

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2024
5:30 P.M.

The Financial Workshop was held at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Mayor Garcia

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

James Sanchez – Mr. Sanchez would like a variance for a fence. Trustee McClure thinks it should wait to go before the planning commission. One section of the fence was put up without realizing that he needed to come before the board. Mr. Sanchez has already put up the fence and would like to put one up on the other side. Mayor Garcia said it is going onto the Towns Property which has an easement. Mr. Sanchez will be put on the planning commission.

Sandra Marquez – Ms. Marquez thanked the Board for giving her time. Ms. Marquez has a lot of emotions. Ms. Marquez is ashamed of how the community has been acting. Every Town has its issues but this is been the worst behavior. Community advocate – they are having a positive change, but not in Center. Community advocate- is a joke, a clown and a mockery. This is Child- like behavior in this Town. Other communities are coming together as a community to make things better, instead of pointing fingers. SCceed is doing the same thing for Saguache. Work together positively. It’s a shame that good people are being driven away.

Jennie Doran – Ms. Doran said there is a lot of hearsay in this community. There are little kids in this Community that are witnessing this behavior. Ms. Doran runs back the blue as a resident and her daughter is a Police Officer. Ms. Doran is doing the Easter egg hunt is for the Community. Ms. Doran promises that there will be events throughout the year. We have to come together as a Community.

Ms. Doran would like to thank Adam and Aaron for helping make this event for the first time in our Community.

FINANCIALS

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

PAYABLES

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

NEW BUSINESS

CAR SHOW – CAPSTONE PROJECT DONATION – Angel Rios and MJ Varoz are hosting a 3rd annual Car Show for their Capstone Project. Frontier Drive-in will donate the area for the car show. They are looking for a donation for the car show – they would like a \$400 donation for different needs. Gearhead Gala is the name of their car show. Last year was so cold so didn't get a great turn out. A motion to donate \$400 to the Car Show project was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

MORE HOUSING NOW – Keith said that he has been working on the housing infrastructure grant for the underground infrastructure – approx. 30- unit housing development. Max amount is 2 million with a match of 25% \$450,000 – \$500,000 costs to the Town. The Town should be able to accommodate the match. Brian said that we are looking at a smaller development. The Town had been denied 10 million prior grant applications. The Sanitation District will also match. ARPA can be used as a match. The North 90 will be a good long term economics for the Town. A motion to approve the starting of the application for the More Housing Now grant was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF ZONING CODE UPDATES – Keith was speaking for the planning commission. The planning commission would like a motion to pursue the updates. They did remove the short term rentals. The Planning commission needs to work in enacting the updates. A motion to approve the preliminary approval of the updates was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by, Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor.

MEAN CONTRACT – Megawatt vs. the KWH. KWH is smaller unit; it is the placement of the decimal point. We can continue on the 5 year plan and see where we are at. If we go with the 25 yr. plan then we are locked in for the entire time. The cost is the difference in the plans. Trustee McClure feels that the 5 year plan is the way to go to monitor the green energy. We are currently at \$45 a KWH and with the 5 year it will go \$74 a KWH. This will close the gap to the consumers. It could possibly be a cost to the consumers. Trustee Beiriger also thinks that the 5 year plan is a good idea. The 25 year option does give the Town a place on their Board and have a voice. Brian gave a recap of going with MEAN vs. Xcel.

Center Post-Dispatch – Has the Town done an analytical study or is the Town waiting for a unified decision. The Town did have an Analytical study prior to going with MEAN. Paul Lopez – would the Town be able to have a buy back policy. Brian said that they would like to have a resolution. The cost of the electricity will always be a cost to the Town. There is an ordinance at this time preventing private homes from installing solar panels. Jennie Doran asked if disconnects will they change, if rates go up. This is still unknown. A motion to sign the MEAN Contract for the 25 years was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

April 15th – Planning Commission

9th and the 23rd – Town Board Meeting

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Workshop – Police Chief – LT discussion

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor