

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2024
5:30 P.M.

A financial workshop was held at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Mayor Garcia

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lynn Thompson County Chairmen for Saguache County - Citizen for Climate Action – Special Interest group and would like input from the communities in Saguache County. The County belongs to CCI – CCAT.

FINANCIALS

A motion to approve the December soft financials was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

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

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – FIRE DEPARTMENT - Would like to host a fund raiser (dance) on March 16th 6:00 p.m. to Midnight. A motion to approve the Special Events Permit was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

PLANNING COMMISSION – REVIEW – Ann Cunningham presented the updates and would like to have a public hearing for recommended updates on February 27th at 6:30 p.m. recommendations on the new zoning. Keith has been working on infrastructure grants but one of the qualifying strategies has to be approved. We cannot close out the IHOP until the contributing communities also adopt one of the strategies. Evan Samora Housing Authority to come talk to the Committee. Randi Smead with DOLA will also come. Also a few others may come to a meeting. Website Planning Commission guidelines need to be corrected.

AT&T CONTRACT – UPDATE – Nothing has changed, the Company would pay the \$108,000 up front and feels that they are taking all the risk. Symphony Wireless would get the \$500 a month. Where would the money go? The disadvantage would be no longer receiving the money. Attorney Trujillo will review the contract, we may be able to renegotiate after 20 years. The land is not part of the sale.

MURAL UPDATE – Keith spoke about the update – The last two weeks he has been working with five student interns. The students have designed a public art survey. The goal is to launch the survey and get at least one hundred responses. Once the survey is complete Keith will then contact artists to do the murals. Survey results should be available at the next meeting to be evaluated and completed in the spring. Town of Saguache has also applied for funding to use the students and give them stipends like the Town of Center has done.

ARPA FUNDS –

Keith representing Economic Development, Keith would like the Board to suggest usages for the money would like two to three suggestive uses. Trustee McClure suggested using Portillo's for the senior's in the Community. ARPA can be used for Economic Development to include matching funds. If the Board can have the ideas ready by the next meeting. The deadline for the money, is it has to be committed by the end of 2024 and spent by 2026.

1 – Support the construction of housing for local residents – \$409,000

2 – Investing in our Downtown buildings – façade improvements is allowed

3 – Supporting start - up costs for entrepreneurs. We can get creative with the way we use it for this portion.

RESOLUTIONS

Attorney Trujillo read the resolution out loud - A motion to approve Resolution 2024-1 passed concerning the Ballot question with the change to include the wording from the original question that was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE

Attorney Trujillo read the Ordinance out loud – Ordinance is concerning the Disposable Bag Fee. A motion to approve Ordinance 570 was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Update on the Water Meters

Murals

ARPA

Junior Class

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC

Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia

Mayor