

COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET
WORKSHOP/WATER ORDINANCE WORKSHOP
MARCH 29, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wayne Ake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Wayne Ake, Councilors Russ Walkup, Bill Kennedy, Chad Wood and Jason Hatch, Clerk/Administrator Gayle Jones, Treasurer Michelle Fryhover, Attorney Mark Jarmie and Utilities Field Supervisor Kevin Fryhover.

3. DISCUSSION OF WATER & SEWER EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2016-2017 BUDGET

There was discussion regarding water and sewer expenditures for the 2016-2017 budget.

4. DISCUSSION OF WATER SERVICE ORDINANCE

Mayor Ake stated that Virgil Proctor had submitted a request for connecting his mobile home park to the water system. The current ordinance would require him to pay a \$2,040.00 tap fee per unit and Mr. Proctor has 16 units. Mayor Ake stated that this is also an economic development issue.

Mr. Proctor stated that their deadline to submit paperwork for their water system is April 1. He stated that because they can't connect before April 1, he is hoping that the council will consider this for future developments in the Village.

Mr. Proctor also brought up the transfer of existing water rights to new buildings. He stated that pre-1907 water rights can be transferred anywhere in the state, but irrigation water rights have to stay in the valley.

Councilor Walkup stated that he had researched what other cities across the nation are charging for a 2' tap. He stated that some of them also have a "capacity fee" and Los Lunas has an "impact fee" added to the tap fee. He stated that our single tap fee isn't out of line, but charging a tap fee per unit is.

Councilor Walkup also stated that the Village already has multiple places on the boulevard that have "master meters" or one meter serving several businesses.

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He stated that the water ordinance should specify one tap per residential lot and we need to re-word the ordinance to read water service rates for residential and commercial.

He suggested re-wording ordinance for commercial properties to be a single tap fee per lot as long as capacity doesn't go over the size of tap and allow commercial properties to transfer water rights to Village and allow them to water landscaping.

Field Supervisor Kevin Fryhover suggested requiring a dual back flow prevention device on all commercial properties to prevent any contamination coming into the system.

Councilor Kennedy agreed with Councilor Walkup; go with regular tap fee without multiples. He stated that water rights need to stay with the property, change 9-2-10 by deleting "residential" and he agreed with back flow prevention.

Attorney Jarmie stated that the fees need to be rationally related to what you need the money for. He also stated that when looking at a commodity such as water, everyone should be charged the same.

Mr. Fryhover will get council some quotes on new meters and connections to update water ordinance.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ake adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2015.

Wayne Ake, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Gayle A. Jones, Clerk/Administrator