

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joyce Mildred Garcia – Ms. Garcia was present to talk about the Senior Citizens and all the pot holes in Town. Ms. Garcia lives at the Sangre de Cristo apartments – the entrance into the apartments is owned by the Town. There is a deep dip going in. Ms. Garcia would also like some slowdown signs on Third street. There are pieces of metal with like eggshells in the handicap parking that obstruct the parking. Jaime will check on that. From worth to wills. Facing both east and west.

Ann Cunningham – Ms. Cunningham would like to give meeting updates the second meeting. Would like to be permanently on the Agenda. Ms. Cunningham would like to address who can be on the Planning Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Court Report – Judge Zollars does put non-traffic in a failure to appear file. The Board asked about a case that is rescheduled from November.

Police Report – Interim Chief Guaderrama talked about himself and Corporal. Donaldson attending FTO training in Ft. Collins. The Department got the damaged car back and on the road. The Dept. has been getting vehicles ready for the auction. Interim Chief Guaderrama talked about the newer Tahoe and it being essentially no good. Interim Chief Guaderrama talking to a company that may have a seat and cage or a vehicle that can be switched. It will cost \$11000 to take out the K-9 cage. They held a meeting with the Methodist church is requesting to help out with an Easter Egg hunt at the school on April 19th at

the High school parking lot. Both new officers are done with FTO and on their own. The New Tasers are in but cannot be used until they are all trained. The Alamosa PD has their swat team – They have decided to regionalize the team. Officer Hunt is going to apply. Applied for a grant from Saguache County for new guns. Interim Chief Guaderrama submitted a Jack grant for another vehicle for 2026. Trustee Sanchez said that with the weather warming up there are four-wheelers and dirt bikes and the Dept. needs to be on the lookout.

Cprl. Donaldson and Officer Navarro – Commendation Award – February 13th. On February 13th the Officers found drugs and currency – this was while Officer Navarro was on FTO. Illegal narcotics and currency. 189 Fentanyl pills equal to about 30 grams, 68 grams of meth. A Gram of heroin and a gram of morphine. They have Distribution charges.

Public Works Dept.-

L&P – Adam and the utility crew have been busy at the Old Pharmacy and the Town Hall. End of year reports for L&P and the gas. Contract with Vemco to monitor the generator at Town Hall, west pump and East Pump is \$600 - \$800. 104 delinquent notices were sent out and 10 were disconnected all but three were reconnected. Jaime is looking into Implementing a solar policy.

Gas – Working on the end of year reports.

Water – No questions.

Sanitation – They have started in sections of Town to clean sewer lines. The new school project broke a sewer line which was repaired and billed.

Streets and Parks – The Dept. is preparing for the spring and summer season. The crew took a count of the potholes and have talked to Saguache about helping out with that. The crew has been busy helping with the new building and Town Hall. Two clean up days have been discussed.

Code Enforcement – As we are entering Spring we are focusing on weeds and nuisance yards.

Orlando went to training on Code Enforcement classes. For Center residents only.

Anthony Pacheco is the New Saguache County noxious weed control person. Armando Ross with Rio Grande County, they will hold a for a workshop on March 20th with the Community.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from 02/11/25, 02/25/25 and 02/26/25 was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT –

CCMA- Cole received a grant to attend this conference. Cole talked about the trainings with DCI and other programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Rio Grande Weed District – Trustee Lopez asked about the contract that was signed last year. Pre-emergent was used last year on the parks. There is no contract in place for this year. The price for the

new contract will be the same price as it was last year. Jaime would like to start hitting the right ways and alleys. They will show the dept. how to spray.

Center Housing Authority Letter – Cole sent out the letter to the Board for review. Cole will send it out by Certified Mail. Cole read the letter out loud. Citizen Adeline Sanchez said that the Housing Authority was into existence since the 70's. Ms. Sanchez said she does not understand where the Town plays a part in the Authority. Cole said that the Housing Board is appointed by the Mayor. Citizen Mary McClure said that it's not bad idea, but we could possibly use some of the same services with a MOU. Trustee Lopez would like to see a joint effort and communication.

SRTS – There has been no update. There is a meeting coming up in April. A letter was sent for an extension.

Amend Minutes – Executive Session Portion – September 24, 2024 –

VERBATIM SEPTEMBER 24TH EXECUTIVE SESSION –

MAYOR GALLEGOS – I NEED A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

TRUSTEE GONZALES – I MAKE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ARCHIE – I GOT A MOTION FROM TRUSTEE GONZALES, DO I HEAR A SECOND

TRUSTEE MCCLURE – I SECOND

MAYOR GALLEGOS – OKAY, ROLL CALL PLEASE, SECONDED BY BILL MCCLURE

ALEXIS – MAYOR PRO-TEM BEIRIGER – SAID YES, TRUSTEE SANCHEZ – SAID I, TRUSTEE MCCLURE – SAID I, TRUSTEE LOPEZ – SAID I, TRUSTEE GONZALES – SAID YES, TRUSTEE BARELA – SAID I, MAYOR GALLEGOS – SAID YES.

ATTORNEY TRUJILLO – MAYOR I THINK WE JUST SHOULD HAVE A LITTLE CLARIFICATION THAT IT HAS TO DO WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WE DO HAVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANN KELLY HERE THIS EVENING TO GO IN FOR ALL OF THIS.

MAYOR GALLEGOS – FOR DISCUSSION OF PERSONEL MATTERS UNDER THE CRS SECTION 24-6-402 4 F AND NOT INVOLVING ANY SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES THAT WHO HAVE REQUESTED DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER IN OPEN SESSION ANY MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PERSON TO FILL IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR PERSONNEL POLICIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONAL MATTERS

MAYOR PRO-TEM BEIRIGER – HOLD ON – I MAKE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MAYOR GALLEGOS – OKAY, I WE GOT A MOTION FROM MAYOR PRO-TEM BEIRIGER – DO I HEAR A SECOND (INAUDIABLE) – SECOND BY RICHIE, TRUSTEE BARELA. ROLL CALL PLEASE

ALEXIS – MAYOR PRO-TEM BEIRIGER – YES, TRUSTEE BARELA – I, MAYOR GALLEGOS – I, TRUSTEE GONZALES – YES, TRUSTEE MCCLURE – I, TRUSTEE LOPEZ - I, TRUSTEE SANCHEZ – I.

A motion to amend the minutes to include the verbatim written recording was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The amendment

AMERICORPS Update – Cole said La Puente is just waiting to do interviews. Looking to interview in May.

Criminal Code Update – Attorney Trujillo said that we should have an Ordinance by the end of March. Attorney Trujillo Has reviewed the codes with Judge Zollars.

NEW BUSINESS

La Sierra Bar – Renew Liquor License – Lalo Villarreal was present for the renewal of the Liquor License. There was a letter from Interim Chief Guaderrama stated that there were quite a few issues. What the Dept. asks is for more cooperation – underage drinking and overserving the clients. A plan in place to higher more bouncers for bigger events. Lalo said he tries to find security around but it they will not work; he tries doing his best. Trustee Lopez asked to try to find more security. Attorney Trujillo talked about the issues, that it can be revoked if issues continue. Trustee Lopez Approval with noted repercussions with violations was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

ED Position – Cole asked if it was okay to put the ED position out? The Board agreed to advertise.

Board Vacancy Resolution – Attorney Trujillo read the resolution out loud. Appointment within 30 days. A motion to approve Resolution 31125 and appoint a new board member on March 25, 2025 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Board Training (DOLA) – Training Friday and Saturday all day.

Town Auction – Cole mentioned some of the items that will be up for auction. Cole will post it. A motion to have the auction with numerous items, Bids will be due on April 11th was made by Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

URA Fund – We cannot start a URA fund without the vote of the people and have the hearing. A motion to table the URA Fund until there is more information was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor.

Rental of Pharmacy Building – Cole said that he has been asked about renting the Building for Baby showers or other things. We would have high deposits and rental. Attorney Trujillo said it can be expensive. There was discussion between the Board members. A motion to not allow the rental of the Building at this time was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Electric rate refund – After the Board was informed during the Utility Workshop that the rate that was charged for January and February was incorrect. Jaime worked with Dave to make sure what the correct rate should be. A motion to approve a credit back to the customers with the correct rate for both months was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion Carries. All credits will be on the next billing cycle.

Naming the Old Pharmacy – There were two suggestions, one being The Center Justice Center and Town Hall Annex – bottom will say Municipal Court/Senior Center. A motion to name the new building Town Hall Annex with Municipal Court/Senior Center was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Summer Event - June 28th

Craft and Bake sale - April 12

Stop Sign and RGG Assoc. for Streets - Workshop – 27th

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Gonzales.

Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera –CMC
Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos
Mayor