MINUTES LOGAN VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 13, 2018

The February 13, 2018 regular meeting of the Village of Logan Council was convened at 4:30 p.m. at the Logan Civic Center.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Feerer Present

Councilmember Ramirez Absent Councilmember Newton Present Councilmember Osborn Present

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT: Rosalie Rachor, Clerk/Treasurer – Interim Administrator

Rodney Paris, Police Chief

Wade Strand, Officer

VISITORS PRESENT: See Attached List

Mayor Feerer called the meeting to order and presided during the meeting.

ITEM 1 – AGENDA – Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Newton, the agenda was approved.

ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Upon a motion by Councilmember Newton and seconded by Councilmember Osborn, Council unanimously approved the minutes of January 9, 2018, January 16, 2018 and January 30, 2018.

ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/FINANCIAL REPORT – Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Newton, Council unanimously approved the accounts payable and financial report.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Newton, the Departmental Reports were approved.

ITEM 5 – ISSUES ADDRESSED TO COUNCIL FROM CITIZENS – Mayor Feerer presented a signup sheet for citizens that would like to address the Council. Mayor Feerer read the guidelines to address the Council. The following individuals presented their issues:

Donna Hawkins requested that the Senior Citizens Building be handicap accessible with ramps and rails and the parking lot upgraded. She would like the building be brought up to code to meet the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Mayor Feerer stated that the Senior Citizens Capital Outlay request for the parking lot and sidewalks were included in the original Senate Bill 94 (SB94) sponsored by Senator Carlos R Sisneros that was recommended for funding. The bill received a do not pass by the Senate Finance Committee and later replaced by a substitution bill by John

Arthur Smith to include other projects. If the bill passes, the bond issue will appear on the November ballot, and if voters approve the issue, we should receive funding in the spring of 2019.

Viola Terry stated Kent Terry and herself have been to a few Council meetings. She is concerned of how slow the Council moved on paying Trevor Thompson, Village Administrator for his moving expenses. The total moving expenses were three thousand, five hundred and twenty dollars (\$3,520.00) in which the Village voted to pay half totaling one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750.00). Viola stated that there was some question by the clerk, whether taxes were to be taken out. Attorney Frost stated that the expense was not classified as payroll and not to have taxes withheld. Viola stated that taxes were withheld. Clerk/Treasurer Rachor clarified that taxes were not withheld and the reimbursement has been paid.

Lupy Lacy stated that it was good to see this many people at the Council meeting and she hopes citizens continue to attend. She stated that at the August meeting, Trevor Thompson was an employee and not sworn in until the October meeting.

Lupy Lacy stated that the Village paid thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00) to the Interstate State Streams for one hundred sixty acres (160) of land. Thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) was paid to Design Concepts for an airport redevelopment design plan. Her concern was in the design plan presented by Warren Frost. She wondered why there was a pond included when Logan has a twelve (12) mile lake. Lupy stated that Mr. Frost wanted the Council to pass a hold harmless tax that would increase the tax rate to nine percent (9%) without taking it to the community. In September, Mr. Frost requested to rename the airport redevelopment plan to Logan Veterans Park and presented an informational sheet to the School and Senior Citizens and tried to pass a tax. In October, Larry Wallin presented a gross receipts tax spreadsheet for a public meeting with a scheduled date. The consensus of the Council was not to proceed at the time with the adoption of the tax. Mr. Frost stated to the Council shame on you for not wanting to be more progressive.

Lupy Lacy petitioned the Council to not appoint a permanent Administrator until after the election. She stated that as per the New Mexico Municipal League, there is no recall procedure for the Council and takes four (4) years for change.

S Darlene Oliver thanked the Council for all their hard work. She requested that the Council reconsider their vote to terminate Trevor Thompson.

Jerry Hawkins presented the Council with a petition to not appoint a permanent position of Village Administrator until after the March 6, 2018 election and a coalition is being formed to establish the circumstances surrounding the termination of Trevor Thompson. Jerry stated that the Village should provide safety equipment to employees in the field that are required to wear it. Jerry questioned job descriptions and accountability. Who is responsible to who and there be no micro managing.

Eddie Corley stated that the Village has gone through two (2) Village Administrators and would like to ask the Council to reconsider the termination of Trevor Thompson. He requested that the Council wait until after the election to appoint a Village Administrator.

Attorney Frost stated that the Village has no intention to hire a Village Administrator until after the election.

George Ervin stated that the community is at fault for not being more involved. He requested the process for receiving copies of minutes. Clerk/Treasurer Rachor stated that the minutes will be available ten (10) days after the meeting in draft form and not final until approved by Council at the next regular meeting. George stated that he noticed there was dirt moving at the Canadian River and wanted to know how much the Village will generate from taxes on the project. Attorney Frost stated that he did not know, but knew that Larry Wallin could answer that question, who was in the audience. Larry Wallin stated that it would generate approximately nine hundred, fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00). Attorney Frost commended Larry for his efforts in taking a proactive approach in getting the property annexed in the Village limits prior to the start of the project.

Jay Price stated that he would like to point out the lack of transparency. He has been in the Village office and local businesses and there is no information from the Village.

Attorney Frost stated that the conduct of Village business is open to any and every one. The Village is not trying to keep anything from the community.

Attorney Frost stated that it has taken the Village years to purchase the one hundred sixty (160) acres from the Interstate Streams Commission. The terms were to hire a consultant to come up with a plan for the property and to deed thirty eight (38) acres of the land to the Logan Schools to include the pig barn and frontage for future development.

Attorney Frost stated that you may disagree with the Council and it is your right to go to an election and vote. As you can tell, the Council is not swayed in their decisions.

Jerry Hawkins questioned Attorney Frost about the executive meeting held and it not being open to the public and why not. Attorney Frost explained that it is to protect the employee's rights. Attorney Frost further explained that under the Open Meetings Act there are certain exemptions that allow for the closing of a public meeting.

ITEM 6A – LOGAN SENIOR CITIZENS VAN AND IMPROVEMENTS – Mayor Feerer stated that the new Senior Citizens van is housed at the Village maintenance building. It will be available for trips for the Senior Citizens. Jennifer has a key to the maintenance building. Jack Usrey is working on two (2) different scenarios to add on to the existing garage or build a new one.

ITEM 6B - RESOLUTION NO. 579, RESOLUTION NO. 580 - RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE REMOVAL AND/OR DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN DAMAGED AND DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES OR PREMISES IS COVERED WITH RUINS, RUBBISH, WRECKAGE OF DEBRIS PROVIDING THAT THE VILLAGE SHALL HAVE A LIEN FOR THE COST OF REMOVAL; PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURE INCIDENT TO SUCH REMOVAL AND/OR DEMOLITION AND DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE IN SUCH STATE OF DISREPAIR, DAMAGE AND DILAPIDATION AS TO CONSTITUTE A DANGEROUS BUILDING AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE FOR THE LISTED PROPERTIES BELOW -

304 Muskie Ln Logan, New Mexico

Upon a motion by Councilmember Newton and seconded by Councilmember Osborn, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 579.

120 Apache Dr Logan, New Mexico

Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Newton, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 580.

ITEM 6C – 506 BASS ALLEY, LOGAN, NM – Chief Paris stated that the Village has received notice by the daughter of the owner that she will pay the existing lien and clean up the property to the Village satisfaction. The Village will hold off on foreclosure of the property and give thirty (30) days for signs of progress.

ITEM 6D – POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE – Chief Paris presented a proposal to the Council for the purchase of a new Ford Interceptor from KS State Bank. The total purchase price is thirty nine thousand, seven hundred, seventy five dollars (\$39,775.00), which includes principal and interest for a three (3) year term. The purchase will replace the 2007 Tahoe Police unit, which will be sold at a later date by sealed bids.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Newton, Council unanimously approved the purchase of the Ford Interceptor from KS State Bank.

ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Feerer stated that the road projects conducted by Versatile on Aztec and Apache are nearing completion.

Mayor Feerer attended the bridge project weekly construction meeting of Fisher, Sand and Gravel on February 13, 2018. The work is progressing rapidly and they should finish with the dirt work by May or June. The work will then begin down in the river bead.

ITEM 8 – MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – Mayor Feerer stated that early voting will begin February 14, 2018 for the March 6, 2018 Regular Election at the Village office.

ITEM 9 – ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – 1) Kirkland Well Service will be here Thursday, February 08, 2018. They are planning on pulling the pump, testing the pump, and going back in the well on Friday with poly pipe. 2) The request for \$150,000 for repair and/or replace the deteriorated parking lot and sidewalks at the Senior Center, ensuring safe access for seniors and all who visit the Senior Center, is part of Senate Bill 94 and has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee. It looks good for passage. 3) We have been working to clean up and organize at the collection center. The new compactor has been installed and is in operation. We also have 3 box balers in working order and ready to go. 4) We have received the funds for the repair of the Police Department roof, and we are waiting for work to begin. 5) Tim Sisneros superintendent with Fisher

Sand and Gravel, the contractor of the new Highway 54 bridge project requested to hold weekly meeting every Tuesday at 10:30 AM in the Village office meeting room. We will also be selling water to Fisher for the project. 6) The streets department has been working in the Ocelot and Impala area to alleviate flooding in that vicinity. 7) We are advertising for positions in the Police Dept. and a Clerical position in the office. 8) Alex Kelling has been hired and began employment 2/6/18. 9) Leslie and Russell attended the Municipal Day 2/2/18. Several issues that might affect the Village were discussed. The League continues to work for the interests of the municipalities of the State of New Mexico. 10) Jerry and Donna Hawkins and Ed Kirkmeyer delivered the new senior citizens van to Logan and it is very nice. It is being housed in the 1st street maintenance building for the time being. 11) We are presently working on purchasing a new above ground level lowering device for the Cemetery. 12) We are looking to purchase 2 new zero turn mowers for parks and cemetery use. 13) The 2nd Quarterly Report review came back great and reconciles 100%. 14) We received a quote from Dell for the server in the amount of \$4,184.40, which was way under the budgeted amount.

ITEM 10 – Announcement of the next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Logan Civic Center, 901 Martinez St.

ITEM 11 - Upon a motion by Councilmember Newton and seconded by Councilmember Osborn, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

David Babb Mayor

Rosalie Rachor Clerk/Treasurer