

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 28, 2023
5:30 P.M.

A financial workshop was held at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at by Mayor Garcia.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Garcia	P
Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez	P
Trustee Beiriger	P
Trustee Gonzales	P
Trustee Gallegos	P
Trustee Duran	P
Trustee Barela	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda with changes to no Executive Session and a possible Grader purchase under new business was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill McClure – Bill was under the impression that there was going to be a hearing for the Urban Renewal Authority. The meetings that Bill has been attending state that a petition should be submitted first, then a hearing. It should be posted in the paper. The Town should follow the order for the Urban Renewal. Economic Development – Bill said that when he asked for a detail ledger he was told that he would need a CORA request for the information. The Town should have copies of the financials available to the public. The financials are public record and should be available. Agendas should be made available. In December the Town spent without the Boards approval. Make it available if requested to be emailed. Last meeting the Board approved the purchase of a large board, why can they rescind the approval and use the schools. This money could have been used to pay the customers high utility bills. Did the Town really need this, it is an outrageous purchase. Spend money on microphones because the Board cannot be heard.

Arnold Sanchez – Reclaim alley way - Arnold was speaking for three of the properties and they have made a lot of progress. They removed a shed and foundation. The only thing remaining is the fencing; he is waiting on the Town to let them know how much they have to remove. He was wondering if the Town is going to help with any of the expenses. Scrap was picked up by Paul Martinez, firewood was donated.

FINANCIALS

A motion to approve the 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 Barela, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – all in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

City Liquor – License Renewal - A motion to approve the liquor renewal license for City Liquor was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Duran. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mitch Garcia – Discussion –

Mona Garcia came to help Mitch Garcia with the presentation; the community continues to canvas and assess concerns. As a community they came carrying a torch not to burn but to bridge the communication and solutions. Would like to start policies. Water Quality – this remains unknown, many think our water is inadequate. Board response – The letter states the issue that the Town had. It was a state law, and the letter is mandatory. Brian said that the basis for the letter was the backflow preventer did not get tested for not inspecting the preventer in a timely manner. Our water is tested weekly. A plan has been approved with CDPHE; this is a paper violation not a drinking water violation. Mitch recommends that we put an explanation on Facebook explaining the violation. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez said they would have a plan; the letter did not go out in Spanish – better communication. Having a community meeting if a violation happens. Adeline Sanchez said that the public was not notified in a timely manner about the water. Trustee Gonzales suggested having an explaining letter accompany the violation.

High Utility Bills – our utility bills remain an issue; our biggest question is how can the Town help us? Timely intervention is crucial. Brian said that it's across the Board from Xcel. We purchase gas from Xcel. The cost is passed on, an ordinance was passed if the gas goes up then the customers cost goes up and if the cost goes down then the rate goes down. 9news investigates is putting pressure on Xcel as to why they are passing the cost to the customers. The pathway project is also going to cost the customers. The last two months the gas price has gone down. Audrey Chavez said that they look at the use of their monies, especially in the winter. The Board did have a workshop on how to work on different opportunities to help the customers. Previous Town manager brought the delinquencies under control and re worked the policy for delinquents. Mitch thanked the Board but if you read his letter you would see his recommendations to this issue. Brian said that every citizen deserves a break but every situation is different. Mitch asked about the moratorium? Are you going to reverse the disconnection notices? Andres Garcia said his bill went really high and he has a small apartment and asks the Board to think about families. Leeann Jaramillo asked if they are comparing apples to apples. Leeann's bill was really high. Brian talked about how the grants work.

Mitch's closing remarks – The sanitation in the alley on Worth St. should be stopped. Mayor Pro-tem Martinez thanked Mitch for bringing the concerns. Mona Garcia asked that the Town keep the community informed.

Grader Purchase – There is an opportunity to purchase a grader, the cost of the grader is \$83,000 it is a 2014 with 3305 hours. Comes with a six month united guard guarantee. Mayor Pro-tem Martinez asked if it is a want or a need. The current staff will have to be trained. Bill McClure asked if it was an eligible item for Street Improvement. If it doesn't come out of the Street Improvement it's null and void. Dave did comparisons and it's a very good deal. Trustee Beiriger asked how many hours will the grader be used. Dave said that he had no idea. The purchase was tabled until they can answer more questions.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

CALENDAR ITEMS

April 27, 2023 – Urban Renewal Authority – Special Meeting. 5:30p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Purchase of Grader – if allowed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Duran, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor