

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

### **VILLAGE OF MELROSE P.O. Box 235 Melrose, New Mexico 88124**

The Village Council met in regular session on, December 08, 2025 at 5:00pm at Melrose Village Hall.

Board members present: Alan Daugherty, Ronald Moore, William Frazier, and James Mitchell

Staff Present: Jamie Stagner- Clerk/Treasurer/CPO, Amanda Vineyard- Water/Deputy Clerk, Brian Fulkrod- Public Works Director

Prayer by Mark Latham Sr

Pledge of Allegiance by Richard Swopes

Guests: Viki Lee, Mark Latham Sr, Kay Frazier, Richard Swopes

Absent: None

#### **Melrose Fire Department Report**

William Frazier reports that they took a truck to the Christmas Parade on base and it went well.

#### **Approval of November 24, 2025 Minutes**

Motion: James Mitchell

Second: William Frazier

Motion Carried: 3-0

#### **Approval of November Bills & Financials**

Motion: Ronald Moore

Second: James Mitchell

Motion Carried: 3-0

#### **Approval of Appointing of Vacant Council Seat**

Mayor Alan Daugherty Motions to appoint Richard Swopes as Councilman

Second: James Mitchell

Motion Carried: 3-0

Richard Swopes accepts Councilman position.

#### **Public Comment**

Mayor Alan Daugherty reads anonymous letter addressed to the Village Council. Mayor Alan Daugherty states that the concerns addressed in the letter concerning the potential moving of the Village dumpsters are that it could be hard on the elderly to make the trip to the other side of the railroad tracks. Mayor Daugherty states that there is a bar crossing that could make it easier. Mark Latham Sr states that he is for moving the dumpsters that it will help with the hygiene and stray cats. Mark states that his concern is with the Sr Center, that taking away the dumpster and making them pay for the dumpster will take away money from the sr center providing meals. Mark would like the dumpster fee be provide by the Village. Mayor Daugherty advises that if that were to occur there would need to be a lock on the dumpster or it will be used by others. Mayor Daugherty states that there were concerns in the letter that people would dump there trash there if there were dumpsters or not and Mayor Daugherty states that we would hope that would not happen and that we do have cameras. Mayor

Daugherty states another concern in the letter was that the elderly would not be able to reach to the higher dumpsters. Mayor Daugherty states that if the location does move we could make signs stating please reserve the lower dumpsters for the elderly.

#### Employee Reports

Brian Fulkrod reports that they started working on sign posts for Brownhorn. Brian states that they put the Christmas Tree up today.

Jamie Stagner reports that she will be gone Thursday and Friday for the Morarity basketball tournament. Jamie states that the parade is on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Jamie advise that the coloring contest papers and gingerbread houses will be turned in on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Jamie advises that the council come up on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> to vote on the winners.

#### Council Reports

Councilman William Frazier states that come members of the community are concerned with dead animals on the roadways. Brian Fulkrod states that if they are on the roadway they will pick them up to please call them. William Frazier advises of a potential pipeline south east of town to be installed in the next year and should help with revenue.

Councilman Ronald Moore: None

Councilman James Mitchell: None

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan Daugherty states that he is glad to report we have a full council now. Mayor Daugherty advises that he spoke with Amy Bassford and she will be assisting us in looking for more funding for the park and will be putting in an application to the L&WCF and for the transfer station. Mayor Daugherty advises that he spoke with the mayor in Fort Sumner about their attorney who is Zach Cook out of Ruidoso and will get in contact with him on fees. Mayor Daugherty states that the meal for the Village Christmas party will be chicken strips and meatballs and everyone bring a side.

Topics For Next Agenda: Municipal Attorney Zach Cook

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm.

Respectfully submitted:

*Jamie Rachelle Stagner*  
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Jamie Rachelle Stagner  
Clerk/Treasurer/CPO

Approved:

*Alan Daugherty*  
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Alan Daugherty  
Mayor  
Date: 12/16/25

