

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

A Financial Workshop was held at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 additions to New Business was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ann Cunningham- Ms. Cunningham was wondering if the Town is allowed to water early? Starting April 1st? Jaime said that they will put in the Newsletter that you can water starting April 1st.

Cindy Jones – Ms. Jones said that she had the same question as Ann, water April 1st?

Mona Garcia – Ms. Garcia said that she hasn't been here for a while, would like to express her feelings. Ms. Garcia said she was sad that Trustee McClure is gone. Ms. Garcia directed some comments to Trustee Lopez about Trustee McClure, the Town Manager stopped Ms. Garcia from using racial slurs.

FINANCIALS

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

PAYABLES

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

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of 03/11/25 was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Morgan Beiriger – Utility Concerns – Platinum Potato company was recently opened– The concern Ms. Beiriger has was regarding transparency with the rates – feels that there needs to be Utility Commission. Cole told her that they are holding a workshop on Thursday to talk about establishing the Utility Commission. Trustee Lopez said this has been a topic at the last few meetings. Policy states the Utility Commission is comprised of community member and business owners. and if a Board Member wants to be on they have no voting rights. Trustee Sanchez asked if that was her complaint? Ms. Beiriger would like the bill to show the rates so that it is easily figured out.

Ordinance 420-A - Change to Utility Policy for Doctors Excuses – Cole said that Ordinance 420 stated they have 90 days to pay without an amount is due after the 90 days' time are up. Ordinance 420-A moves it to 60 days and only once a year then the balance would be due at the end of the 60 days. Attorney Trujillo read the ordinance 420-A out loud – A motion to approve Ordinance 420-A on the first reading was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Appoint New Board Member –

Moe Jones – Mr. Jones said he felt very privileged to be on the Town Board prior, also on the planning commission and fire Department. Mr. Jones said he cares deeply about the Town. Mr. Jones said he stepped up and purchased the Grocery store and is now retired from Jones Oil so he has free time to spend. Mr. Jones would like to see the Town grow.

David MeHaffie – Mr. MeHaffie has been here ten years. Mr. MeHaffie feels that he has got a lot done in his time. Mr. MeHaffie would also like to see the Town grow. Mr. MeHaffie Is really interested in the position and feels like he would be a great help.

Anthony Garcia – Mr. Garcia said that thankful for all that have served and is looking for the Town to go forward. Mr. Garcia has done a lot for the Town as far as Car clubs. Mr. Garcia said he would like to give the opportunity to the other faces also.

Natalia Hernandez – Ms. Hernandez one of her specific activities was being on the planning commission. Ms. Hernandez took time off to have a baby. Ever Since High school she has tried to be involved with the Community and has had interest is to be on the Town Board. Ms. Hernandez feel that If you are not given the opportunity, then you cannot learn. Ms. Hernandez feels that new faces are needed. Politics is what shapes the community. Big concern is the lack of housing.

Daniel Villagomez –Mr. Villagomez plans to bring a new perspective to the board. Mr. Villagomez would like a voice in representing the Town. When serving on the Board you need to make sure voices and concerns are heard. Mr. Villagomez would bring transparency and address challenges and solutions.

Pedro Portillo – Mr. Portillo has been living in this Town for 33 years. Would like the opportunity to do something for the Town and have the opportunity to make a change. Whomever has the seat has to have the knowledge and treat everyone with respect. Current seats have to have respect and honor and listen to what is best for the Town. Make a difference.

Alex Enriquez - Board read the letter. Alex had surgery and could not attend.

Terri Hance – Brad and Terri are new to the community. They are in the 10% of the white population. Housing is a big issue that is coming. There are some people that cannot afford the housing. It takes great discipline to be on the Board. Ms. Hance said she is here for the Board. Would like Citizen comments brought forward to the agenda in the future so that they can be discussed.

The Attorney spoke to the Board about the process of appointing a new Trustee. Trustee Lopez said he was happy how many people applied and wants to see growth. After the Board took the votes, a motion to appoint Anthony Garcia to the Trustee Position was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. All in favor. Motion Carries. Attorney Trujillo administered the Oath of office and Trustee Garcia was seated to the Board.

Engineer – Cole talked about the Engineer and the grant that we received for the North 90. David was on zoom – recommended that SEH to be the engineer. The proposal was for \$182,000 for Phase 1. SEH will come down and blueprint the area, and meet with the stakeholders. SEH works closely with the Developer. A motion to hire SEH for the engineer for the whole project was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Beiriger. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Violation Camera's -

Possibly putting up camera's in certain areas of Town that have high reports of speeding and or crime. Russel Sape. Does not cost the municipality anything, in return for processing the tickets. Reduces speeding by 50%. \$14 per tickets issued. The Board asked questions about where they would do the double tickets. Invoiced monthly for tickets. Town gets \$26 the company gets \$14. Attorney Trujillo asked about the obligation for the Town. There is a 30 day non participation out. Interim Chief Guaderrama spoke with the Gentlemen about three weeks ago. Interim Chief Guaderrama feels that a demonstration with the Board, would be beneficial.

OLD BUSINESS

XCEL Contract – Jaime talked about the Xcel contract that needed to be updated and reviewed. With the incident with the poles. Cole would like Attorney Trujillo to review it. Trustee Lopez agrees. Will be put on the agenda when it has been reviewed.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Ann Cunningham – A housing assessment needs to be done, it will be up next year. There will be a grant next year for it. We need to do the assessment to progress Current application closes April 11th. COG and DG may be interested to partner with other organizations to do the assessment. Highly recommend that we do it. DCI community heart and soul. Funding for \$10,000 with a \$10,000 match. Ann would like to change the ordinance. Members need to be residents, which excludes property owner. Interested in serving but don't live here. Amend the ordinance to include the property owners.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

MEAN RESOLUTION – appoint New Board member - Attorney Trujillo said that they would need to have a new member since Trustee McClure is no longer on the Town Board. The meeting has to be attended to keep our voting rights. Attorney Trujillo read the resolution out loud. A motion to appoint Trustee Lopez with Jaime and Cole as alternates was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Update Planning Commission Ordinance – Ann would like to change the ordinance. Members need to be residents, which excludes property owners. There are people that are Interested in serving but don't live here. Amend the ordinance to include the property owners. Cole read the portion that needs updating out loud. Citizen Mary McClure, candidates be limited to two people that are not full time

residents. Mayor Pro-tem Beiriger- take the business owners out of it, agrees with limiting the amounts. Attorney Trujillo will make changes and bring it back for approval.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Workshop March 27th at 5:30 p.m.

Events

April 12th

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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