

**MINUTES
LOGAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 13, 2022**

The December 13, 2022, regular meeting of the Village of Logan Council was convened at 4:30 p.m. at the Village Office.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT:	Mayor Babb	Present
	Councilmember Osborn	Present
	Councilmember Bass	Present
	Councilmember Shivers	Present
	Councilmember Courtney	Present

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT:	Scott Parnell, Administrator
	Rosalie Rachor, Clerk/Treasurer
	Rodney Paris, Police Chief

VISITORS PRESENT:

Erica Shields	Terry Fisk
Loralei Sanchez	Larry Charles
Ed Kirkmeyer	Lupe Lacy
Kent Terry	Jerry Hawkins
Donna Hawkins	Janice Cross
Kerry Cross	Zerelda Biffle
Raymond Mondragon	

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

ITEM 1 – AGENDA – Upon a motion by Councilmember Bass seconded by Councilmember Shivers, Council unanimously approved the agenda.

ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Shivers, Council unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes of November 15, 2022, and special meeting minutes of November 28, 2022.

ITEM 3 - APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/FINANCIAL REPORT – Upon a motion by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Courtney, 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 Shivers, Council unanimously approved the Departmental Reports.

ITEM 5 – ISSUES ADDRESSED TO COUNCIL FROM CITIZENS – None

ITEM 6A – RESOLUTION NO. 674 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING QUAY COUNTY’S REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OT FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IN TUCUMCARI – Administrator Parnell stated that Daniel Zamora, County Manager presented to the Council at the last regular meeting to build a new hospital in Tucumcari. The resolution will support Quay County’s request for a Special Appropriation to Fund the Construction.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Bass, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 674 supporting Quay County’s Request for a Special Appropriation to Fund the Construction of a New Hospital in Tucumcari.

ITEM 6B – RESOLUTION NO. 675 – A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED – Administrator Parnell stated that the resolution is for the governing body meetings and public notice requirements to be approved every year. This resolution will supersede last year’s resolution.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Courtney and seconded by Councilmember Shivers, Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 675 – A Resolution Concerning Governing Body Meetings and Public Notice Required.

ITEM 7 – OLD BUSINESS – Councilmember Bass stated that it has been weighing on his mind of his position as a Councilmember. The community came to him about running for the Village Council. He gave his promise to be transparent. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He has received texts from Kent Terry wanting answers. He was bothered by Mr. Hawkins questions of Clerk/Treasurer Rachor’s salary and Councilmember Osborn being on the Council legally at the last regular Council meeting. Councilmember Bass stated that the Council was lied to and put in a fox’s hole and bullied at the last regular meeting. He does not want this town torn apart by rumors. The Village Council cares for Administrator Parnell and has been working with him. He stated that Mr. Larry Charles is here tonight and supervised more employees than one can imagine. Councilmember Bass asked Mr. Charles how many employees he has supervised and why one would have to be reprimanded. Mr. Charles stated that he has supervised over two thousand (2000) employees at a time working for Ford Motor Company. A reprimand was done to try and help get an employee where they need to be.

Jerry Hawkins questioned if the reprimand was warranted, why did it take four (4) years. Councilmember Bass stated that it is not an easy job. They have tried to work with Administrator Parnell. He has been given the benefit of the doubt and a lot has happened.

Councilmember Osborn stated that Administrator Parnell was placed on disciplinary leave recently and warranted for actions. Jerry Hawkins stated that answers his question.

Councilmember Osborn stated that issues in executive session can not be discussed in open meeting. The Council is voted in to make the best decisions to better the community. It upsets her that people show up more when there is controversy.

Councilmember Bass stated that he did his homework with the last administrator. He met with him and stated that if he lied to him, he was done and he was done with him.

Lupe Lacy stated that she understands the Council can not discuss issues from closed meetings for legal reasons. Councilmember Osborn explained the Council can not discuss personnel in an open meeting. Councilmember Bass stated that the Council can only discuss Village business at a meeting as per the Open Meetings Act.

Councilmember Bass stated that at the last big leak (in May), he was approached about how the staff could keep working for him if Administrator Parnell talked to them the way he does. Councilmember Bass stated that he was not doing the staff justice. The Council met with all the Village employees to discuss work. The Council was made aware of things that needs to be done. The employees are the biggest asset to the Village.

Councilmember Bass presented via live, the Village website at utelake.com., as a go to for information available to the public. Clerk/Treasurer Rachor maneuvered through the site to demonstrate where the information can be located.

Councilmember Bass stated he knows the number one problem with the community is the water line to the South Side. The Village has aging infrastructure. He stated that Councilmember Courtney has helped with her association with the Eastern Plains Council of Governments (EPCOG) and knowledge of funding opportunities.

Councilmember Bass stated that here has been a lot of rumors stated in the last two (2) weeks. The Council is doing what is best for the community. Kent Terry text him and stated that we voted you in and can vote you out. Kent Terry stated that he does not agree with text and gets what Councilmember Bass is saying in what he cannot tell us. Mr. Terry stated he would have liked a reply of thanks but cannot talk. Councilmember Bass stated that the Council room is where Village business needs to be discussed. He respects the communication but felt it should not come until after this meeting.

Lupe Lacy stated that the executive session meetings with Administrator Parnell is serious and there may be next time and may not. Councilmember Shivers stated that the executive sessions have gone back longer that the last three (3) years. Administrator Parnell stated that they go further back and were held for the first year of his employment. Lupe Lacy questioned if this has nothing to do with broken infrastructure or equipment. Councilmember Bass stated no.

Clerk/Treasurer Rachor presented Jerry Hawkins with the proof of her salary in question at the last regular meeting. Councilmember Bass stated that the information was not picked up by Mr. Hawkins as requested. Councilmember Bass stated that the Council voted to give employees a five percent (5%) raise. The Administration received three percent (3%). He stated that the Clerk/Treasurer Rachor does, and excellent job and the Village finances are in great shape and

received an award for it. Councilmember Courtney stated that the EPCOG deals with municipalities of the same size or larger. She stated that Clerk/Treasurer Rachor takes good care of the Village finances. Mr. Hawkins thanked Clerk/Treasurer Rachor for the information and stated that it answered his question.

Councilmember Osborn stated that it was brought to her attention that a water sample did not pass at no fault to Terry Fisk, Water Operator. The Council was not notified and questioned Administrator Parnell as to why. Administrator Parnell stated that the Village has twenty-four (24) hours to take corrective action. A retest was done and passed. Administrator Parnell stated that he and Mr. Fisk did not want to hit the panic button. Councilmember Osborn stated that the Council was not notified of the Village Office being closed on December 8, 2022 due to staff shortage. She feels the Council should be notified of what is going on. Lupe Lacy questioned who is responsible to notify the Council. Administrator Parnell stated that he is.

Councilmember Shivers state that he would propose to leave the backhoe at the Collection Center since the potholer and mini excavator is used for water repairs. He does not feel that it is a good time to buy a new backhoe at one hundred, forty-thousand dollars (\$140,000.00). The money should be put on the back burner until the Village gets through the infrastructure expenses.

Larry Charles stated that the Village community does not need to micromanage the Council. You voted them in and if you like the job they are doing, you can vote them out.

Councilmember Courtney stated that the Comprehensive Plan was denied through the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) Planning Grant. The Village is in need of an updated one to use for capital outlay funding. Raymond Mondragon with EPCOG stated that they are certified and can complete the plan with a separate contract with the Village for a fee less than applied for through the NMFA. Councilmember Courtney stated the Village can use the CARES funding to pay for the plan. Councilmember Osborn stated that the Village needs to revamp the plan done in 2015.

ITEM 8 – MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – None

ITEM 9 – ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – 1) Logan Senior Citizens have purchased a new free-standing refrigerator and freezer units on an interim basis until the funding can be secured to purchase a new walk-in unit. At the time of this report, I do not have a start date for the new flooring installation. 2) ICIP / Capital Outlay filings are complete. Our original equipment request for FY 2023 was \$400,000.00 which we received \$200,00.00 so I requested the balance for FY 2024. Language was changed to purchase a street sweeper and refurbish our roll-off trash truck. At the request of the council, I also applied for funds to improve our Civic Center in the amount of \$150,000.00 These improvements include flooring replacement, complete bathroom remodel, kitchen remodel for new cabinets, installation of the commercial cooktop, purchase of a range hood, and side by side refrigerator. Lighting upgrades, painting and ceiling tiles are also included in the request. 3) Effective November 17, 2022, we received the signed grant agreement for sewer improvements in the amount of \$360,000.00. These monies will rehabilitate our two lift stations on Pueblo and 8th street and allow for the purchase of new lift station pumps and rebuild our existing lift station pumps. In addition, we will purchase new E One grinder pumps for backstock

and continue to rebuild our older E One pumps. 4) Harding Well Rehab is tentatively scheduled for the second week in January 2023. We will utilize chemicals to break up the existing calcium found on the screen when the well was examined in November. This will be followed by bailing the well to remove the calcium and put the well back in production. 5) NV5 Engineering conducted a Prebid meeting with potential contractors for the South Shore Comingle Pipeline. RBM Construction and TLC Plumbing were the contractors in attendance along with Mayor Babb, Council Member Shivers, and Arvind Patel of NV5. Bid opening is set for January 3, 2023, at 11am here at the Village office. 6) Thank you to Famers Electric for hanging Christmas decorations. The brackets are permanently installed and holding up to our Eastern New Mexico winds. This will allow for easy removal and future installation.

ITEM 10 – Announcement of the next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the Village Governing Body Meeting Room, 108A US Highway 54.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 10-15-1 (H)(2) REGARDING LIMITED PERSONNEL MATTERS – ADMINISTRATOR - Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Bass, Council unanimously agreed to go into executive session at 5:51 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Babb	Yes
	Councilmember Osborn	Yes
	Councilmember Bass	Yes
	Councilmember Shivers	Yes
	Councilmember Courtney	Yes

ITEM 12 - RETURN TO OPEN MEETING – Upon a motion by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Courtney, Council unanimously returned to open meeting at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Babb	Yes
	Councilmember Osborn	Yes
	Councilmember Bass	Yes
	Councilmember Shivers	Yes
	Councilmember Courtney	Yes

The only item discussed in executive session was limited personnel matters with action taken.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Shivers and seconded by Councilmember Bass, Council unanimously approved to terminate Scott Parnell as Village Administrator effective immediately and will speak to the Village Attorney about severance pay.

ITEM 13 – ADJOURNMENT - Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Bass, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.



ATTEST:

Rosalie Rachor
Clerk/Treasurer

David Babb
Mayor