

**TOWN BOARD AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 17, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Sisneros.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Sisneros	P
Mayor Pro-Tem McClure	P
Trustee Gallegos	P
Trustee Adeline Sanchez	P
Trustee Hurtado	P
Trustee McClure	P
Trustee James Sanchez	P

A motion to approve the agenda with changes was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McClure, seconded by Mayor Sisneros. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA –

Minutes – There were no changes to the minutes.

Police Dept. Report – Trustee Adeline Sanchez would like the police to go back to the report that the Board use to receive.

Court Report – There were no questions on the report.

Public Works Report –

Utilities – Trustee Adeline Sanchez asked about burying the wire and the testing that is being done. The utility department would like to purchase a new tester at the cost of twenty-five to thirty thousand at a future time. Dave told the Board that we adjusted the bill for Gourmet Potato to the correct amount. We may adjust the rate further if the rate study shows that we need to. Chris Nelson talked about Christmas Decorations; Brian will get the cost of the decorations for the Board.

Water – Trustee McClure said that he would like to know where we are with the smell in the ditch. Brian will look into it and report back in August. Trustee McClure said that the Town should get real involved with the water well issues and continue with Clearwater on the water issues for the Consaul Property.

Streets and Parks – The schedule for paving will be on July 24th and 25th. The Street and Park workers will talk with the Apartment complexes to stripe right after the paving is done. Trustee Hurtado thanked Alan, Anthony, Rafael and Dave with all the help getting the fields prepared for the baseball tournament.

Building Report – The report will be changed to the Code Enforcement Report – Dave and the Board talked about the illegal watering. Attorney Trujillo said to put it in the bills and newsletter as the written warning. Trustee McClure made a motion to have an emergency drought change to the ordinance effective July 18, 2018 and that there will not be a warning, it will be a citation, seconded by Trustee James Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Adeline Sanchez, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll Call – All in favor.

PAYABLES – A motion to approve the payables was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McClure, seconded by Trustee James Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

MANAGERS REPORT – Brian talked about the success of the 4th of July. Brian has heard a lot of positive comments. Mayor Pro-Tem McClure suggested getting recycle bins next year.

OLD BUSINESS –

GOALS –

Water Meters – Brian said himself and Dave are working on the water meter plan to present to the Board. There is quite a bit of planning to do.

Comp Plan – The old plans are in Town Hall, Trustee McClure said that he thinks they can use quite a bit of the plan.

Paving Schedule – Moved to Streets and Parks.

Colorado Trust –

Brian said that he got access today to move monies to Colorado Trust. Trustee McClure said that we need to go to the Bank in Alamosa if Center cannot handle the request. Trustee McClure said that we need the financials.

Meraz Property-

Brian reiterated the discussion from the last meeting. Trustee Hurtado, Trustee Adeline Sanchez and Trustee McClure said that they are in favor of selling the property. Trustee McClure made a motion that they sell it to the highest bidder of \$8,700, seconded by Trustee Adeline Sanchez. Trustee Hurtado, Trustee Adeline Sanchez and Trustee McClure – y, Mayor Sisneros –n, Trustee Gallegos –n, Trustee James Sanchez –n and Mayor Pro-Tem McClure –n. Vote Failed 3-4.

Veteran Memorial Wall -

Trustee James Sanchez asked about the progress. Brian said they are still engraving. We will put it on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Utility Rates – An Open Dialogue was held to come to a solution for those with commercial rates – Brian said that Trustee McClure brought the issue to his attention on a personal customer level that he paid a certain amount for years but is zoned commercial. Brian said that he has talked with the PUC and Excel about how they handle the situation. Trustee McClure said you should charge according to consumption not zoning. Where Trustee McClure lives he said that the whole area is zoned commercial. Trustee McClure feels to bill by zoning is discriminatory.

CIRSA – Set Date for Study Session

Brian said he would like for CIRSA to come down and have a study session with all the Board Members. Brian will schedule August 7th at 1:00 p.m. Brian will ask about Department heads.

M.E.A.N. – To Provide the Town with Power

Brian talked about M.E.A.N and the work session that they gave to the Board. M.E.A.N. provides a lot of benefits. Brian recommends that the Town go with M.E.A.N. Attorney Trujillo said that he feels more comfortable about M.E.A.N and the stability this company has. Trustee Hurtado made a motion that the Town signs a contract with M.E.A.N to provide the Electric service for the Town of Center, seconded by Trustee Adeline Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Illegal Watering – Added to the Code Enforcement Report.

Gas Contract with M.E.A.N. –

Brian and Dave will look into this as soon as possible.

Saguache County Sales Tax –

Trustee McClure said that the Sheriff is asking for a Sales Tax of one and half cent. Trustee McClure would like Attorney Trujillo look into the Town of Center opting out of paying the increase in Sales Tax.

CALENDER ITEMS

CIRSA – August 7, 2018

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

A motion to enter into executive session was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

A motion to adjourn out of executive session was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Adeline Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The time is 9:19.

Police Chief Position –

A motion to Hire Tristan VanZalinge with the salary being negotiable was made by Trustee Hurtado, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Hurtado. Roll Call
– All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera, CMC
Deputy Clerk

Herman Sisneros
Mayor