

**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 Plan 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.**

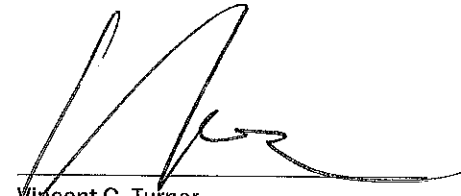
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES:**  
December 2023 to Date Expenditures  
Trustee Maynard made a motion to acknowledge the revenues and expenditures for December 2023. Trustee Foster seconded. Vote as follows: Trustee McCoy, for; Trustee Maynard, for; Trustee King, for; Trustee Foster, for. **Motion 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

