

**VILLAGE OF CLOUDCROFT NM  
OTERO COUNTY  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 8, 2022**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body for the Village of Cloudcroft, held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Village Council Chambers, 201 Burro Avenue, Cloudcroft, NM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Denney called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with the following Council members providing a full Quorum:  
Present/Absent:

Trustee / Mayor William Denney – present  
Trustee / Mayor Pro-Tem Tieman - present  
Trustee – Jim Maynard – present  
Trustee – George Mitchell – present  
Trustee – Gail McCoy – present

The following Village staff and guests were present: Barbara Garcia, Clerk; Jini Turri, Deputy Clerk; Rex McCourt, Southwest Disposal; Roberta & Eric Haecker, self; Cindi Bradshaw, self; Todd Cooper, self; L. Hournbuckle, self; Tom Blessum, self; Penny Hall, CVFD; Erich Wuersching, VOC; Gilbert Garcia, self;

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge of allegiance to the United States and New Mexico flags was led by Mayor Denney.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Denney called for a motion to REMOVE Discussion/Action Publication of Adoption, Ordinance 395 Title 1, Chapter 7 Fire/EMS/PD by Title and General Subject Matter. Trustee Tieman made a motion to approve the agenda to include the removal of Ordinance 395. Trustee McCoy seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2022, Special Council Meeting of February 22, 2022, Special Council Meeting of March 1, 2022 & Work Session Governing Body of March 1, 2022.* Mayor Denney advised of typo on February 8, 2022, to be corrected. Trustee Maynard motioned to approve all minutes as amended. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Denney reminded council of the dates for the Budget Retreat Workshop

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Southwest Disposal Rate Increase – Rex McCourt*

Mr. McCourt presented a rate increase to garbage disposal of 7.5% per the CPI January to January increase. Billing per unit is done on the number of water meters. Trustee Tieman made a motion to accept the proposal of 7.5% rate increase based on CPI from Southwest Disposal. Trustee Maynard seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Recommendation to approve New Hire Police Department – Officer Chris Swanson*

Mayor Denney provided Officer Chris Swanson, with rate of pay, as his recommendation to fill the open Police Officer position in the Village. Trustee Maynard made a motion to approve the hire of Officer Chris Swanson. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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*Recommendation to approve Temporary Hire Public Works – Brandon Hodges*

Mayor Denney provided Brandon Hodges, with rate of pay, as his recommendation for TEMPORARY hire to the Public Works department to fill in for employee on leave. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the temporary hire of Brandon Hodges. Trustee Maynard seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Renewal of License agreement – VOC and Ann Self Lowen – 101 Glorieta*

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the license agreement. Trustee Tieman seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Renewal of License agreement – Lost Lodge Property Owners association*

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the license. Trustee Maynard seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Proposal for Consideration of Increase to VOC Municipal Title 3, Chapter 7 GRT to 1/8% for use in Road Maintenance & Repair Budget – Roberta Haecker*

Mrs. Haecker spoke to her request for consideration of the Village raising the Municipal GRT by 1/8% to support the village road maintenance program. Increase is done through Ordinance. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to start the process to increase GRT. Trustee Tieman seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Proposal for consideration of increase to VOC Municipal Title 3, Chapter 5 Gasoline Tax from 1% to 2% for use in Road Budget Fund.*

Mrs. Haecker advised that she is aware this request will need to be presented through an election for the municipality and that she is aware the time frame would not be until 2023. She is proposing that consideration be given to moving forward with preparation for moving to placing on ballot for regular election. Trustee Maynard made a motion to proceed with a one cent increase to the gasoline tax dedicated to road maintenance and rehab. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Recommendation to approve expenditure at Chamber of Commerce.*

Mayor Denney reviewed proposed expenditures for Chamber of Commerce: Flooring to be paid from Lodger's Tax, Electrical upgrades and Cook Shacks that will come from the Recreational Improvement Grant. \$50,000 has been obligated from the grant, part of this has been spent towards interior furnishing for the cook shacks. Trustee Maynard requested a drawing and expenditures be provided. Mayor Denney requested a motion to table this item until after the Recreational Grant Use topic. Trustee Maynard made a motion to postpone additional expenditures at the chamber of commerce until after the budget meeting. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion. Cindi Bradshaw with the chambers commented that from her understanding the floor was allotted for from lodgers' tax as of last February. The clerk advised that this was allotted from the lodger's tax. Cindi Bradshaw advised the council of the dangers of the current flooring and that she has fallen. Trustee Maynard requested a restatement of the motion, clerk stated the motion: *Postponement until after budget retreat.* Mayor called for vote with no response. Mayor Denney stated that the motion died for lack of consideration. Trustee Mitchell made a motion to table to the end of the meeting. Trustee McCoy seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Address the Recreational Grant Use.*

Project Manager, Jini Turri provided current plans with price sheet. Mayor Denney advised that the area indicated on the west side of the current skating rink was projected at a cost of just over \$800,000 in December 2021. This would be a covered pavilion approximately 7200 square feet that is elevated and sideways to allow for future expansion. Mayor Denney advised it was time to review the feasibility and cost, suggested the plans be finished not for part of it, but for what the village actually wants and get a price on that. The village does not have any bonds and he would propose to take out to bond election for full project. This would free up the Recreational Grant that needs to be expended quickly.



Trustee Maynard is in opposition of changing directions. Trustee Maynard made a motion to postpone action on the Recreational Grant until after a town hall meeting on the ice rink. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS:**

Trustee Maynard made a motion to approve the reports. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:**

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the report. Trustee Tieman seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Recommendation to approve expenditure at Chamber of Commerce – removed from table*

FLOORING: Trustee Maynard made a motion to authorize \$2500 from Lodgers Tax Fund for new flooring. Trustee Tieman amended the motion to authorize \$3000 for flooring. Trustee Mitchell seconded the amended motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

BUILDING/COOKSHACK: Trustee McCoy made a motion to stick with the plans that project manager has with portable buildings with a budget of \$43,000 that has been allocated. Trustee Maynard seconded the motion. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Tieman, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee Mitchell, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ELECTRICAL: Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURN:**

Trustee Tieman made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2022. Trustee Mitchell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

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William Denney  
Mayor