JoAnne Roake
Mayor

APPROVED MINUTES

Village of Corrales
Governing Body Regular Meeting

May 26th, 2020 6:30pm

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. GOVERNING BODY PRESENT

Present: Mayor Jo Anne D. Roake (Not voting), Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray, Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor David Dornburg, Councilor Zachary Burkett.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilor Knight, Seconded by Councilor Dornburg.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 6).
Yes: Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray, Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor Zachary Burkett, Mayor Pro Tem David Dornburg

D. PRESENTATIONS
E. REPORTS:

1. Administrator Report
   • Bond Presentation from Jill Sweeney

Administrator Curry: I think you see in your packet a lot of the reports from the departments. During new business you are going to hear some reports from Sandy Rasmussen and others talking about logger’s tax. We thought it would be appropriate to have that discussion when we were actually talking about the logger’s tax. That will come up on new business items four and five. First thing I wanted to say on the administrator’s report is that we had a very nice meeting this afternoon to talk about the Grower’s Market. I want to thank Councilor Burkett and Councilor Murray for coming by and sharing their opinions. I may ask Tanya to say a few things in a moment, but we had a good visit with the Gonzaleses this afternoon where we laid out a plan so that the Grower’s Market will begin to look how it used to look. It was a good meeting and I appreciate all the comments prior to and during the meeting. Tanya, do you want to add anything before I move on?

Tanya Lattin: I think the meeting went really well and I think that this is going to be a good start to our new beginning.

Administrator Curry: Lynn? Do you have anything?

Lynn Siverts: No, I agree. I think we had some good discussions.

Administrator Curry: So, I think we are moving in the right direction with that and I think it is just a matter of having better communication. One of the better things that came out of this is that we are going to have a lot of communication and the market will continue to be the iconic market that it is for Corrales. Jill Sweeney are you on the line? I would like to turn it over to her to talk about bonds.

Jill Sweeney: My name is Jill Sweeney and most of you know that I am a lawyer of Sherman and Howard practicing in public finance here in New Mexico. We are here to talk to you tonight about a general obligation bond for two and a half million dollars for conservation easements. This GO Bond was approved by the voters in March of 2018 and Village staff and consultants have been working on the project to make sure that those projects are ready to proceed. That way when the bond is issued, the proceeds will be spent on projects that are quote, unquote shovel ready. It is most economical for the Village to issue this bond through the New Mexico Finance Authority. It is the same process we went through fairly recently on your municipal gross receipts tax bond. At the moment, your finance team is working on an application to the New Mexico Finance Authority. That application would be brought back before the Council at your June meeting. Then, after working with the finance authority, it would be brought back to you at your July meeting for adoption of an ordinance and approval of an interest rate. The finance authority periodically sets those interest rates so we won’t know what that interest rate will be until a little further into the process. The goal is to close the bond and have funds available for the purchase of the conservation easements in August. Do we have either John Archuleta or Brad
Angst on the line? No? In any event, we have been working closely with your financial advisors as well as Village staff to develop a calendar and a financial structure that will work with the Village. With that I will stand for any questions.

Councilor Murray: My understanding is that the bond issue is not only for conservation easements but it is for any open space that the Village wants to spend money on is that correct?

Jill Sweeney: Councilor Murray, the bond question put before the voters in 2018 is for easements, not outright purchase of land, to be used for recreational as well as other uses.

Councilor Murray: Okay, so then let me also ask you, is there a time limit from when the bonds got elected to when they have to be issued?

Jill Sweeney: Yes, under state law bonds approved in an election must result in a bond sale within four years.

Councilor Murray: Okay, and are we collecting taxes for that bond issue right now?

Jill Sweeney: Yes.

Councilor Murray: And that is at the 2.4 mill rate?

Jill Sweeney: I do not have that right in front of me but I believe so. The commitment we made during the 2020 election cycle was that with the addition of the questions from the 2020 election, that the mill rate would not exceed the 2018 mill rate.

Councilor Murray: If we don’t spend the money are the taxes then put in escrow? Or do they get returned to the tax payer?

Jill Sweeney: Once the bond is issued, the Village is required to have a reasonable expectation that the proceeds will be spent within three years. That is federal tax law. So, we have to have those projects lined up and ready to go. Should there be unspent proceeds, those would go through the waterfall and could be used for other purposes but the tax law requires that we have projects and reasonable expectation to spend all of the money in the particular manner approved by the voters.

Mayor Roake: I do want to let the councilors know that we believe there will be a recommendation coming before this Council from the Farmland Preservation Commission. We can look forward to that. Anything else Jill?

Jill Sweeney: I do not think so. Mayor, Council, we look forward to working on that application and coming back to you with a parameters resolution at your meeting on the 16th of June.

Mayor Roake: Administrator Curry, is there anything else you would like to add to your report?

Administrator Curry: No just that I would stand for any questions. Also, just a reminder that we are probably going to meet again prior to the legislative session. As I am sure some of you have been following that it will be challenging for people to express their opinions during this session because of the way it is setup. I am not sure they are going to let lobbyists, or what they define as a lobbyist into the building as opposed to a public employee. We will keep you up to
date but there is just a lot going on. I think the best thing we can do is talk to your local
Representatives or Senators and see what they say.

Mayor Roake: I believe that session is set to start June 18th.

Councilor Knight: I have a question for the Administrator. You had talked about the meeting
you had with the Growers’ Market; can you fill us in with any of the details?

Administrator Curry: We met at two this afternoon, and Councilor Murray and Councilor
Burkett joined us. We met with the Gonzaleses about moving the market back up to the front lot.
We talked about access, and moving around in a clockwise way which is something Al
discussed. But the tone of the meeting was just to try and get the logistics laid out and make sure
that we are managing to keep large gatherings apart. We talked about how they would monitor
that. We worked out a flow plan for people coming in there and we think it will work well. I
think it’s going to be different and there will be some changes as we work with the Growers’
Market folks. We as the Village have been working very hard to follow the Governor’s orders on
all of this and we think we have done that. I think everyone has worked really hard on this and I
look forward to moving forward and getting back to future, I guess.

Mayor Roake: This is starting this Sunday and we will be having an in-person market and I
think everyone will be looking forward to that. We just have to remember that we will have to
keep up the social distancing protocols and the vendors have been very cooperative. I would
really like to thank the Village governing body, the Administrator and Village employees for
being so patient, taking it slow, and following the Governor’s directives. I want to thank every
member of the community as well because we are in good shape in terms of this virus. No
numbers are acceptable but we have eight cases right now, and as far as we know, we have no
fatalities. I think that boils down to our community staying in place and following the COVID
safe practices. As we go forward and open up this essential business to people coming on foot, I
know we are going to do a good job with it.

Councilor Woldman: Just to clarify, this Sunday, there will be pedestrians as opposed to
vehicles going through the market.

Mayor Roake: That is correct.

Councilor Murray: I saw on the news today that the Governor is opening up the outdoor
restaurants. I was just wondering if we were moving forward with that too and how can we
maximize that 50% or whatever they are going to have?

Mayor Roake: I believe our restaurants have been planning for this. I believe they were even
planning for this a couple weeks ago and got delayed. I think when Sandy speaks about this
during the MainStreet report. She has been working with our local businesses to determine what
their maximum capacity can be. I think the Crow, the Bistro, Hannah and Nates, Village Pizza
have been working on it. I think everybody has been trying to work on that and I think it is going
to start tomorrow. We may need to start flying balloons and making every announcement we
can. Again, everybody has to be safe. They probably have marked it out and made sure that
everybody is going to be a safe distance from each other.
Councillor Murray: I assume that Ex Novo is going to be exempt because they are a brewery and not a food source.

Mayor Roake: They have been open and I think they have had food trucks. That's a really good question and maybe Sandy can help us answer that.

Sandy Rasmussen: There is a little stipulation there. I talked with John Perea and all the restaurants. He is not sure he is going to open right away because he cannot have over 50% of his business be alcohol driven. Perea's is so on the border that he doesn't think it is worth his time to check to see if he has 49% or 51%. That might affect Ex Novo as well because they have food trucks but they do not have a restaurant. John is going to wait until next week when things start to open more.

2. Department Reports

F. COUNCILORS FORUM: This section is for information purposes only, not for discussion and debate, to inform the Governing Body of an issue/concern that would not be addressed on the agenda during the business session.

Councillor Lucero: I wanted to express my gratitude that the Growers' market is moving onto a walkthrough market. Thank you to everyone to who put in work to make that happen.

Councillor Knight: I want to thank everyone who organized the graduates' parade. Everybody was excited to be there and I thought it was a really nice idea.

G. CORRALEÑOS FORUM: This section is for information purposes only, not for discussion and debate, to inform the governing body of an issue or concern that would not be addressed on the agenda during the business session. There is a 3-minute time limit, unless approved by the Presiding Officer.

Dave and Amanda Obrien:
Dear Councilors,
I am sure the police and fire department has notified the Council that the North Corrales beach parking is a mess.

For the last week the Fire, Police and Animal Control has been out on the road ticketing folks and locking up the gates 24/7. Sadly, it seems someone has been cutting their locks and ropes. We talked to the Police on duty out there and he said parking is unsafe so no vehicle access allowed. The net result is several cars are now parking along Camino Corrales del Norte and climbing through private properties to get back onto the cannel road.

This lockdown has made it difficult for Corrales residents (and others) to drop off kayaks for floating down river, etc.

Questions:
Is there a way to make the parking area for say 15-minute load and unload only? Police and others can monitor and ticket all others.

Open up the west cannel road? This was the exit road from the beach. However, it was closed off first, forcing two-way traffic on the east road, which is dangerous, since the roads are only single wide.

Thank you for your time.

Dave & Amanda Obrien
All comments must be emailed and will be read into the record. Please email comments to
agiuillin@corrales-nm.org no later than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 26th.

H. CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be
routine by the Village Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate
discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent
Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. Approval of minutes for May 12th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

2. Approval of transfer of vehicle between the Corrales Police Department and the Corrales
Fire Department

Motion: to approve the consent agenda, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilor Dornburg,
Seconded by Councilor Lucero.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray,
Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor Zachary Burkett, Mayor Pro Tem David Dornburg

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Organizational Appointments of Appointed Officials carried over from the April 19th
Regular Council Meeting, Confirmation of Appointed Officials per NMSA 3-11-5 (h)

Village Administrator
Chief of Police
Village Clerk

Motion: to approve the appointed officials, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilor Knight,
Seconded by Councilor Dornburg.

Councilor Lucero: I have a couple comments and some discussion about the Village Clerk. I
want to make sure that none of these comments are derogatory towards Aaron. These comments
are specifically towards the Village Clerk. In the discussions I have had, and this particular
dissmissal has caught a little traction with me anyway. In several conversations and emails with
people in the Village they are wondering why the turnover? Especially with this position
considering the time we are in and the amount of experience that has left. Granted, personnel
issues are always very tough. I know there is probably some issues we could discuss in this
forum, but maybe more in a closed session. I think it would be appropriate just to make sure that
I got everything clarified and out in the open so that I can discuss it with people that are
concerned. I would like to postpone the appointment of the Clerk upon discussion in a closed
session about some of the issues that have taken place with the dismissals recently, especially
with the last Village Clerk.
Mayor Roake: We need to be really careful on this issue. Could I have our counsel weigh in please?

Randy Autio: I understand your concern. The situation with appointments is a little bit different than when we are considering a classified employee. In this situation we have appointees that are serving at the will of the Mayor with Council approval. You are right, we cannot discuss the merits of letting her go. But the way the appointment process essentially goes is that Councilors can act with their vote. Either you support the Mayor in their appointment or you do not. It is typically not done that we go into closed session because it is an at will employee. I would recommend that all Councilors vote with their feelings on this one.

Councilor Lucero: It is not that I do not want to support the Mayor. I just want to answer some questions that have been posed to me. Maybe not with this particular position, but just in general. It was suggested that we maybe hold off. I would just like to get this cleared up before we move on with these appointments.

Mayor Roake: Are there any other questions? Otherwise I will be calling for a vote.

Councilor Murray: I tend to support Kevin’s statements as well but the problem with the way the appointments are listed is that it is an all or nothing. I would kind of like some answers to about the turnover and some of the issues that may be affecting staff. We are getting questions about the Administration and I think it would be a good thing to be able to discuss those in a closed session.

Randy Autio: One thing I would say is that you can have a discussion on overall Administration or employee moral or anything like that in open session. You cannot talk about personnel issues except relating to certain personnel actions for termination or discipline of an employee. That is the only time you can go into closed session. This is not a situation because the Mayor may release the Clerk for any or no cause. So, talking about the pluses or minuses of the Clerk are not at issue here. It is not a matter of discipline, it is not a matter of bad job performance, it is the Mayor can simply do this wanting to change a direction.

Councilor Dornburg: I think that is the key there. This is an at will employee. This is the Administration’s choice who they want serving. My first concern when I heard of it was the optics of it, especially in today’s day and age. But this is not a traditional personnel decision for poor performance, it is a servant at the will of the Mayor. If you disagree with it, you can say no. We can propose an amendment that separates them, but I would discourage that because I do not think there is any purpose served in it. I was unaware that it was every two years. I thought it was when the Mayor came in. I do not disagree with the sentiment you are having, but I do think this is a different kind of issue.

Councilor Woldman: Firstly, I think if it is possible to separate the first two from the third then that would be appropriate. Secondly, the statement was made that the Mayor is going in a different direction. I think it would be helpful to know why and what that direction was. Not from a personnel perspective, but a direction perspective.
Mayor Roake: Again, this is an at will employee and it is my decision. I have to be really
careful what I say because I do not want to do anything to damage an employee’s privacy. These
are sensitive personnel matters and I think I have to kind of stand my ground. I think my counsel
will back me up on the fact that there is very little I can say. I think the hopeful new Clerk has
been working very diligently throughout the Village the last two years. He is well qualified. He
will do an excellent job in making sure that our communication with our Councilors and our
community is top notch and that our continuing improvements in technology and continued
improvements in follow-through. That he will make sure everything is done right and that is the
way we want to go. I do understand your concerns. Believe me, no one wants to change
personnel, but that is about all I can say about it. I would disagree with any notion of low
morale. But again, when it comes to other appointments, I am willing to sit down and talk about
it, but this one is an at will employee. It is my decision, and I would like to take a vote on it.

Councilor Murray: Can I ask one more question to Mr. Autio? I was looking online at the New
Mexico State Statutes and I cannot find subsection h. Is that just a minor technicality?

Randy Autio: It is in fact under 3-11-5. It is a technical issue with a typo in the agenda, but not
a violation of the Open Meetings Act. I think the error occurred because we are constantly
working with subsection h in the Open Meetings Act.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 6).
Yes: Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray,
Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor Zachary Burkett, Mayor Pro Tem David Dornburg

2. Consideration, Action and Approval of Resolution 20-010, a resolution for approval of the
Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Motion: to approve resolution 20-010, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilor Dornburg,
Seconded by Councilor Lucero.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 6).
Yes: Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray,
Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor Zachary Burkett, Mayor Pro Tem David Dornburg

3. Consideration, Action and Approval of Resolution 20-011, a resolution for authorizing
adjustments of various funds for fiscal year 2019-2020

Motion: to approve resolution 20-011, Action: Approve, Moved by Councilor Knight,
Seconded by Councilor Lucero.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 6).
Yes: Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray,
Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor Zachary Burkett, Mayor Pro Tem David Dornburg
4. Consideration, Action and Approval of Resolution 20-012, a resolution to authorize disbursement of nine thousand, two hundred dollars ($9,200.00) to Corrales Society of Artists, as requested by the Lodgers Tax Board for the purpose of print advertising.

**Motion:** to approve resolution 20-012, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilor Dornburg, **Seconded by** Councilor Burkett.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 6).

**Yes:** Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray, Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor Zachary Burkett, Mayor Pro Tem David Dornburg

5. Consideration, Action and Approval of Resolution 20-013, a resolution to authorize disbursement of one thousand, nine hundred dollars ($1,900.00) to Corrales MainStreet, as requested by the Lodgers Tax Board for the purpose of print advertising.

**Motion:** to approve resolution 20-013, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilor Woldman, **Seconded by** Councilor Knight.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 6).

**Yes:** Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray, Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor Zachary Burkett, Mayor Pro Tem David Dornburg

K. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS:

Bonnie Bagley – Equestrian Advisory Commission
Janet Blair – Equestrian Advisory Commission
Patty Carroll – Equestrian Advisory Commission

**Motion:** to confirm the appointments, **Action:** Confirm, **Moved by** Councilor Murray, **Seconded by** Councilor Woldman.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 6).

**Yes:** Councilor William Woldman, Councilor Kevin Lucero, Councilor Stuart Murray, Councilor Mel Knight, Councilor Zachary Burkett, Mayor Pro Tem David Dornburg

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Budget
Committee/Commission Appointments
Administrator’s Status on Meadowlark
Report on Romero/Other Parking Lots near Bosque
Equestrian Signs
M. ADJOURNMENT

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NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: June 16th, 2020 at 6:30pm

I certify that notice of the Public Meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and the Open Meetings Resolution 19-041.

I certify that this agenda was posted on: May 22nd, 2020.

Aaron Jullin, Village Clerk