



I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call: Mayor Andres Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Eldie R. Cruz, Councilor Paul A. Miera and Councilor Gabriel D. Maestas were present. Councilor Claudia M. Martinez was absent.

III. *Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilor Miera, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

IV. *Approval of Minutes for:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025
- B. Special Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025

Motion to approve the May 13 and May 25 meeting minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Maestas. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

V. Public Input: Please sign in if you would like to participate (limited to 3 minutes per person)

- Citizen Irene Rosa stated she is submitting a letter of protest against the Village's policy of not prorating utilities charges. She stated she had services turned on near the end of May and was charged the \$30 reconnect fee as well as the full month's fees for water, sewer and solid waste, and only used 150 gallons of water. She referred to all the cost increases in her life, and she stated she feels she should have been warned of the fees. She stated she doesn't utilize the trash services at this location, and there is only activity when she has family visit.
- Mayor Martinez stated the policy is clear in the ordinance. He asked if she is charged for trash service, and Citizen Rosa stated she is. The Mayor stated she is welcome to submit an application to discontinue the trash fees at that location.

VI. Comments or Concerns of Council

- None

VII. Business Matters

1. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Renew annual Operating Agreement with Colfax County Senior Citizens, Inc to operate the Wagon Mound Senior Center.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated this is the same operating agreement that is renewed annually to authorize Colfax County Senior Citizens, Inc (CCSCI) to operate the Wagon Mound Senior Center.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz stated the date for the contract term needs to be updated.
- Citizen Frances Lovato asked if CCSCI is going to submit for funding to purchase new vehicles. Amber stated that is a responsibility of the Village, and the Village's Senior Center ICIP was updated last month to include a vehicle purchase project which will allow the Village to submit a Capital Outlay request. She the Village opted to do this so that, if the Village is able to resume operations in the future, the vehicles will already belong to the Village.

Motion to approve renewal of the annual Operating Agreement with CCSCI to operate the Wagon Mound Senior Center was made by Councilor Miera, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

2. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Resolution 2025-06 – 2025 Regular Local Election.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated this resolution is needed to prepare for the local election , and she stated the resolution states the positions that will be included on the ballot. She stated this will be submitted to the Secretary of State as well as to the Mora County Clerk.

- Mayor Martinez stated the positions up for election during this cycle include Mayor as a four-year term, Council Position #1 as a two-year position, and Council Positions #2 and #4 as four-year terms.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 – 2025 Regular Local Election was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Maestas. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.**

3. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Purchase replacement fire hydrant.

- Mayor Martinez stated when S Catron Ave was re-paved, the fire hydrant in front of the southern-most housing unit had to be moved. He stated they initially re-installed it backwards, and then it was sitting too low relative to the slope. He stated they finally got it properly situated, and Gary discovered it was leaking at the base because the seal is no longer good.
- Utilities Superintendent stated it will need to be a 4½ bury depth with a two-foot extension to accommodate the slope so it can be accessed properly.
- Mayor Martinez stated Pacheco's Construction provided a quote of \$5K for installation, and he stated he prefers to have the utilities staff do the installation.
- Mayor Martinez stated the quote from Baker Utility for the hydrant and the extension totals \$4,125.00 which will be paid out of the grant funding.

Motion to approve purchasing a new fire hydrant was made by Councilor Maestas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

4. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Purchase Combustible Gas Indicator for the natural gas utility.

- Utilities Superintendent Gary Sanchez stated the Public Regulatory Committee/Pipeline Safety Bureau wants the Village to have a Combustible Gas Indicator (CGI). He stated the Village has a locator, but this equipment will detect the concentration of gas present. He stated he and the Utilities Assistant recently attended the natural gas conference in Ruidoso, and they saw a few different brands. He stated some are expensive, and they require calibration every year which runs about \$450. He stated they saw one from Heath that is top of the line and incorporates the newest technology including Bluetooth, GPS and a data log that can be downloaded to catalog leaks for reference. He stated the PRC requires this information be documented so it will simplify reporting. He stated this device is self-calibrates after each use, so it only needs to be professionally calibrated every eight to ten years. Gary stated the Heath device is the most expensive at \$6,700, but he is recommending it due to its advanced technology and capabilities.

Motion to approve purchasing a new CGI device from Heath was made by Councilor Miera, seconded by Councilor Maestas. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

III. Monthly Reports

A. *Approval Item –Approval of Vouchers (payment to vendors) Clerk Treasurer

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated in addition to regular monthly expenditures additional payments include a notary bond for the Admin Assistant, Terminix for quarterly pest control at the health center building, and payments for law enforcement expenditures.
- Councilor Maestas clarified that the payment to Caterpillar Financial is for the skid steer. And, he asked, if that is the same machine that the Village received funding through Capital Outlay.
 - Amber stated it is, but the funds will not be dispersed until the new fiscal year.

Motion to approve the May vouchers was made by Councilor Maestas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Utility Delinquent List – Deputy Clerk

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano provided the report in lieu of the Deputy Clerk's absence.
- Active Accounts – 19 letters sent with a delinquent total of \$1,499.19, and payments received totaled \$2,199.61.

C. Utility Superintendent – Utility Superintendent

- Water – Chlorine Residual is at 0.19mg/L, and he stated he'll be increasing the chlorine because the weather is getting hot. Water usage has not gotten too high yet.

- Natural Gas – He and the Utilities Assistant attended the gas conference in Ruidoso, and they had interesting information.

D. MVD Reports – MVD Manager

- May – Transactions = 37 for total of \$6,529.86.
- Mayor Martinez stated there are a couple of scams going around, and Amber elaborated:
 - 1) Owing for tolls – New Mexico does not have any toll highways or bridges so do not respond to calls, emails or texts, and do not click on any links.
 - 2) Owing NM MVD – New Mexico will not contact people via texts for outstanding balances.

E. Mora County Sheriff's Office Report

- Absent

F. Housing Authority – Northern Regional Housing Authority

- Absent
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked if the housing authority has kept up with their budget and audit. Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated their audit has not been submitted, and they have the same auditor the Village hired. She stated the Village's audit will be late again, and Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked if the Village can send a letter notifying the State Auditor. Amber stated she has communicated with the DFA and the State Auditor, and the process that needs to occur to sever ties with them as a component of the Village. She stated that process takes time. Mayor Martinez stated HUD prefers the Wagon Mound Housing Authority be operated by Northern Regional rather than the Village. Amber stated she has not had any contact with them, and the Mayor stated they do not respond. Councilor Miera stated it still hurts the Village in terms of receiving funds, etc. Mayor Pro Tem Cruz stated it may make sense to issue a letter to our legislators to advise what is going on. Amber stated the Village has been in communication with HUD, and they are aware of what is happening. Mayor Martinez stated last year, HUD Director Barela, held Northern Regional accountable. He stated the Director resigned, and there has been very little communication. Mayor Pro Tem Cruz suggested writing a letter to Mr. Barela.

G. Wagon Mound Fire Department – Fire Chief

- Absent

H. Bean Day Association – President

- Absent
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked the Mayor if he has met with the people from the rodeo and mud bog production companies. The Mayor stated he has not, but he is in the process of making arrangements to plow the arena and deliver sand. The Mayor stated he doesn't have a need to contact them. Mayor Pro Tem Cruz stated at the last meeting, it was suggested to meet with the rodeo guy to determine what needs to be done. Mayor Martinez stated the gentleman has a contract with the Bean Day Association, and the Village's responsibility is to prepare the grounds for the events.

X. Old Business

- None

X. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Martinez stated the Clerk's Office repairs are complete, and staff will begin moving tomorrow. He stated La Jicarita has reconnected the fiber optic line at the new Senior Center by boring under the parking lot. He stated they have the phones set-up and the wifi connected, and the Village's plan is to move Senior Center operations starting next Thursday with the guys working through the weekend to be able to open on Monday, June 23rd.

- Mayor Martinez stated Red Eagle Construction has completed the plastering a repairs to the walls in from of the clinic building, and they will be stuccoing the east and north-sides of Village Hall this week.
- The Mayor stated Gabriel and Christian will also be here over the weekend to install the flooring in the Utilities Office and new carpet in the Chambers, the MVD Office and the Mayor's Office. He stated Village staff will be painting tomorrow, and ceiling tiles have already been changed out. Councilor Miera asked about the curtains, and the Mayor stated there are no plans to change them. He stated he is considering purchasing new chairs for public seating in the Chambers. He stated there is approximately \$40K remaining on the municipal buildings improvements grant, and he stated the health clinic will need to have the interior painted. He stated the Village helped facilitate an office furniture donation from the District Attorney's office to the health clinic. He stated the old Senior Center will also require some repairs in the kitchen to make it functional to rent out as a small café or something similar.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked about the status of the mobile home the Village is donating from the recently acquired property at the corner of Catron and Nolan. Mayor Martinez stated the individual that was willing to take it could not get it moved. The Mayor stated he has been calling around to find someone to haul it, and they have not had any luck. The Mayor stated he spoke with someone today that gave advice for needs to happen to have it hauled away, and the Mayor stated he's going to have Gary take care of it so it may be moved by the end of the week.
- Mayor Martinez stated the Village will be very busy over the next few weeks. The Mayor commented on the two seasonal employees, and he stated they have been doing an exceptional job.

KII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Miera. (Vote 3-0) Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:41PM.

Approved and attested this 15th Day of July 2025.


 Andres Martinez, Mayor

Attest:


 Amber L. Anguiano, Clerk Treasurer
 (SEAL)

