

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2025
5:15 P.M.

The utility workshop was held at 5:15 p.m. Next month the workshop will be a meeting and called to order at 5:15 with the regular agenda items.

The Town Board Meeting was called to order at by Mayor Gallegos at 6:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with changes was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Court Report – The disposition list report has the fines. Trustee Sanchez asked how is the Judge handling the FTA- Alexis did reach out to here but is waiting for the answer. Alexis said the courts are that they are working on how to handle the homeless. Trustee Lopez asked about the dismissal of some of the cases, Alexis said that they didn't have supporting documents.

Police Report – Interim Chief Guaderrama talked about the FTO program. This week he is attending the FBI leada course which is a trilogy course. Will complete these courses by July which is usually a three-year course a forty to forty-five-hour week. There is a grant from Saguache County to help with the costs. The vehicle that was damaged in the fall, should be out of the shop within two weeks. Trustee Sanchez asked how many cars we have now. There are a few cars that are useless because of the dog cages. There is a car for each officer. Interim Chief Guaderrama has the invoice to be paid for the new Truck. Interim Chief Guaderrama Has applied for another Saguache County grant for new firearms, Optic, flashlights and holsters. Interim Chief Guaderrama has interviewed a couple of people but felt that they are not a correct fit for the department. Trustee Lopez asked if we hired the seventh position how they are about the hours and doubled per shift. Attorney Trujillo, talked about the Brady issue that is not told prior to hiring. Post has its own list that may have a Brady or an Internal investigation. Trustee Sanchez asked the status on the Fresquez brothers and when we can decide on their

employment. Attorney Trujillo said that it may drag on. There were 10 arrests, 12 citations, 29 calls for service in January. Attached was a chart with names of officers to show productivity.

Public Works Report – Jaime gave his report prior to the meeting. In the future it will be held during the regular meeting. See attached notes.

L&P –

Gas –

Water –

Sanitation

Streets and Parks –

Code Enforcement –

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

MINUTES

February 4 2025 - Trustee McClure said that he was abstaining to these minutes as it is concerning Trustee McClure's hearing. A motion to approve the minutes from 01/28/25,01/30/25 and 02/04/25 with corrections to the February 4 meeting was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor, with the exception of the 02/04/25 – Trustee McClure did abstain for the record. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

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

Cole said that they had a meeting with State Patrol about the cost to take over dispatch. There are no quotes from the Trash. A company called Story Trash out of Del Norte. Uniforms – are paid quarterly.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Cole talked about the complete reorganization of the safe while following the records retention schedule. There was a meeting with the potential developer for North 90, they toured the Town and discussed the development. The Developer is also doing the development in Saguache and possibly Del Norte. The Thursday workshop will include the Board, Planning Commission, DCI and the developer. Cole is working on two Saguache County grants for activities for the Senior Citizens. One of the Grants is to help reestablish the chamber of commerce. The summer Event is still in the working. Ann Cunningham asked if they have reached out to the business owners about a chamber? Ann also asked How much is the Country singer cost? Cole said it is about \$5000. Citizen Brian Ornelas asked what a Chamber Commerce is? Cole explained that it depends how it is set up. It is independent from the Town.

OLD BUSINESS

SRTS UPDATE – Cole said that there is a meeting tomorrow with Katrina concerning the SRTS. Cole and Jaime will attend the meeting. Trustee McClure asked how much the cost has gone up? Cole will send out the information from the meeting. Who is going to administer the grant?

CASELLE TRAINING – A motion to approve the virtual training for eight hours at the cost of two hundred dollars an hour was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

TRUSTEE ISSUES – Trustee Lopez asked about the signage with the date and time of the hearing. A motion to have a special meeting on February 26th at 6:00 at the old Pharmacy building, the agenda item would be the hearing regarding the removal of Trustee McClure was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor

UPDATE ON CRIMINAL CODES – Attorney Trujillo said that he has been working with Judge Zollars. The current codification has Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 but Chapter 3 is held in reserve. Attorney Trujillo said they are going to go with placing the new codes in Chapter 3. It will have several copies in the office and publish it. Attorney Trujillo said that he will send it to Rose to give to the Interim Chief.

N90 AND URA FUND – Changed the title. Trustee McClure said that with the amount of money being spent that we should have funds set up for expenses. The Planning Commission will be greatly involved. Land transfers from the Town to the Urban Renewal fund – any money that are in there could be transferred within our own funds. Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger said he thought that is why we have the Economic Development fund. With the specific funds that's all we can use it for, instead of the ED fund which can be spent with all. Where would the monies come from. Trustee McClure just wants to see if it is a viable project. Clear picture of the finances. URA needs to be a separate fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger said that he still feels that the ED is still part of the North 90. Funding income from the grant to start the fund. The Board discussed the pros and cons of adding the North 90 fund. Citizen Adeline Sanchez would like to know how much we collect from the ballot questions. The First Southwest Bank has \$6800 and the Colorado Trust – \$146,000. A motion to change the title to Fund and establish a separate North 90 and URA fund for grants and expenditures was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND MINUTES – EXECUTIVE SESSION PORTION – SEPTEMBER 24 –Trustee McClure said this is the second time we have amended minutes; this correction is done in this meeting. Attorney Trujillo explained about the issue with the Executive Session and the reason to go in was not part of the motion. The Agenda stated why we were going in but it was not on the minutes. We are Clarifying and changing. Reflective on these minutes the back minutes stand. Adeline Sanchez said that is doctoring the minutes. Attorney Trujillo said that it is not the case we are just reflecting what actually happened. A motion to table until the next meeting so we make the correction verbatim was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

UPDATES ON BUILDING – The building should be ready by the meeting on the 25th. We are on par with the quotes. Name of the old Pharmacy building – Newsletter bring a name for the old Pharmacy building to Town Hall.

DONATION – Alexis Varela Town Basketball donation. Town of Center logo on the sleeve of the shirts. \$300 total. Name of the team would be the Longhorns. Trustee McClure said that donations were for the youth, these are grown adults. A motion to approve a \$300 donation to Alexis for her team was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

TOWN MANAGER – SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT – Town Manager Cole explains that he got appointed to the Saguache county Planning Commission. Town Manager Cole explained how we runs a ranch on the weekends. A motion to approve the Secondary Employment for Town Manager Webb was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

STOP SIGNS – Remove - 4th and Fullenwider, 2nd and Hurt, 7th and Miles facing South/North and 3rd and Fullenwider. Add 3rd St. and Jones. A motion to table this issue until they have a better map as to which stop signs they are adding and removing was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

STREETS AND PARKS PURCHASE – Cole explained that he has entered an online auction for a Side by Side for \$4500 for the Streets and Parks. Cole would like permission to bid on the side by side. A motion to allow Cole to go into Auction site and bid for \$4500 for the side by side. There is a ten percent buyers fee. The side by side also needs new tires. A motion to approve Cole to enter the Auction was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Legislative Conference - Denver
Meeting on the 13th at 5:30 -

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

SRTS

AmeriCorps

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos
Mayor