

CENTER TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2025  
5:15 P.M.

A financial workshop was held at 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA –

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Leeann - Less than four months ago her grandson was murdered and suffered from substance abuse, although not a direct issue with drugs. The community has the knowledge that could help with drug abuse. Leeann is developing a website to help with awareness. Leeann is having trouble with her endeavor has placed calls to many police departments and hasn't had much luck. Leeann would like to Provide a guide of resources in the Valley.

FINANCIALS

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

PAYABLES

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

MINUTES

A motion to table the minutes from February 11, 2025 to make the necessary corrections was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

CRIMINAL CODES – UPDATE – Attorney Trujillo has sent it to everyone for review. Attorney Trujillo will send them to Rose to make sure of the numbering is correct.

AMERICORP – UPDATE – Cole is just waiting to hear back from La Puente, the funding for this program was not affected by the cuts.

TRASH – UPDATE – Cole has reached out to four suppliers, he has heard back from two of them. Cole did talk with Story and needs to reach out again for the franchise fee.

STOP SIGNS – UPDATE – There has been some comments from the citizens. Chief has been in training the past two weeks. When the Chief returns they will look at the list again.

AMEND 09/24/24 MINUTES – Rose did type the recording verbatim. Trustee McClure asked about the full motion of also adjourning the Executive Session- Rose will go back and do the entire part of the minutes. Attorney Trujillo suggests to do the whole tape concerning the Executive Session.

BOARD ROOM TABLE – APPROVAL – Cole passed out an estimate for a Board Room table. Per policy 3 quotes either written or verbal. The quote is from the same contractor that is doing the buildings. Trustee McClure would like part of the marble from the counter in Town Hall to be used. A motion to approve the quote for the table was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Street Improvement – Cole has been trying to get with RG and Associates about Main Street. We need to have a Workshop. Cole will schedule one for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6. Cole will invite the public and business owners. Trustee McClure said that we need to discuss the chip and seal. We need to schedule it earlier. Talk to Saguache County Road and Bridge.

SRTS – Cole met with Katrina and several other individuals including CDOT. Trying to get verification and who is administering the grant, Cole is understanding that it is the Town. Cole would like one more meeting for more information.

#### NEW BUSINESS

BRENDA ALMEIDA – Ms. Almeida was at the meeting concerning her property. At the End of October – November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Someone turned on the water without being asked for anything to be turned and a pipe busted. The address 458 S. Hurt St. The house has been vacated for over a year. There was damage to the whole wall. Jaime called yesterday, this happened in November. The estimate was for \$5,500. Jaime apologized that he had not reached out at the time. Jaime said that he did talk to the utility department, there was a misunderstanding. Attorney Trujillo asked if she wanted a check or the Town to repair it. Mr. Almeida did the bidding, but the Town is welcome to go bid it out. Ms. Almeida would sign off that the Town is over any responsibility. Trustee McClure talked about us causing the damage. Attorney Trujillo recommended that we do write her a check. A motion to approve to pay the estimate for damages to 458 S. Hurt and that Ms. Almeida sign off that the Town will no longer be liable for damages was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### NEW CORA POLICY AND FORM –

Trustee McClure talked about using the form, the form states that they must use the form, if there needs more information we can add that they can add an attachment to the form. The date that it goes into effect will be thirty days from approval, that will get changed. A motion to approve the new form and policy with the recommended changes was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### TRUSTEE ISSUES – UPDATE – Hearing the 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

REVIEW ORDINANCE 560 AND 566 – RATE CHANGES – Trustee McClure has a concern about the ordinances. Public works director has the authority. Trustee McClure feels that the Town Board should be notified and that it is not increased right before billing. Needs to be reviewed by more than one person. Mr. Hurtado provides his worksheets and that is allowable. One month is not going to hurt us. Mayor Gallegos asked if Jaime could send an email to the Board so that they have the answers. Trustee McClure said that the Town is unique since we have our own utilities. Jaime will scan the figures to the Board and let them know if there is an increase. Trustee Sanchez said that Jaime could let the Board know. A motion that any rate increase will not go into effect for 30 days was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The Board will be notified and it will be put in the Newsletter so that the community is notified prior to the increase.

Planning capacity grant – Cole had an interview with DOLA. Everyone that puts in for the grant should receive this grant. Approval to go forward in the grant, the matching money will come out of the ED fund. The Town can apply for up to two-hundred thousand with a ten percent match. This will help pay for a lot of CIVISTRUCT. A motion to approve the application for the LPC grant was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### CENTER HOUSING AUTHORITY -

Cole wanted to add this to the Agenda. Cole has had meetings with DOLA concerning the Center Housing Authority. DOLA has stated that the Center housing authority Board runs under the Town. Cole drafted a letter to the Authority asking certain questions. Trustee McClure said that Board was set up as a non-partisan Board because they are voted by different people. Citizen Mary McClure is the president. Cole will send the letter to the Town prior to sending it to the Housing Authority. A motion to draft a letter to the Center Housing Authority and send it via email to the Board for review and will put it on the agenda for approval for the letter at the next meeting was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### CALENDAR ITEMS

Trustee Hearing – February 26<sup>th</sup>

Workshop with RG and Associates– March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

#### ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Criminal Code – Updates

AmeriCorps – Update

Housing Authority Letter

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC  
Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos  
Mayor