



I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call was taken by Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano. Mayor Andres Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Eldie R. Cruz, and Councilor Gabriel D. Maestas were present. Councilor Claudia M. Martinez and Councilor Paul A. Miera were absent.

III. *Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Maestas. (Vote 2-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

IV. *Approval of Minutes for:

A. Regular Meeting Minutes August 12, 2025

B. Special Meeting Minutes August 25, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes for August 12, 2025 and August 25, 2025 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Maestas. (Vote 2-0) 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 suggested the possibility of changing the Council meeting time for winter months to 5PM rather than 6PM. She also spoke about the broken sidewalk/curb in front of her building along Railroad Ave/SR 271. She stated over Bean Day weekend, a man fell from the curb and landed on his knees. She stated she has become very familiar with the problem, and why the damage has occurred. She stated there is a drainage way full of dirt under the sidewalk. She stated she would love to see steps with a hand railing installed there similar to those in front of the Santa Clara Café building.

VI. Comments or Concerns of Council

- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz expressed concern for the Utilities staff. He stated he believes they should be wearing their safety vest daily for better visibility. He stated he feels this will improve the individual's safety as well as protect the Village.
 - Utilities Superintendent Gary Sanchez stated the vests are old and torn up, and he asked about ordering new vests. Mayor Martinez agreed that new vests need to be purchased.
- Councilor Maestas asked for an estimate of what the Village spent on Bean Day. Mayor Martinez stated he believes it is close to \$10K which includes costs to prepare the rodeo grounds, porta potty rentals, and the overtime paid to employees. The Mayor stated he believes rental fees will need to be developed to recoup at least some of these costs.
- Mayor Martinez stated he was at the mud bogs on Sunday to help collect signed waivers from spectators recognizing the potential hazards. He stated most people did not have any issues signing the waiver and paying the entrance fee, but it was difficult getting people from Wagon Mound to sign and pay. He stated there is a homemade sign stating "No ATVs or Side-by-Sides," and it was difficult enforcing this with locals as well. The Mayor stated he would like to see an official sign stating something like "No ATVs," and "if you are caught you will be fined and/or towed at your own expense." The Mayor stated the problem is with the people collecting at the gate. He stated it is one thing for a Bean Day Association member or volunteer to be allowed in for free, but it isn't okay to let in all their relatives as well. He stated there was a significant difference in the gate fees collected on Saturday and Monday in comparison to when he and others collected on Sunday.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Cruz suggested adopting a resolution or ordinance regarding the use of ATVs.

VII. Business Matters

1. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Apply for 2025 Recreation & Quality of Life Grant.

- Mayor Martinez stated the Village has received these funds in two prior years. He stated the first award funded the rodeo arena purchase, and the second funded the bleachers with the canopy. He stated it is for recreation opportunities, and he is recommending applying to build a covered shelter at the rodeo grounds furnished with a concrete floor, electricity, lighting etc.
- The Mayor stated the grant application is due on Friday, and Colleen is trying to work on it while she's out of town helping her family. He stated the grant terms require the funds to be spent and the project be completed by June 30, 2026 so it is a quick turnaround.
- Mayor Martinez asked Fluhman Builders for an estimate for a structure measuring 100ft x 150ft, and he was told this kind of project would take approximately two months to complete.
- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated another project to improve the rodeo grounds, such as a covered shelter, reinforces the Village's goal to develop a facility rental location that enhances the community's recreation and economic opportunities.
- Mayor Martinez stated he believes the Village should start promoting the facilities for rentals.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz suggested including a restroom facility in the grant application. Mayor Martinez stated he has looked into prefabricated restroom buildings, and he thought they would be beneficial at the rodeo grounds as well as the two parks. He recalled their cost being around \$20K each.
- Councilor Maestas asked what dollar amount will be requested for the application, and the Mayor stated he is waiting for the estimate from Fluhman to give an idea for the grant request. Councilor Maestas suggested the Village hold a hearing for the public to provide input on the project.

Motion to approve applying for the 2025 Recreation & Quality of Life grant in accordance with the Mayor's recommendations was made by Councilor Maestas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 2-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

2. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Pay down CAT skid steer after applying Capital Outlay Funds.

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated the Village has received the contract for the \$75K for the skid steer purchase, but she reminded Council that the Village's audit is not current. She stated once the funds are received, the full \$75K in Capital Outlay funding will be applied. Then, she stated approval will be needed for the Village to pay off the remaining balance of \$25,418.76.

Motion to approve paying down the balance owed on the CAT skid steer after applying Capital Outlay funds was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Maestas. (Vote 2-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

3. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Select quotes to purchase a new sewer snake.

- Utilities Superintendent Gary Sanchez stated the old sewer snake is not working. He stated something must have burned out on it because it no longer has any power.
- Gary presented quotes to Council, and he stated he is recommending either the RIGID K1500 for \$4,573.88 or the RIGID K1500SP for \$5,946.78. He stated both come with various attachments, but the SP is an upgraded machine with 1 horsepower as opposed to ¾ horsepower.
- Mayor Martinez stated he doesn't want to lend out a brand-new machine. He suggested Village staff will need to do the work when people request the snake.
- Councilor Maestas asked about the Acme Tools quote because it is the same model, K1500SP, but it is \$5,670.81. Mayor Martinez stated he prefers paying a little more with Grainger because they have a store in Albuquerque which makes repairs, etc easier.

Motion to approve purchasing the RIGID K1500SP for \$5,946.78 from Grainger was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Maestas. (Vote 2-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

4. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Pay May Industries for 6 hours of discing services at rodeo grounds.

- Mayor Martinez stated the work Joey May did made a big difference in the rodeo arena. He stated his plow was able to break down into the dirt to prepare for the sand topcoat. The Mayor stated Mr. May also tilled the mud bog area, and that worked out really well.
- The Mayor stated the balance owed on the invoice is \$798.90.

Motion to approve payment to May Industries was made by Councilor Maestas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 2-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

5. *Discussion/Approval/Disapproval: Select quotes to purchase materials to put up fence at Springs.

- A. Concrete
- B. T-Post
- C. Fence

- Mayor Martinez stated there are several quotes from multiple vendors, and they are separated for items A, B, and C so the same vendor does not need to be selected for all the items.
- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated the best prices for each item
 - A. Concrete – BTU at \$608.69 (80 lb bags)
 - B. T-Posts – Big R at \$779
 - C. Fence - Tractor Supply at \$2,519.91
- The Mayor recommended selecting the best price quotes as stated by the Clerk Treasurer.

Motion to approve purchasing materials for a new fence at Santa Clara Springs as recommended by the Mayor was made by Councilor Maestas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 2-0) 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 the only payment beyond the regular monthly expenses to note is the payment to E&D Garza to move the mobile home from Village property, and she stated this payment was approved at a prior special meeting. She stated the payment was made from the Rental of Public Facilities account so that once the contract for reimbursing this cost is executed with the recipients of the mobile home, their payments will be paid back into this account.
- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked about the letter from the DFA included in the Councilors' packets. Amber stated this is the DFA approval letter for the closeout of FY25. She stated it references the Village's audit status. She stated the Village has not submitted the FY24 audit, in part due to the Housing Authority has not submitted their audit to be included with the Village. Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked if the Village can separate from housing. Amber explained that there is a process required to dissolve them as a component from the Village. She stated communication with the auditor has not been good. Amber stated she has to send multiple emails before receiving a response. She stated she has a contact at the DFA who has stated the Village may need to request a new auditor given the poor communication. She stated this still leaves the Village in the same status and would push back a date for submittal because a new auditor would need to start over. Amber stated the Village has not issued payment, and it will not be issued until the audit is submitted and approved:
 - Amber stated last year the Mayor contacted Northern Regional Housing Authority's (NRHA) board members, their board members met with the Village, and finally NRHA staff contacted the Village. The Mayor stated he also contacted the federal HUD office in Albuquerque, but he stated the staff has changed at HUD as well as at NRHA so he stated he is not certain who to contact. Amber stated the Wagon Mound Housing Authority was initially operated out of the NRHA Raton office, but then it was transferred to the NRHA Las Vegas office. Amber stated she will contact the NRHA Las Vegas office to find out the name of the current director. Mayor Pro Tem Cruz suggested contacting Senator Lujan to inform him of the difficulties the Village has had with housing.

Motion to approve the August monthly vouchers was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz, seconded by Councilor Maestas. (Vote 2-0) Motion carried with all in favor.

B. Utility Delinquent List – Deputy Clerk

- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated in lieu of the Deputy Clerk's absence there is no delinquent report this month.

C. Utility Superintendent – Utility Superintendent

- Utilities Superintendent Gary Sanchez stated the staff did a really great job preparing for Bean Day and the town looked great. He stated he and the Utilities assistant got everything cleaned up after the weekend including the rodeo grounds so it is ready for another event.

- Mayor Pro Tem Cruz stated the lid on his trash bin is not attached, and when trash is collected the lid is left on the ground. He asked that the lid be replaced so the bin doesn't fill with water when it rains.
 - Mayor Martinez suggested getting quotes for new bins to include them on the next agenda. Gary stated he would like all of them to be the same 90-gal size. He asked Gary to get quotes prepared.
 - Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano suggested asking other municipalities what brand of trash bins they use, and she suggested getting a total number of current trash bins in use so the quote can be configured to have a new replacement bin for each as well as extras.

D. MVD Reports – MVD Manager

- August – Total Number of Transactions was 60 with 9 exams for a total income of \$5,762.03.

E. Mora County Sheriff's Office Report

- Absent

F. Housing Authority – Northern Regional Housing Authority

- Absent

G. Wagon Mound Fire Department – Fire Chief

- Fire Chief Timothy Cruz provided the report:
 - Hydrant Meter – was used for water needed for Bean Day events, and it was returned to the office after the weekend.
 - Radios – finally was able to get in touch with Advanced Communications, and he now has two quotes for new radios and two mobile phones. He stated the quotes came in at \$49K and \$53K. He stated he will prepare the paperwork for approval to be included on next month's agenda.
 - The Fire Chief stated the last round of radios were purchased in 2018, they were serviced in 2020, and then they were never serviced again. He stated this is the reason why they no longer work. He stated he also recently learned about the repeater in the Turkey Mountains, and he stated something needs to be fixed with the repeater as well.
 - Mayor Martinez stated the repeater is used by law enforcement, EMS and fire. He stated a few years ago, all the Mora County Fire Departments chipped in funds to go towards improvements and maintenance on the repeater, but the former Fire Chief chose not to contribute.
 - Amber suggested the Fire Chief work with the Ocate Fire Chief to find out what needs to be done to have WMFD included for use on the repeater.
- Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated the Village received approval for the Fire Fund rollover. She stated the rollover was requested to purchase new radios along with new bunker gear, extrication equipment and a new Class A pumper truck.
- Mayor Martinez thanked the Fire Chief and the WMFD volunteers for their time and help throughout Bean Day weekend. He stated they really pitched in and helped make things happen.

H. Bean Day Association – President

- Absent

X. Old Business

- Mayor Martinez provided a report on the 2025 Bean Day Celebration:
 - The Mayor stated there were several issues with the Bean Day Association (BDA). He stated the mud bog production company has stated they will no longer participate in Bean Day under the current leadership, and the rodeo company stated they are not certain if they are willing to participate unless changes are made. The Mayor stated one of the BDA members is not from Wagon Mound, but he thinks he "runs the show."
 - Clerk Treasurer Amber Anguiano stated this individual uses the Village as his backbone by telling others the Village is implementing policies, and she stated that is false. Amber stated the

Village only requires vendors to have a Business Registration, which is in accordance with Village ordinance.

- The Mayor stated the BDA has internal issues, and it has become dysfunctional. He stated it needs to be corrected or more issues will continue to arise.
 - Councilor Maestas stated it may come to the Village asserting control of the festival while continuing to work with the BDA for certain aspects. He stated the Mayor basically brokered the deal with the rodeo and mud bog companies.
 - The Mayor stated he believes there are certain aspects the BDA does well, such as the food preparation and serving, but other aspects are not well managed.
 - Amber stated she believes there is a need for the Village to step in – not so the Village Council and staff run the entire festival, but so there is oversight and accountability. She stated she believes it would work with a Bean Day committee that reports to the Village.
 - The Mayor agreed, and stated there could be multiple committees or subcommittees for the various events, and each will provide a monthly report throughout the year detailing progress and what they need from the Village. He stated this would allow the Village to have oversight of the funding as well.
 - Councilor Maestas proposed getting something on the agenda to pursue either a facility rental contract and/or an ordinance for Village property use as a first step. Then, he stated, committees can be formed to co-opt the roles that are not getting done.
 - The Mayor stated under this format, there would be no need for a rental agreement because it would be the Village hosting on Village property.
 - Councilor Maestas stated there would still need to be a rental contract with the rodeo company and the mud bog company. Amber agreed and stated the contracts would run directly with the Village rather than going through the BDA.
 - The Mayor stated, for example, if the Village receives funding for the covered shelter, then the Village would establish contracts directly with the bands as well. And he stated, there will also need to be a fee charged when people stay overnight at the rodeo grounds like the rodeo participants do.
 - Councilor Maestas stated a benefit of formalizing facility use fees then those revenues generated can be reinvested to continue making improvements.
 - The Mayor stated the Village would be able to fund the upfront costs, and then any money collected would be properly managed and placed back into a fund for the following year. He stated more events need to be scheduled throughout the weekend and throughout the Village parks. He stated more people will attend if there is more to do – music in the park all three days with a beer garden, etc.
 - Councilor Maestas stated if there is agreement for the Village to take the lead then he would like to see this added to a meeting agenda for an open discussion. He suggested holding a special meeting dedicated to this specific matter where the community is invited for comment. He suggested making it a priority now to avoid waiting for the last minute.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Cruz suggested sending an email inviting BDA members to participate, and the Mayor stated all are invited – community members, BDA, vendors, etc.
 - Amber stated it will be a win-win because the community counts on the Bean Day celebration. But, she stated, currently it is a loss for the Village because so much money and employee time has been invested in the event without the ability to make improvements.

X. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Martinez stated Ben Whited worked with the Village over the summer as a temporary employee, and he did a great job. The Mayor stated he would like to hire Ben as a contract worker so he can be called in as needed, especially as the fence is being constructed around the Springs.

¶II. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Maestas, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cruz. (Vote 2-0)
Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.

Approved and attested this 14th Day of October 2025.



Andres Martinez, Mayor

Attest:



Amber L. Anguiano, Clerk Treasurer
(SEAL)

