



# V I L L A G E   O F   H A T C H

August 16, 2007

The Honorable Steve Pearce  
United States Representative  
1607 Longworth Building  
Washington DC 20515-3102

Dear Representative Pearce:

On February 14, 2006, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch adopted Resolution No. 669 supporting the New Mexico Wilderness Society's proposal on Bureau of Land Management public lands disposal.

In the past weeks, the Board of Trustees has learned that the information they had at the time the resolution was adopted did not give them all they needed to make an informed decision.

After considerable deliberation of the consequences of their action, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously at their regular meeting held August 14, 2007, to rescind Village of Hatch Resolution No. 669.

The matter will be taken under consideration at a later date when further information is available.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judd L. Nordyke". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Judd L. Nordyke, Mayor

Regular Meeting -- August 14, 2007 (Cont'd)

The cemetery map has been updated. The Spaceport Visitors Center plan /map is ready and Rob will send it up tomorrow. The draft preliminary engineering report on the wastewater treatment plan was delivered last month. Rob has a power point presentation ready but since this will take about an hour he would like to do that at a separate meeting.

Mayor Nordyke stated that a special meeting/workshop would be scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, for Rob to make his presentation.

Trustee Nuncz asked Rob about the gas plan for Rodey. Rob will check on this.

Mayor Nordyke gave the Spaceport update in Jim Hayhoe's absence. UP Aerospace has asked to co-host our Celebrate the Future event in October. This event has been expanded to a 3 day this year. The Northern Dona Ana County Economic Development Advisory Council has been activated. The next Spaceport Authority meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on August 21, 2007, in Hatch. The Community Advisory Committee will meet following the spaceport Authority meeting. Work on the Spaceport Welcome Center is ongoing. The master site plan has been created and work is being done on strategics to accelerate the State commitment for Hatch. The memorandum of understanding regarding the land acquisition for the center is in the works. Dane Kennon has been appointment to represent the Hatch School District on the Spaceport Gross Receipts Tax Advisory Committee. Work is being done on the Certified Community Initiative application which is due August 29, 2007.

Jim Brewer gave a report on the youth recreation program. The baseball season is complete. There were nine T-Ball teams, four Pee-Wee teams and four Little League teams participating this year. The teen volleyball season is complete. There were four mid school and four high school team participating. The swim bus ran for 10 weeks to the pool in Dona Ana. There were approximately sixty riders per week. Mr. Brewer expressed his appreciation to the Hatch schools for all their help with this program. The building project has slowed down some. We are still waiting for money from Santa Fe to complete the project. There are thirteen men's teams and seven to nine co-ed teams signed up for the Chile Festival Tournament. Johnny Lucero has expressed an interest in being a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee but according to the by-laws there are only seven members of this committee. Mr. Brewer asked for a waiver of the by-laws regulations in order to appoint him to the committee. Mayor Nordyke stated that we could possibly appoint him as an ex-officio member to serve until there is a vacancy and then have him fill the vacancy.

Trustee Nunez gave a report on the Rio Grande Natural Gas Association. The Board is still battling on the RFP for an operator and a fiscal agent. RFP's are going out with a 180 day window for response. The City of Las Cruces is forming a Utility Advisory Group which may change who will represent the City on the RGNGA Board. The Board is trying to work out an agreement with Smith & Aguirre to do the hookups for Rio Grande Natural Gas in order to avoid the high cost of the City of Las Cruces doing the hookups at triple the rate. The Board has begun discussions on the cost of service rate increases.

Mayor Nordyke reported that he has been in contact with Liz Bernal and she will be putting together a proposal to present to the Trustees regarding her services in preparing the response to the RGNGA RFP for operator/fiscal agent.

Trustee Sment reminded the Board that in February 2006 the Trustees were approached by the Wilderness Society regarding their proposal on Bureau of Land Management public lands disposal. What they presented to us at that time has proven to be only half true and there has since been plenty of opposition to supporting their request. He feels it is in the best interest of the Village Trustees to rescind Resolution No 669 which was passed at that time.

Trustee Sment moved to rescind Resolution No. 669 supporting the NM Wilderness Society's proposal on Bureau of Land Management public lands disposal. Seconded by Trustee Burns. Mayor Nordyke polled the Trustees as follows: Trustee Torres-Aye, Trustee Nunez-Aye, Trustee Sment-Aye and Trustee Burns-Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Nunez moved to propose to adopt an ordinance to provide for the appointment of a temporary municipal judge to fill in during the municipal judge's absence. Seconded by Trustee Sment. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Nuncz moved to adopt Resolution No. 726 in support of the Village of Hatch being selected as a site for the Spaceport Welcome Center. Seconded by Trustee Burns. The Board was polled as