### **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

The Village Council met in regular session on, August 25, 2025 at 5:00pm at Melrose Village Hall.

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

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

Guests: Mark Latham, Virginia Wood, DeAun Willoughby (via phone)

Absent: Mayor Meadow Forget

Melrose Fire Department Report: None

Fierro & Fierro, P.A.- Presentation of FY 2023-2024 Audit

Rose Fierro explains the FY 23-24 Audit and findings. Rose Fierro asks for any questions regarding the audit findings and financials. Mayor Pro Tem Alan Daugherty advises of no questions.

Ronald Moore motions to accept the FY 2023-2024 Audit

Second: James Mitchell Motion Carried: 4-0

Approval of August 11, 2025 Minutes

Motion: James Mitchell Second: Ronald Moore Motion carried: 4-0

Approval of the VOM Fire Department to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Command Vehicle

Motion: William Frazier Second: James Mitchell Motion Carried: 4-0

Approval of Resolution No 2025-10 Village of Melrose Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the Water

Trust Board

Motion: Ronald Moore Second: James Mitchell Motion Carried: 4-0

Mark Latham- Veterans Memorial

Mark Latham advises that they have added two names to the memorial. Mark states that they are having some issues with the memorial and would like to have some standards for this. Mark advises that Memorial means deceased vets and, in the future, would like to establish this rule as in a DD214 presented. Mark advises that there are two names on the memorial that have never served and they would like to remove them and that they can fill the granite with glue to fill in. Mark states that he would like to vote on qualifications. Alan Daugherty states the we would like some examples to look at.

### **Public Comment**

Mark Latham states that he has not seen the code enforcement officer and misses her presence.

## **Employee Reports**

Brian Fulkrod reports that they are catching up on mowing and have had a few water breaks. Brian states that he had a meeting with the compliance officer for the discharge permit and that they have new software. Brian advises that they were concerned with our old ponds and that we need to expedite the filling of those and cap them off. Brian states that the steering box on the backhoe is going out and are having a hard time finding parts. Brian advises that we may need to replace the T-Rex backhoe. Brian states that regarding the speeding on Brownhorn he would like to get 2 flashing light stop signs.

Jamie Stagner reports the office is staying busy and that the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report has been approved. Jamie states that she wanted to remind everyone of the candidate filing day tomorrow from 9-5 at the curry county clerks office.

#### Council Reports

Councilman William Frazier reports that the fire department may be putting in a single bay at fire station 2 and would like to know how to get water to it.

Councilman Ronald Moore: None

Councilman James Mitchell reports that he does not believe we will be able to get a police officer and that there is a drone that can fly over scenes to see what is happening to take pictures and police monitoring and is around \$80,000.00 for it and \$50,000.00 a year for maintenance after that. James states that on behalf of all veterans, thank you for the quilts.

Councilman Alan Daugherty reports that the rotary met and went over the good and bad for old timers' day. The five-year reunion had a great crowd and any suggestions for next year would be great. Alan states that school is three weeks in and the ball teams are active and everyone should come out and watch. Alan states that track meets will be here this year after the track is fixed.

Mayor's Report: None

Topics For Next Agenda: Police Drone

Mayor Pro Tem Alan Daugherty entertains a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn
Motion: James Mitchell
Second: William Frazier
Motion carried: 4-0

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jamie Rachelle Stagner Clerk/Treasurer/CPO

Approved:

Meadow Forget

Mayor

Date: <u>09-08-25</u>