

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at by Mayor Garcia 6:04 p.m.

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 Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Teri Hance – Would like a meet and greet for the election candidates.

Mona Garcia – Ms. Garcia is concerned about the Town being so dark. Main St. is very dark. Ms. Garcia thinks that the bulbs should be in stock.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes 01/09/2024 & 01/23/2024 – A motion about the payables on the 01/23/24 the name of who made the motion was left out.

Court Report – Natalia said that court was held on the 17th of January, there were quite a few people that rescheduled for March. Trustee McClure said that the total fines were not on the report. Natalia will make sure to have the totals next month.

Police Report – The Month of January was a busy month. Tickets did go down a little. The Dept. is still working on the e citations. Corporal Fresquez saved the life of an individual that was unresponsive. Corporal Fresquez was given a certificate and a pin for his life saving measures. The Post Office contacted Trustee McClure about individuals sleeping and would like the Police Dept. to lock up the Post Office at night. Mayor Garcia said we would need an agreement with the Post Office; there would also be a cost to the Town. Attorney Trujillo says that there could be an issue. Is it a Town issue or a Post Office issue, which is what the discussion will be. Chief Fresquez will talk more with the Postmaster and will table the discussion.

Public Works Report – Adam Valdez said that Chris has come back to train the new employees.

Utilities- The crew is working on a presentation on the gas with the Fire Dept., that will follow with the Town Officials and the School District. Sunrise Engineering is doing a five panel study for the Town, they will be pressure testing to see if we have enough for the North 90. Adam will be going to a Conference in Kansas. Electrical is on the job training. The lights for the Town did come in but are the wrong size, they may send them back. The Dept. is working on the underground utilities.

Water-No Questions.

Streets and Parks – No Questions.

Code Enforcement – No Questions. – Would like what activities and what citations are being done, would like a report.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela.

Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

Trustee McClure questioned the utility bill at the power plant – The heaters might have to be changed.

Trustee McClure would also like a report by fund for payroll, payroll taxes and sales tax. A motion to approve the payables was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

PUBLIC WORKS

Approval of Gas Survey for Pressure Increase – Contract to do the testing for the gas pressure – A motion to approve the Gas Survey for pressure increase contract was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

ORDINANCES

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

NEW BUSINESS

Junior Prom Committee – Ayhari with the Junior class, would like a donation to the after prom committee – The purpose of after prom – is to have the students in one place and not drinking and driving and putting themselves in danger. Paula Alvarez said that they will have sign waivers for the activities and the parents will inform all parents that they child has left the after prom. A motion to donate \$500 to the after prom was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Art Survey Results – There were a few students from the Center High School doing a presentation of what kind of art the community would like to see – Elijah Swanson – 168 responses both English and Spanish – garden beds and murals –Tyrei -57% are eighteen or younger. – 82 % Hispanic or Latino – Christopher – garden beds 52.1 % and murals 43% – banners that hang – 36%. Eddie - Downtown, Community parks and Town Hall buildings. Theme – 1. Nature 48.4 community and local culture created by youth.

CC4CA – Commissioner Thompson wanted feedback from the Town Board to decide whether to participate or not. They participate in the CCI and the CCAP at a cost of \$6,000. This is only for climate change would be \$2,500. Tax is about \$16,000 in these programs. Each individual will send Wendi an email concerning how they feel about it.

Approval of ARPA for Police Security Trailer – Chief Fresquez asked for permission to purchase a Live camera feed for better security. There will be two trailers with the grant – the Town will match the cost of one of the trailers. Keith said that it would be a viable cost for use of the ARPA funds. The video is on reconview to see what the trailers look like. Homeland security will buy one and the Town would buy the other one. Trustee McClure asked if it could it be an Invasion of privacy? Trustee McClure said that if it goes through there would need to be a policy in place. Attorney Trujillo agrees that there should be a policy in place. Chief Fresquez said it's an extra measure to fight crime. The Trailers can be here by next week. A motion to approve the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of the security trailer was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Downtown Colorado Inc. – Downtown Colorado Inc. has been in partnership with the Town in since 2019. DCI would like to partner with the Town to provide 30 units in the North 90. DCI will be an essential part of the Urban Renewal Authority. ED development staff is Brian and Keith, they meet once a week. Rose does sit in some of the meetings. A motion to approve the contract with DCI was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Metje Art Banner Workshop Contract – CHFA Grant – The artist has volunteered her banners for one of our programs. Metje can teach the Town locals to make these banners. Metje does work with the Town of Del Norte. Metje will provide 3 classes and 2 workshops. The cost is \$5800 that is inclusive for all the banners for our downtown. Keith would start the engagement if the Board does approve it. A motion to approve the Metje contract was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – all in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Mean Contract – Brian had given the Board information – 5 yr. plan. The Board needs to decide which way to go. Either the 5 yr. plan or the longer term of 25 yrs.

Water Meter Update – Brian gave an update with the Bankruptcy for Set. There is not anything that they can do for us. The Town is pretty much out of luck in getting anything from Set filing bankruptcy. The Town is paying 1.10 per meter to the new company.

ARPA Updates – Keith said he would like to hear from the Board. Ideas: Open a gym, seniors program, Downtown Beautification, Salvation Army for utility bills, sidewalks, maybe a sidewalk around the North 90. Match other grants or make loans to persons wanting to start a business. Lighting. Keith will make it into survey and send it to the Board and then get the cost estimates.

CALENDAR ITEMS

February 20th Zoom meeting at 5:30 p.m. – Workshop with Mean – New Contract

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Post Office discussion

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

A motion to go into Executive Session **For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of the City Council or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of the City Council or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees;** was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Time 8:45 p.m.

A motion to adjourn out of Executive session was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. Time 9:14 p.m.

CONTRACTS – A motion to have Attorney Trujillo to handle all the Police Department Contracts was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera –CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor