the community for the last thirty (30) years. He thanked his staff for everything and expressed that he was leaving the community in good hands and would miss each and everyone that he has had the pleasure of serving during this time. Mayor Venable adjourned the meeting at 10:17am. (Item #6)

ATTEST

  
Barbara K. Garcia, CPO  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

  
David C. Venable  
Mayor

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