

TOWN OF CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2025  
5:30 P.M.

A Utility Workshop was held at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 by Mayor Gallegos.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Gallegos	P
Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger	P
Trustee Lopez	P
Trustee Gonzales	P
Trustee Sanchez	P
Trustee Barela	P
Trustee McClure	P

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing – Liquor License for Center Liquor – A motion to go into public hearing and appoint Attorney Trujillo as the hearing officer was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The hearing was called to order at 6:25 p.m. Ms. Franco lives in Dickenson N.D. and was on the phone during the hearing, and has owned a liquor establishment since 2017, Center Liquor Inc. Here Liquor License is expired. The property is the same one that had been used in the prior license. Ms. Franco and her Husband own the building. Ms. Franco will hire a manager. Ms. Franco will have to file a different type of an application to include a manager. There were two violations of selling to minors. Real estate lease is for 2 years. Attorney Trujillo asked when will they open? Ms. Franco said that they will open when they have everything in place. Ms. Franco said they would like to add it to the community. The hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – A motion to approve the agenda with an addition to the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES – A motion to approve the meeting dates and times with the January regular meeting will be moved to a special meeting on January 29th, November 11<sup>th</sup> will be moved to the 12<sup>th</sup> and the December meeting will be held the 11th made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS –**

There were no citizen comments.

## CONSENT AGENDA

COURT REPORT – Trustee Sanchez had questions about how they handle the FTA. Alexis said that they send out a notice to appear. The cases from Sgt. Fresquez were dismissed for lack of reports.

POLICE REPORT – Interim Guaderrama said that shop with the cop was a success. There were donations from Zapata Farms and First Southwest Bank. There are three new officers – Cody Hunn, Samuel Navarro and David Pino. The three officers have been sworn in. Before Chief Fresquez left they were in the process of getting a grant for new Tasers, Interim Chief Guaderrama helped finish the grant and they were awarded the grant for 7 new Tasers and everything that is included at a cost of \$32,000. Another grant was completed from Dept. of Homeland Security for new communication equipment in the amount of \$65,000 dollars. The Department will be notified in two to three months. There were 23 cases 12 were arrests. December had 24 citations into court. Trustee Lopez – asked about their only being one charge on the Fireworks, but there are several instances of the fireworks going off. Ordinance states that he has to turn over the fireworks. There was another citation issued today off a complaint.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORTS – Jaime talked about what they are going to focus on in 2025. There was a utility meeting prior to the start of the meeting. They are waiting on Davis Engineering to give a plan to start the SRTS project. Trustee McClure asked about the accounting issues on the project? The monies should be held in a different account. Accountability for the grant. The Downtown and Third Street project worth St. and third St. Cole and Jaime had a meeting with the Engineer. Trustee McClure asked when was this approved? It was discussed but not authorized. Trustee McClure said that there is no plan. Cole said that the project as a whole was not approved but talking to the engineer was. Cole said that he can expend up to \$5000 without the Board approval. Trustee Lopez said that he agrees with the rototilling to straighten out the road. Trustee McClure asked if the Board will be involved. Utility software that needs to be done. N90 project is still ongoing. Jaime is holding staffing and training with every department.

L&P- There were no questions.

Gas – There were no questions.

Water – Implementation of water meters to improve our water fund. Someone ran over the fence at the West well and estimates were turned over to the courts. The Town should receive restitution. The west pump has been down about a month. Trustee McClure said that the area has not been kept up at all. Do we need better security? There are no reports of things going down.

Sanitation – There were no questions

Streets and Parks – No questions.

Code Enforcement- Trustee McClure asked if Orlando is enforcing the codes- 336 Miles St. construction no building permits. Jaime said that it was posted and everything is included. Jaime said that it was approved prior to Orlando. Trustee McClure said that there is a Final inspection certificate without any knowledge of finalizing permits. The LDS and Frontier were finalized: where are his qualifications? Jaime said that when they issue, certifications are all done that's when they certify. Orlando is studying for his test; there is a lot of information.

Trustee McClure said that he has no certifications to issue final occupancy certificates and does not want to be held liable.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Ann and Mary with the planning commission spoke about the planning commission. They have issues about how it is being run. There were no administrators there. Concerns about the n90 project and they have no information. The Planning Commission is not getting attendance or information about the code enforcement or about projects. They want to be informed and involved. Did not know the RFQ was going online. They feel they are being left out. Ann said that she loves the Town but it needs involvement.

There is so much funding for the Town, but they all need to get all on the same page. Housing is the biggest need. They feel the North 90 is a priority and not the roundabout and parallel parking. Cole said that he appreciates the ladies for all their work. Cole said he has an open door policy. He is doing work with DCI and there will not be any ground breaking until the next of year, but some work will begin by the end of the year. Adeline said that they could have called and said that staff would not be present. Ann said that it would be nice to be included.

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

#### MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> with corrections made to the meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### PAYABLES

A motion to approve the payables with questions was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### TOWN MANAGERS REPORT –

Cole has a February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting with DCI at 5:30 p.m. David Starns has offered to help with writing for phase 2 for up to \$200,000. Trustee McClure asked about the Urban Renewal Authority. Cole said he has a meeting with DOLA for the transfer of the Land. Cole will send the zoom link to the Board. Downtown improvements met with Rick (engineer), and Jaime. Business owners would like to come to a meeting. Workshop on February – 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for Downtown Improvement. Dog License fees - \$10 spayed \$15 not spayed. Cole has been reviewing the Town Ordinances that need updating. Summer Bash – June 28<sup>th</sup> = theme is the Vintage 70's.

#### OLD BUSINESS –

Criminal codes – update – Attorney Trujillo said that he is still working on it and is close to getting it ready to present to the Police Department.

AmeriCorps volunteer – update – Cole is working on a meeting with the main person at La Puente.

## NEW BUSINESS

Vivent – Jesse Kreps – Mr. Kreps wanted to talk to the Board about Vivent Security. Crime rate has gone up tremendously. Wanted to let them know about security systems for residents.

Center Liquor Store – Approval – A motion to approve the Liquor License for Center Liquor Store was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call- Trustee Lopez –y, Mayor Gallegos – y, Trustee Sanchez –y, Trustee Gonzales – y, Trustee Barela –y Trustee McClure – abstain, conflict of interest and Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger -y. Motion Carries.

Alta Liquor Renewal – A motion to approve the Liquor License renewal for Alta Liquor Store was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Updated Center School District IGA – The Town has had the agreement since 2020. The IGA will stay in effect until May 2027 – revisit this in six months due to possible changes. A motion to approve the updated IGA with Center School District and to have Cole sign it was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Personnel and Budget Allocations – Trustee McClure said that he strained the salaries during budget hearing. The report is inadequate and full of errors. Rose had sent the corrected report. Accountant should have better grasp on the reports. Some discussions about the Bookkeeper. Rose will check into allocations.

## CALENDAR ITEMS

Workshop w/ Caselle – They would like to know what modules the Board is interested.

## ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

June 22 – San Juan Festival

June 24 – 27<sup>th</sup> – CML Conference

February 13<sup>th</sup> – Legislative Conference

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos  
Mayor