

**COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE FARMS, NM
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 4, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gillespie called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL OF GOVERNING BODY

Present were Mayor Chris Gillespie, Councilor Ronita Wood, Mayor Pro Tem Erica De Smet, Councilor James Bruhn, and Councilor Manuel Zamora. Quorum present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gillespie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OLD BUSINESS

**A. A RESOLUTION PROCLAMING DANGEROUS FIRE CONDITIONS AND
DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXISTING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BOSQUE
FARMS; TEMPORARILY BANNING ISSUANCE OF OPEN BURN PERMITS.**

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet made a motion to approve a Resolution Proclaiming Dangerous Fire Conditions. Councilor Zamora seconded the motion.

There was discussion. Councilor Zamora sent Attorney Winters suggestions to add to the resolution. The suggestion was to pull from the draft ordinance to clarify, even though there's a ban on the issuance of permits, there would not be a ban on things such as backyard cookouts, gas ranges, charcoal burning, smokers would be allowed. They would be permitted so long as they're in a contained unit.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet changed suggesting was, on the fifth Whereas's down, change the Mayor or his designee to the Mayor or Fire Chief.

Attorney Winters stated, right now the language does say "or his designee." If the Mayor is okay with clarifying that his designee is the Fire Chief, that's fine.

Mayor has no objection to that change.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet asked if the Mayor or Fire Chief will be the ones to determine when the end of the burn ban is, or are we just going with the county burn ban?

Attorney Winters wrote this to contemplate that it would be this governing body's decision to lift the burn ban.

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Mayor Pro Tem De Smet amended her first motion to approve, to include the changes to the fourth and fifth Whereas under Resolution 1090-26 Proclaiming Dangerous Fire Conditions. Councilor Zamora seconded the motion.

Roll call as follows: Councilor Wood, for; Mayor Pro Tem De Smet, for; Councilor Bruhn, for; and Councilor Zamora, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING: ORDINANCE NO. 2026-__ AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VILLAGE CODE WASTE, AND, SECTION 11-3 OPEN BURNING.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet made a motion to approve Authorizing Publication of Notice. Councilor Zamora seconded the motion.

Mayor Gillespie stated this item is open for discussion by council. This took a good chunk of the ordinance that seemed to have disappeared into the ether and put it back before the governing body. He believes the copy came from Chief Brogdon.

Attorney Winters gave an update. It looks like there was an attempt in 2023 to pass this exact same language, it may have happened, but the signed ordinance cannot be found. Also, it has to be published fourteen (14) days ahead of time before you adopt, and it has to be published again five (5) days after it is approved. We did a search of the Valencia News and could not find any indication that it had been published before or after. Fire Chief Schnieder recommended we put it on the agenda, reapprove, republish and do it right. Clerk/Administrator did make arrangements with the Journal and the Valencia News to publish so we're covered to have it heard at your next regular meeting.

Lee Wharton made a comment. She was at the last meeting where this was approved. The existing mayor was very much against it because it did not educate the public. The contention was by removing the burn permits, it did not educate our residents enough about the requirements. It was also important to keep the fire department informed of who had burn permits. She would like the Council to amend the ordinance that passed that didn't get codified, to require Bosque Farms to have burn permits so that the fire department knows who's burning and our residents know what the procedures are.

Lillie McNabb does not believe this Village has to do a burn permit. The people that are going to burn illegally are going to burn. The paperwork is ridiculous, and you just get two weeks. She thinks we should stick with no permits.

Mayor Pro Tem De Smet added she spoke with the Fire Chief as well and their stance is that it doesn't matter if you have a burn permit or not. If somebody calls, the fire department is going to show up.

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Mayor Gillespie advised in the red line it states that the permit does not need to be issued. That was the way they seemed to have left it.

Roll call as follows: Councilor Wood, for; Mayor Pro Tem De Smet, for; Councilor Bruhn, for; and Councilor Zamora, for. **Motion carried unanimously.**

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 11:28 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF MAY 2026.

Chris Gillespie, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Erica A. Martinez, Clerk/Administrator