

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Garcia.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Garcia	P
Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez	ABSENT
Trustee Beiriger	P
Trustee Gonzales	P
Trustee Gallegos	P
Trustee Barela	E
Trustee McClure	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Craig Barraclough – DRG and Utility Compensation was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – 12/19/2023 – There were two changes one to the Gas system it should read Gas at the Power Plant and Frederick changed to Town of Frederick.

Court Report – Natalia gave the Court Report – Trustee McClure asked how the wording in the newsletter read, and to make sure to have two people review it.

Police Report – Chief Fresquez said that they have 23 more cases. Trustee McClure asked about the agency assist. There is a verbal policy about responding to agency assists. Chief Fresquez gave out the stats that the Board had asked for concerning pay. The report is very in depth but has a lot of other positions. The Department did have their community breakfast, they didn't have as many people as they expected. Traffic stop resulted in the k9 being deployed, they found stolen guns. Trustee Gonzales asked if the Department would be willing to go to the preschool. Officer Martinez would like to teach the kids about the Police Department.

Public Works Report – Jaime Hurtado

Utilities – The gas and electric were raised by a few cents this last month. Two utility employees resigned for other positions. It has been advertised in four different places. Chris Nelson has agreed come back to help the guys and once the other employees are hired and trained. Chris will go to a contract basis. Jaime has been in contact with WAPA and CAMU, with WAPA they

are losing 1% of volume this happens every ten years. MEAN said that this is normal. Gas pressure test needs to be done; Jaime said that he is waiting for a quote from the engineer. Dave and Chris had done some preliminary tests prior to leaving and thought that we may be able to move the boarding station.

Water /Sanitation– Brian and Jaime are in contact with the bankruptcy courts at least twice a week. They are reviewing the contract with ICONERGY. Brian filed the claim 01/08/24.

Streets and Parks – The pavilions went into Chamiso and Central park. These were part of a grant. Jaime will set a meeting between Brian, himself and the Sanitation District.

Code Enforcement – Sergio is working very close with Jaime so that everyone knows what’s going on. Sergio started full time they are working on his schedule and Sergio will start to get his certifications.

Trustee McClure asked about the temporary compensation to the Utility Crew while they are short-handed. Commercial Water Meters – Trustee McClure asked about the disconnects for commercial meters that did not comply with the back flow. Those commercial meters are getting remedies. There was tampering and a letter was sent out. Notices are sent out to the Owner concerning code enforcement issues. The Utility crew was in discussions about the shortage.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Craig Barraclough with DRG – Mr. Barraclough contacted the Brian to talk about DRG. The Town became a member and have received a few of the grants. Council of Governments – There is a lot of Federal money that is out there, Colorado has hired navigators to bring some of the money to the locals. There are some grants with matching monies. Mr. Barraclough is a resource for the Town. On January 26th they will be giving a zoom meeting about what is going on. The COG can help with funding for POST training or CDL training. There might be a community facilities grant (Training Center). Citizen Mary McClure asked if there was any help for the North 90. Mr. Barraclough said that they could meet and discuss it more.

PAYABLES

Trustee McClure asked about the check for the membership to COG for \$2400. Trustee McClure asked about the Google. A motion to approve the Payables was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

MANAGERS REPORT

Brian said that there was a Roadmap regional team and the Town was awarded the money, \$41,000 will be allocated to the small business. RTAP program – Keith said that they applied for direct financial assistance for small businesses. There will be an application that will be available. The Criteria will be a little more open than most grants. The deadline will be May 31st. There will be administrative fees for staff. They did not put in anything for Community Match.

RESOLUTIONS –

Brian read the resolution out loud. Trustee McClure talked about the resolution. Trustee McClure asked about the Water Fund and does not feel that we should be appropriating these sums of monies. A motion to approve resolution 2024124 was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –Trustee Beiriger, Trustee Gonzales, Trustee Gallegos and Mayor Garcia – y, Trustee McClure - N.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 568 – A motion to approve Ordinance 568 – Property Tax was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Gonzales, Trustee Beiriger and Mayor Garcia – y, Trustee McClure – N. Motion Carries.

Ordinance 569 – A motion to approve Ordinance 569 – Appropriating Sums of Money was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Gonzales, Trustee Beiriger and Mayor Garcia – y, Trustee McClure – N. Motion carries.

Homeland Security Ordinance e – There is monies that the Feds can give to the Department to do the Federal investigations. This is a reimbursement agreement. It is for off-duty officers only. Trustee McClure said that is working with ICE and the Forfeiture of funds. It is Federal but not the State. A motion to approve the Homeland Security Ordinance was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to set the 2024 Meeting Schedule the same was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Utility Temporary Wage increases – A motion to give the Utility Department a temporary \$5 per hour increase and to raise the Evening on Call to \$100 and the Weekend on Call to \$150 was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

ICONERGY – Discussed in the Utility Report

AT&T—Brian talked about the agreement, Brian has tried calling but Josiah was on vacation. The buyout of the contract is for \$108,000 with the new contract collecting the \$500 per month that the Town is currently receiving. Brian will try to contact them for better clarification.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Planning Commission – January 22 – 5:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

AT&T

ARPA FUND

UPDATES ON MURALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor