MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Eagle Nest Community Center
151 Willow Creek Drive
Eagle Nest NM 87718

I. Call to Order
Mayor Richard Cordova called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Cordova asked Judy Montague to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call
Present were Mayor Richard Cordova, Councilor Fox Guinn, Councilor Dave Bolsinger, Councilor Julie Kulhan and Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin was present via telephone. A Full Quorum was present. Also present was Administrator Mary Berglund and Village Clerk Joyce Friedt. See attached list for all in attendance.

IV. Approval of the Agenda
Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin made the motion to approve the agenda: Councilor Bolsinger seconded the motion. Votes were as follow: Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin – aye, Councilor Guinn – aye, Councilor Bolsinger – aye, Councilor Kulhan – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda
1. Discussion/Action – November 19, 2018 – CDBG Public Hearing Minutes
2. Discussion/Action – November 20, 2018 – CDBG Public Hearing Minutes
3. Discussion/Action – December 18, 2018 – CDBG Public Hearing Minutes
4. Discussion/Action – December 18, 2018 – CDBG Public Hearing Minutes
5. Discussion/Action – December 18, 2018 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes
6. Discussion/Action – Approval of Mary Sangster and Lisa Karczynski to the Economic Development and Tourism Committee
7. Discussion/Action – Approval of Maggie Elliott and David Atzberger to the Aquaponics Committee
8. Discussion/Action – Approval of Connie Erwin and Henry Schwazber to the Library Advisory Board

Councilor Kulhan made the motion to approve the consent agenda; Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin seconded the motion. Votes were as follow: Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin – aye, Councilor Guinn – aye, Councilor Bolsinger – aye, Councilor Kulhan – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Presentation of Awards for Community Volunteer Service
Mayor Cordova presented a plaque of recognition for her service as a member of the Economic Development and Tourism Board.

VII. Mayor Cordova Closed the Regular Council Meeting and Opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 PM

Mayor Cordova opened the Public Hearing for comments. Judy Montague asked if the village could opt out in the future. Mayor Cordova stated the option to opt out is available. Councilor Kulhan also stated if the village chooses to opt out after the election in November, it will just change the terms for the elected officials again. There were no further questions or comments from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 6:05 PM AND THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING REOPENED

VIII. Comments from the Public

Under Sheriff Jeff Montoya addressed the council stating with his new position he will be working more out of Raton but will still be living in the area. He also stated a new Sargent has been posted to the Moreno Valley and a new Deputy will be moving to Eagle Nest within the next 60 days. Under Sheriff Montoya stated after all the changes have taken place, the Moreno Valley will have an Under Sheriff, himself, a Sargent and two Deputies, from Colfax County, in the area. He stated property crime for this area has gone down. Under Sheriff Montoya stated he has received calls regarding two stray dogs in the area. He stated he has spoken to the individual making the complaint and informed her Colfax County does not have a shelter to take the stray dogs. He also informed the individual she is allowed to protect herself if she is in immediate danger. Councilor Guinn stated his concern with the lack of traffic control in Eagle Nest. Under Sheriff Montoya stated there are many variables, especially in the winter months, which makes it impossible to provide 100% traffic control in Eagle Nest. He stated a deputy can be held up for about 6 to 8 hours with a traffic accident, deputies will help the state police with highway closers due to weather and/or accidents. He also stated the Colfax County Sheriff’s Department provides transportation of prisoners to appear in court, which takes away from a Deputy doing traffic control.

Mr. John Pollard, President of the Chamber of Commerce, updated the council regarding the upcoming events. He stated there will be a Valentine’s Day Dinner, at the community center, on Valentine’s Day. He also stated the Chamber is working on the 2nd Annual Cowboy Festival. The Chamber is asking for pictures of the community to put into the Visitors’ Guide. He also stated the Chamber would like any information on upcoming events so they can be added to the Visitors’ Guide. Mr. Pollard also commented he hopes all entities/committees can work together with the Chamber in helping to promote events and also the Village. He stated he feels it will make the community stronger if everyone worked together for the benefit of the Village of Eagle Nest.

IX. New Business


   Mayor Pro-temp McCaslin made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01, An Ordinance Pursuant To NMSA, 1978, Section 1-22-3.1 (2018) To Opt In To The Election Of The Municipal Officers Of The Village Of Eagle Nest In The Regular Local Election; Councilor Kulhan seconded the motion. Votes were as follow: Mayor Pro-temp McCaslin – aye, Councilor Guinn – aye, Councilor Bolsinger – aye, Councilor Kulhan – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Discussion/Action – Resolution 2019-01 – Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan and Subsidy Agreement (“Loan Agreement”) by and Between the Village of Eagle Nest, New Mexico (the “Governmental Unit”) and the New Mexico Finance Authority, Evidencing a Special Limited Obligation of the Governmental Unit to Pay a Principal Amount of No More than $707,000. Together with Interest, Expenses, if any, and Administrative Fees Thereon, and to Accept a Loan Subsidy of No More than $707,000, for the Purpose of Financing the Costs of Planning, Designing and Constructing the Willow Creek Tank, Water Line and Well House Improvements; Providing for the Pledge and Payment of the Principal, Administrative Fees and Interest Due Under the Loan Agreement Solely from the Net Revenues of the Joint Water and
Sewer System of the Governmental Unit; Setting an Interest Rate for the Loan; Approving the
Form of and Other Details Concerning the Loan Agreement; Ratifying Actions Heretofore Taken;
Repealing All Action Inconsistent with this Resolution; and Authorizing the Taking of Other
Actions in Connection with the Execution and Delivery of the Loan Agreement.

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Fees Thereon, and to Accept a Loan Subsidy of No More than $707,000, for the Purpose of
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and Well House Improvements; Providing for the Pledge and Payment of the Principal,
Administrative Fees and Interest Due Under the Loan Agreement Solely from the Net Revenues
of the Joint Water and Sewer System of the Governmental Unit; Setting an Interest Rate for the
Loan; Approving the Form of and Other Details Concerning the Loan Agreement; Ratifying
Actions Heretofore Taken; Repealing All Action Inconsistent with the Resolution; and
Authorizing the Taking of Other Actions in Connection with the Execution and Delivery of the
Loan Agreement; Councilor Kulhan seconded the motion. Votes were as follow: Mayor Pro-tem
Motion carried 4-0.

3. Discussion/Action – Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Loan and Subsidy Agreement
Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin made the motion to approve the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan
Fund, Loan and Subsidy Agreement; Councilor Bolsinger seconded the motion. Votes were as
follow: Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin – aye, Councilor Guinn – aye, Councilor Bolsinger – aye,
Councilor Kulhan – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Cordova stated presentations are not necessary since the presentations were done in front
of the Lodgers’ Tax committee. Councilor Bolsinger made the motion to approve the 2019
Lodgers’ Tax Appropriations; Councilor Kulhan seconded the motion. During discussion
Councilor Guinn asked if there was $13,000 available, why were only $12,000 awarded.
Councilor Kulhan stated Jack Schweitzer, the chairman of the Lodgers’ Tax Committee,
mentioned at the beginning of the meeting there was only $12,000 to be awarded. Councilor
Guinn was wondering why only $20,000 was budgeted for Lodgers’ Tax if the past three years
the average was $35,000. Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin stated during the budget meetings, council
decided to be conservative because of the Ute Park Fire and how it would impact the lodgers’ tax
collected. With no more discussion, Mayor Cordova called for a vote. Votes were as follow:
Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin – aye, Councilor Guinn – nay, Councilor Bolsinger – aye, Councilor
Kulhan – aye. Motion carried 3-1.

5. Discussion/Action – Reschedule February Regular Council Meeting
Mayor Cordova stated the February council meeting needs to be rescheduled since the Council
and Mayor will be in Santa Fe attending Municipal Day. Councilor Guinn made the motion to
reschedule the February Regular Council Meeting to Tuesday, February 12, 2019; Councilor
Kulhan seconded the motion. Votes were as follow: Mayor Pro-tem McCaslin – aye, Councilor
Guinn – aye, Councilor Bolsinger – aye, Councilor Kulhan – aye. Motion carried 4-0.

VII. Mayor/Administrator Report
Mayor Cordova stated he came from a meeting with our Representative at the Roundhouse today. He
stated he gave them all the Village appropriation requests. Mayor Cordova stated he spoke with
Representative Sanchez regarding money for public bathrooms for the park. Representative Sanchez stated the Village should do another appropriations with the additional money for the bathrooms included. Councilor Kulhan asked how much more is needed. Mayor Cordova stated $40,000 more is needed. Mayor Cordova stated the legislation has introduced 400 new bills and will also review all the bills former Governor Martinez vetoed.

Administrator/Department Report attached.

VIII. Department Reports
Administrator/Department Report attached.

Agnes Gibson gave a report on the Eagle Nest Visitor Center & Gateway Museum. Report attached.

Run For The Wall meeting is January 24, 2019 at 5 PM at Village Hall.

IX. Committee Reports
None

X. Items for Next Agenda
Website RFP
MAP & COOP
Taos Landfill JPA

XI. Adjourn
Councilor Kulhan made the motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm; Councilor Bolsinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 12th day of February 2019.

ATTEST:
Joyce Fritz, Village Clerk

Richard Cordova, Mayor