

VILLAGE OF ANGEL FIRE  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

This meeting was conducted via GoToWebinar in compliance with the NM Open Meetings Act

**Call to Order**

Mayor Mixon called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Mixon called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Present were Mayor Mixon, Mayor Pro-tem Peterson, Councilor Billingsley, Councilor Jassmann, Councilor Trom was absent . Also, present were Manager Mitchell and Village Clerk Terry Cordova. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilor Jassmann made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Billingsley seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**1. Approval of the January 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Pro-tem Peterson made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Billingsley seconded .Motion carried 3-0

**Request and Responses from the Audience (Limited to 3 minutes)-None**

**Announcements and Proclamations –None**

**Reports**

**1. Governing Body Report**

Mayor Mixon thanked Chief Murtagh for his years of service that he has given to Angel Fire. His professionalism, his ability to lead his team and the grants he secured for his department. The true compassion and care he puts into his position shows the true type of person that he is. I personally have enjoyed working with him and learning from his knowledge and want to wish him great success in his retirement.

Councilor Billingsley stated that he was putting together a meeting of the fire adaptive committee for February.

**2. Manager’s Report**

Manager Mitchell thanked Chief Murtagh, he is a great leader. He has been a good mentor, someone that you can always count on to go to for questions. I want to wish him and his wife Kelley and their children nothing but the best. I am happy that you will be staying around for a while to help out with the transition. John has done a lot for the community, a lot for the area since they have moved here and I have appreciated working with them over the last year. Thank you.

**Staff Report-None**

**3. Committee Report-None**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion/Approval of the Appointment of a New Fire Chief**


Councilor Billingsley made the motion to approve the appointment of a new fire chief. Councilor Jassmann seconded. Manager Mitchell started by saying that it is my honor on behalf of the mayor to present to you Chief Kevin Henson. Chief Hanson is a Native New Mexican has been in the fire service since the late 1980’s. He began as a volunteer EMT-intermediate firefighter for Edgewood Volunteer fire department, and later promoted to captain firefighter paramedic. He worked for Albuquerque ambulance and a number of nearby EMS agencies, including aeromedical support. Chief Hanssen was instrumental in the creation of Santa Fe County Fire Department in the late 1990’s and served as an assistant

1 chief there before moving to Oregon to become a fire chief for the Marion County Fire  
2 Department, where he had over 50 career firefighters and EMTs working for him plus 80  
3 volunteers. Servicing over 7000 calls a year with a population of greater than 350,000 in the  
4 Salem Oregon area, is most familiar with combination services, both volunteer and career, as  
5 we have here. Chief Henson is well known Fire and EMS Educator in the State of New  
6 Mexico with an ability to write many successful grants at the state and federal level for fire  
7 departments. John Murtagh, Fire Chief started by saying the he sincerely appreciated the kind  
8 words. It's really been my privilege and honor to serve the residents and the visitors to the  
9 village of Angel Fire. I know that retiring and moving forward that I leave the department and  
10 the entire village in very good hands, with Chief Hansen. He is an excellent paramedic and an  
11 excellent educator and he is going to really bring the department into the next phase and to  
12 the next level and I appreciate his commitment and agreeing to do this, and I appreciate your  
13 commitment. So it is my pleasure to introduce Kevin Henson to you Madam Mayor and  
14 Councilors. Kevin Henson starting by saying that he look forward to the opportunity to serve  
15 the village and Angel Fire. I'm familiar with the Enchanted Circle as my family has a cabin in  
16 Red River since the late 1960's. I am most effective, and I enjoy the most when I manage and  
17 lead combination fire departments that are volunteering/ career and I think I can build on the  
18 successes of Chief Murtagh. We've already started looking at documents, are talking about  
19 things that need to be done. Met with the manager who was very clear about some of his  
20 expectations, and I think I can meet those. He also stated that should the governing body be  
21 comfortable with the he will be prepared to start work mid -day Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>. With  
22 no further discussion the motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Pro-tem Peterson –aye, Councilor  
23 Billingsley –aye, Councilor Jassmann-aye.

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25 Mayor Mixon adjourned the meeting at 5:49pm.

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27 **Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 9<sup>th</sup> day in February, 2021**

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36 **Terry Cordova, Village Clerk**

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**Jo Mixon, Mayor**