

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2024
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at by Mayor Gallegos 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos	P
Mayor Beiriger	P
Trustee Lopez	E
Trustee Gonzales	E
Trustee Sanchez	P
Trustee Barela	E
Trustee McClure	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez with a recommendation by Trustee McClure that the town board follows the code of ordinances that was passed back in 2017 in the order of which the agenda should be followed have Old Business handled before New business move number 7 up above number 6. Keith had a change with the agenda to table Judge Zollars from today's meeting. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill McClure: Citizens have the right to complain to the town board and have them in writing, last town board meeting he had an individual have it in writing. There was a complaint to the former mayor and Trustee Barela took it back to Mr. Garcia. Complaints aren't made to get harassed, but to get it handled.

Jenni Doran: Update on father daughter dance; good success and had good feedback who attended and interacted with the event. Has an idea to bring music to the public and have more community interactions. There has also been some harassment's and back lash from Mitch Garcia, because of the good outcomes with some community events put together through her and the Center Police Department. She would like to be on the next agenda to get approved for her idea of bringing music to the community every weekend.

Board Discussion: Keith brought up that there should be more community interactions within our community. Jenni mentioned that she wouldn't need money from the town but from her own enjoyment towards the community. Trustee Sanchez brought up that fundraisers aren't even getting brought up to the board for approval, and why is it being put on the Town of Center's Facebook page. Keith cleared it up he shared it on the Town of Center's page but did not post it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – 5/6/24, 5/8/24, 5/14/24

Court Report – Had a few more citations, and for the month of June there will be a full docket for the court. Trustee McClure asked if two individuals were charged twice; there was only one charge to each person.

Police Report – Chief brought up the k9 fundraisers and the purpose behind is to support the k9 unit and build community engagement. Hosting many events and fundraisers will continue and has not interfered with their jobs. The citizens deserve to live in a safe town and deserve the support from staff and Town of Center Trustees. K9 unit is still functioning and are a really useful tool for our department. Another grant was successfully granted to the department for the out of date Tasers they are currently using, for new ones. Court of record is looking to be implemented into our Town to help with more cases and revenue for our Town.

Board discussion: Trustee Sanchez brought up when he was a judge the prosecuting attorney then, tried to make it a court of record and was not successful. Chief brought up that it would bring more to the municipal courts and has a better chance not to get petty offenses dismissed. Court of record has many pros and cons Town Attorney Mike Trujillo mentioned. Fundraisers are added to a fund split into two that was created for the K9 and community engagement. Trustee Sanchez was not agreeing with maintenance crew helping set up for some fundraisers that was hosting by the police officers.

Public Works Report – is attendance to the father daughter dance was fun and a good community engagement. 2024 drug and alcohol audit for the utilities was requested that it is mandatory every four years and as a policy by state and federal. This policy is more in detail than the drug screening that is going on now. Follow ups were made and the company is a full service administrator and have our employees to Alamosa. Creating a policy and files for what we need to be set up for a successful audit. \$550 would be the yearly fee for 5 employees the audits but the testing would be a separate fee. Trustee Sanchez was asking where the funds were going to come from. Keith mentioned that there is really no choice if it is being mandated.

Utilities- Gas prices keep going up and have seen a difference from March. The policy and procedures should be put in place before many citizens get solar panels and everyone gets something different. There is a few replacements that need to happen before there is a serious outage.

Water – Backflow that are needed to be retested then there is many who are coming up from their six months to the year. Trustee McClure brought up if all commercial business has a water meter. As well as apartments and other buildings to know the amount of what needs to be paid towards landlords. Water inspections are also due and best price I through Rubicon. Inspections are every year.

Streets and Parks – There was a sprinkler system that was messed up at the Community Park that took a toll but soon was repaired and is now working.

Code Enforcement – Ordinances to be uploaded and made into a digital copy. Enforcing signs once they are put up. Having signs put in the correct places for the safety of the community.

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

Board Discussion: The Klawn payment is made every month for helping with our parks grass. Civil Plus did an annual fee. Paying Xpress bill pay; asked if they keep the percentage that is charged for the bills.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion to approve Resolution 061124 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Beiriger , seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries

NEW BUSINESS

Extension Cords – Vendors who are using extension cords from the business they are sitting on can't be provided electricity. No action

Criminal Code – Court of Record – Tabled

CONVERSION BANK ELECTRICAL UPGRADE – 3 PHASE PAD MOUNT 500 KVA/IN 1-4"POLE BACK: Project that the electrical upgrade by Casa de Cortez apartments \$45,000-\$50,000 and in need of approval from the board it is an estimate from someone that could possibly be hired to come and fix it. A motion to buy the transformer now by Trustee McClure and seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries.

URA ATTORNEY CONTRACT – Paid half by grant and half by the Town and 15,000 for the grant funding with legal documents. This is to get the person paid for the paperwork that is needed to continue with the URA. A motion to approve it be Trustee McClure and seconded by Mayor pro tm Beiriger. Roll call – all in favor. Motion carries

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TOWN MANAGER – Making it more into a workshop with the Town Manager. A motion to table this into a workshop by Trustee McClure and seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll call – all in favor. Motion Carries.

ANIMAL CONTROL – A number to call for a service call directed to the code enforcer. On weekends when he isn't working then the police would respond. Tabled.

VENDOR PERMITS – DISCUSSION- Keeping it up to date and visible to the public. Needs to be rewritten.

OLD BUSINESS

CDOT – NO PARKING SIGNS: No parking signs from CDOT and it was for \$ 9256 total. 17 signs would be made and the purpose is to be able to keep buses and kids safe. The expense is based on the poles and bases the signs would be on. Informational.

TRANSFER POLICY OR PROCEDURES

CORRECTED FINANCIALS – GAS PORTION

CALENDAR ITEMS

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY Trustee Sanchez, SECONDED BY Trustee McClure.

Roll call – all in favor. Motion Carries.

Submitted by,

Natalia Cendejas
Utility/Court Clerk

Archie Gallegos
Mayor