

**VILLAGE OF CLOUDCROFT NM
OTERO COUNTY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 23, 2024**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Governing Body for the Village of Cloudcroft, held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Village Council Chambers, 201 Burro Avenue, Cloudcroft, NM.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM with the following Council members providing a full Quorum:

Mayor Vincent C. Turner – present
Trustee / Mayor Pro-Tem James R. Maynard - present
Trustee – Gail McCoy – present
Trustee – Timothy King – present
Trustee – Tabitha Foster – present

The following Village staff and guests were present: Shaela Hemphill; Village Clerk, Mike Testa; Chief of Police, Vyanca Vega; Project Coordinator, Erich Wuerschling; CCVFD, Roberta & Eric Haecker, Rachel & James Truex; Mountain Monthly, Angela Daniel, Meredith Shepherd, Phyllis Turner; Burro Street Exchange, Matt Willett; Parks & Rec, Michael Adams, Ski Cloudcroft, and Susan Maynard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Trustee McCoy made a motion to approve the agenda of the January 23, 2024, Regular Council Meeting as presented.

Motion died due to lack of second.

Trustee Maynard made a motion to approve the agenda as written with postponing the wage increases for Chief, Deputy Chief, and Clerk until after budget meeting. Trustee McCoy seconded. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee King, for; Trustee Foster, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of GB on December 12, 2023 and Special Meeting of GD on January 2, 2024

Trustee Maynard motioned to approve all minutes as presented. Trustee Foster seconded. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee King, for; Trustee Foster, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Turner announced that he will be looking into switching IT providers for the Village of Cloudcroft and will be researching contracting out HR/Payroll/Accounting positions.

REPORTS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

US 82 Tunnel Lighting Project - NMDOT

NMDOT was unable to attend, postponing item to next regular meeting.

Wage Increase for Newly Appointed Chief of Police, Mike Testa
Postponing until after budget meeting.

Wage Increase for Newly Appointed Deputy Chief of Police, David Sanchez
Postponing until after budget meeting.

Wage Increase for Newly Appointed Clerk/Treasurer, Shaela Hemphill
Postponing until after budget meeting.

Contract Temporary Administrative Assistance for Village Office, Jini Turri

Trustee Maynard made a motion to accept temporary contract with Jini Turri for Administrative assistance. Trustee King seconded. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee King, for; Trustee Foster, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

WWTP Plant Improvements Bid Recommendation and Project Award

Trustee Maynard made a motion to accept the LANCON bid at \$159,400 to proceed with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Trustee McCoy seconded. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee King, for; Trustee Foster, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution #2023.26 – Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Trustee Maynard made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023.26. Trustee Foster seconded. With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken:

Trustee McCoy – Aye

Trustee Maynard – Aye

Trustee King – Aye

Trustee Foster – Aye

For a unanimous roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Real Property and Water Rights NMSA 10-15-1 (8) – Tower Lease*

Trustee Foster made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss real property regarding tower lease. Trustee Maynard seconded. With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken:

Trustee McCoy – Aye

Trustee Maynard – Aye

Trustee King – Aye

Trustee Foster – Aye

For a unanimous roll call vote Council recessed into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:

Trustee Maynard made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Trustee Foster seconded. With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken:

Trustee McCoy – Aye

Trustee Maynard – Aye

Trustee King – Aye

Trustee Foster – Aye

For a unanimous roll call vote Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:07 p.m.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:

December 2023 to Date Expenditures

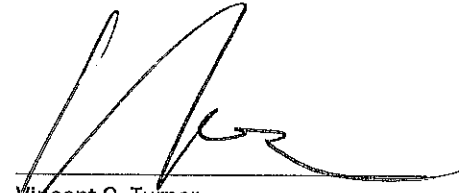
Trustee Maynard made a motion to acknowledge the revenues and expenditures for December 2023. Trustee Foster seconded. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee King, for; Trustee Foster, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN:

Trustee Maynard made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of January 23, 2024 at 7:12 p.m. Trustee Foster seconded. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee King, for; Trustee Foster, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST


Shaela Hemphill
Village Clerk/Treasurer


Vincent C. Turner
Mayor

