

**CENTER TOWN BOARD**  
**MAY 13, 2025**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**5:30 P.M.**

A Utility workshop was held at 5:30 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
Trustee Garcia	P

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to #9 Executive session and the correct language, and the removal of (B) under old business was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Carla Fresquez - Concerned about how the boy's resignation was done. Meet with an individual and decided to get the ball rolling on the resignation. The boys did not want to resign, but wanted to keep their post. Carla Fresquez said that the boys are not guilty. The Town hired an officer from Monte Vista that has the same on his record. Disgruntled employees took it to the District Attorney, and Mitch postings. They have paid a lot of money to get them out of this. The Board has to make this right.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Court Report – Alexis said they had a lot of people pay their ticket, but the docket was shorter. There were a lot of tickets given.

Police Report – Interim Chief Guaderrama apologized for not getting the report in with the packet, it was sent on Monday. Farmworkers are starting to arrive in Town. – Interim Chief Guaderrama talked about the officers taking a calls and all the follow through that they have to do. The Dept. has done interviews for the seventh position, there were 3 applicants. One was given a conditional offer, and has accepted and has also passed his post test. Trustee Sanchez gave kudos for all the tickets at the stop signs. Cprl. Donaldson did move into Town. The Town would need 8 officers to do a 24 coverage. Navarro and Hunn passed the SWAT class. Navarro passed the combat schooling. The only instructor missing is a driving instructor. Interim Chief Guaderrama showed how the camera's work that are in Town. Officer Navarro and Officer Hunn talked about a missing girl. The officers were able to run her At&t phone and

locate where to find her phone. There were several different officers in Thorton that helped with the location. At around 3:45 a.m. Thorton pd was able to locate and recover the juvenile. Officer Hunn had a pursuit last month and was given an award from Interim Chief Guaderrama for the great job he did.

#### Public Works Report-

L&P- Jaime said that there is an issue with the power plant roof. There was a post on Facebook for a roofer. The roof could collapse there have been two companies have stopped by and will give a quote. The Colorado Pathway project is continuing and needs the contract signed. Attorney Trujillo reviewed, it's a fairly standard agreement. Attorney Trujillo said that he recommends that we stay with them.

Gas- There were no questions.

Water- Jaime talked about the Community Park and the sprinkling system and the reason it is broken. Jaime has not received call backs from the Contractors that we have used prior. They are looking for a new company.

Sanitation- There were no questions.

Streets and Parks- The Tire store has been complaining about their parking and how the Town paved all the way to his parking. The water is not draining and can cause a lot of damage. The crew is going to cut into the road between there and the parking. The issue will happen until the road is cut down. This will be a temporary solution. The other side behind Big R will also be done. Jaime will find out if they can connect it to the sewer system. SRTS – Lights on the Highway, they contacted CDot and they do not recommend doing this. Trustee Sanchez asked about the school lights and the time table of them flashing. There needs to be bigger signs by the Boys and Girls club. Crosswalks need to be done every year.

Code Enforcement – No questions.

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

#### MINUTES –

A motion to approve the minutes from April 22 with a correction that Trustee Lopez Abstained was made by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. Paul abstained from financials as he was not present at the workshop.

#### PAYABLES -

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

#### TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Town received a grant to start purchasing equipment for a senior center. Construction for Town Hall is complete. The North 90 has set a date of June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. for Community workshop for the next phases of the project. Summer Event is worked on every day. Cole has talked with most of the business to block of Worth Street. Cole attended the CCMA in Glenwood Springs and has applied for a scholarship to go to the International Conference. Jaime and Cole met with Colorado Gourmet to try and keep them in Town with incentives. Fleet services to lease instead of purchasing. Citizen Adeline Sanchez asked how much Town Hall and Police Department cost, Cole said it was \$88,000 and it was

from Covid Money (ARPA). Cole explained why during the fire, did the Town block off two blocks. The reason is if the fire would've jumped with all the fertilizer it would've flattened half of the Town.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Xcel Reps – This was covered in Utility Workshop.

Appointment of Utility Commission – The applications were reviewed during the Utility Commission workshop. A motion to appoint Morgan Beiriger, Chris McCallhan, Jed Ellithopre, Sheila Paskett and Jose Gomez to the Utility Commission was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Ruth Horn – SLV American Indian – They will hold on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May an Indian dance and a reggae concert. The group would like to rent the stage and would like the blessing from the Board for the event. SLV AHEC carries their own liability insurance. The band would be on the stage. The group will provide their security. The Concert will be over by 8:00 p.m. The Board agreed to have the event. Worth St. will remain open and fourth at Wills will be closed.

Legal Shield – Susan Alley a representative came and talked to the Town Staff. If the staff chooses to have legal shield it will come out the employees checks. Cole talked about how it is paid for the Police Dept. the Board will look at it for next year budget.

Colorado Retirement Association – This is a mandatory retirement if the Board chooses to change retirement plans, they did have a meeting with staff. Lost our retirement investor would have to call a telephone number with any questions. A motion to change to CRA and keep the match at a 3% match with a possible 5% later was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Municipal Judge – The Board is recommending to have court twice a month because the case load being big. Attorney Trujillo said it may be at the prerogative of the Judge. A motion to have court twice a month and the judge will have to choose a time from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to start the court was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Drag Races – Chris Garcia was present – had it in the past, the police department had it in the past. Here to ask if the Town Board would help out. Proceeds going to some Town events. Donation from the Town for start-up money. Make a motion to allow Cole, Tony and the Mayor to ask about sponsoring the races and checking with Cirsa for the insurance was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – Trustee Garcia abstained, all other Board members were favor. Motion Carries.

Mini Excavator- Postpone until they see the fleet price.

Downtown Hydrant – The Town needs to have to have the hydrant working. Cole said that getting a hold of the fire department is very hard. Cole asked if Tony could get together with the Fire department to see if they could open it up. If we would have to re drill the well would be sensible to have a hydrant system. They will meet and see where we are at with the well. Table until next meeting

Approval of Auction Items – A motion to approve the bids from Auction was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – Trustee Lopez abstained because he won one of the bids, all other Board members were in favor. Motion Carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –Lucero v. Town of Center, Aaron Fresquez and Adam Fresquez.

A motion to go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) and §24-6-402(4)(e), the Town Board may, convene into executive session for the purpose of conferencing with the attorney for the local public body to receive legal advice on specific legal questions involving (i) the matter of Lucero v. Town of Center and Anthony Lucero, and (ii) the resignations of Aaron Fresquez and Adam Fresquez, and to determine positions relative to these matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries.

A motion to adjourn out of Executive session with all participants named was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### CALENDAR ITEM -

May 31 – SLV AHEC – festival

June 22 - San Juan Festival

June 28<sup>th</sup> - Summer event

#### ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING –

Approval of Colorado Pathway contract

Special Event Liquor Permit

Hydrant Downtown

Paint Annex Building

One-year evaluation

Emergency Action plan

#### ADJOURNMENT –

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC  
Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos  
Mayor