

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Garcia

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda with changes to Managers Report and to add an Executive Session was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Arnold Sanchez – Alleyway Update, Mr. Sanchez has almost completed most of the removal. There is a temporary fence to keep the dogs out. The Town is waiting for the survey.

Bill McClure – Mr. McClure has a concern about the citizens comments, would like a response to the comments. The TV that the Town purchased needs to be rescinded. Would like an answers to questions he has asked? Mr. McClure said that he was under the impression that the Urban Renewal hearing that it would be held on normal meeting dates and would like to have attorney Michael Trujillo review the petition to the proper format. Mr. McClure would like the hearing to be canceled and properly handled.

Moe Jones – Center Sanitation District – there was a lot of upset people at their meeting. The fixture of the sewer line has to be done and the alley does have to be maintained.

Mary McClure – Mary has for a long time has been a supporter of the North 90 and has seen no progress. Planning Commission? There is a lot of work that has to be done. Mary is expressing her anxiousness and would like an answer about this question?

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes - 03/14/23 & 03/28/23 – There were no questions asked.

Court Report – There have been quite a few no insurance tickets given. They discussed the circle program and if it was working, Roseann said that most of the defendants are complying.

Police Report – Chief Fresquez thanked everyone for their support that they have given to him. The tickets are up and the cases are higher. Tickets for no insurance – expired plates have increased. The Department is having issues with their E-Force program system. The police are doing their second annual drag race and have had a lot of interest. Eric Martinez is a new hire and will start the Academy in June; Abbey Heredia will graduate in May and start the FTO process. Officer Guaderama could possibly leave at the beginning of May. The grants that they have applied for have been a huge help.

Public Works Report –

Utilities – Pathway Project – Dave said that it will cost 1.7 million over 5 years. They want to decommission the coal plants at a cost of 1.5 million a cost to the customers over the next ten years.

Water – The water is perfectly fine. They surveyor should be here by next week. Davis Engineering will be doing the survey for the alleyway.

Streets and Parks – No questions were asked.

Building Report – No questions were asked.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda 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 Duran. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

MANAGERS REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

In 2014 there was an approval for a transformer but the voltage has changed; the Town will need to purchase a backup. It is part of the electrical upgrade and it is budgeted for. Trustee Duran asked if they would be absorbing some of the cost, Dave said they are. A motion to purchase a Backup Transformer was made by Trustee Duran, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazardous Mitigation Plan – Bobby was here to ask for approval of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Mayor Pro-Tem asked about the cost, a federal FEMA grant was awarded and the cost is about \$100,000. The Resolution 04112023 was read out loud by Attorney Trujillo. A motion to approve the Hazardous Mitigation plan resolution was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

After Prom Donation – Alanna Garcia is part of the after Prom committee they are working to make this after prom the best they have had in a long time. They would like to purchase food, snacks and other items that they would like to have at the after prom. A motion to approve to donate \$300 to the After Prom was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Athletic Banquet Donation – A motion to donate \$300 to the Athletic Association was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Mitch Garcia – Discussion on Issues – Mitch asked Dave to come forward and answer questions. Mitch would like to live stream the meeting on Facebook. Mitch wanted to thank the community and the Board. Water Quality – Water issues in Center – A story was read out loud. Mitch stated that Tony said there was an error. Mitch talked about the letter. The administrator needs to post better. Mitch is talking with allies about our water and sewage issues. High Utility bills – Mitch asked Trustee Barela how it is impacted by the Children and families. Trustee Gonzales – do you understand what is going on with the bills? Trustee Gonzales said that she does believe they do, she does talk to a lot of people, but believes not only utilities but everything. Trustee Beiriger – does the Board have talks about the rates; Trustee Beiriger said that they work together with the administrator for the rates. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez – Do you know the impact to the people. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez said that as a Board they are not exempt from everything that happens in the community. Mayor Garcia – what are we doing to provide relief for the rates. Mayor Garcia said that the is working on a program. Alleyway – The Issue is no communication. Neighborhoods should be informed to projects. The Town is now waiting on a surveyor. Mitch felt like the Town dropped the ball. Arnold Sanchez said that the Town has been really helpful. Mitch asked certain people about their qualifications.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session for Health Insurance was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Duran. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

A motion to adjourn out of Executive session was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Duran. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Urban Renewal

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Commencement of the Planning Commission

Urban Renewal questions answered

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Duran, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor

