

CENTER TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 8, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with changes adding a public hearing for UTV/Golf Carts (advertised) public hearing, remove the approval of financials, and remove of Painting Annex Building was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Barela.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - Update to the Criminal Code and UTV/Golf Carts–

A motion to go into the public hearing was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Attorney Trujillo opened the Public Hearing – The Hearing was published June 18<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Criminal Code

Chief Guaderrama – Attorney Trujillo is taking the steps to upgrade the criminal codes. If the criminal codes are updated the Department would be able to write more citations into Municipal Court. Chief Guaderrama has looked over the changes with the input from other officers on changes.

Bill McClure – Citizen – Mr. McClure asked if we will become a court a record if the Code is upgraded, Attorney Trujillo said that we have not changed the court. Court changes has its advantages and disadvantages. Court of record could be costly.

UTV or Golf Carts

Town Manager Cole Webb – Cole said that it would be side by side and golf carts only. Cole said that some residents had brought up the subject, and some have had concerns over the issue. The drivers would have to be eighteen to be compliant with the resolution. Attorney Trujillo said that they haven't put much into it without direction from the Board saying they would like to do it.

Chief Guaderrama – Chief Guaderrama does have some concerns about the Resolution. From a law enforcement perspective, it's hard not to see the negative issues of the Resolution. Chief Guaderrama is just expressing his concerns.

Bill McClure – Citizen - No public hearing was published. Attorney Trujillo said it was published on June 18<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McClure asked how are you going to enforce it? Mr. McClure said that they make loud noises, and would ask that you do not pass a Resolution.

Mary McClure – Citizen - The reality is that kids push the limits; the Resolution would be opening the door to more abuse. Ms. McClure said that she is opposed to the resolution.

Moe Jones – Citizen – Mr. Jones said that people in this Town have become paraplegics. Mr. Jones said that he does use his for spraying weeds. The newer ones should be licensed like a car. Mr. Jones is against passing the Resolution.

A motion to adjourn out of the public hearing was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. Attorney Trujillo closed the public hearing at 6:27.

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Connie Trujillo – Ms. Trujillo is a lifelong resident of Center. Ms. Trujillo said that she has followed some channels that are not going anywhere. The Town held two big events and why are the flags tattered? Ms. Trujillo said that her email has been ignored, she has talked with Rich and Cole. There should be no tattered flags, it is very disrespectful. Center would qualify for a grant from Saguache County. Ms. Trujillo asked that they get the flags down or get them replaced.

Ann Cunningham – Ms. Cunningham asked that they move on allowing the Planning Commission members to be business owners. Ms. Cunningham said that they are having a hard time finding members that can attend the meetings, we need to do something about that. Ms. Cunningham would like to go to the housing conference in Keystone again this year. Ms. Cunningham is asking the Board to pay her fee, she has applied for a scholarship but will not know in time. The cost of the conference registration is \$650 plus hotel, mileage and per diem. The Board asked her to get them the information and they will make a decision.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Court Report – Alexis Varela gave the court report, there were quite a few cases that paid prior to court. They have moved the court to twice a month on Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Trustee Sanchez asked what is case closed, Alexis said that it that they have successfully finished their sentencing. Trustee Sanchez would like more explanations on the report.

Police Report – Chief Guaderrama, the Police Department has been really busy. They are averaging 35 cases with all different issues. The department would like to hire one more officer, and maybe a part time court clerk. There were 33 citations issued.

Chief Guaderrama would like to thank some of the officers. Chief Guaderrama would also like to ask the community for a new chance and to be fair. Chief Guaderrama thanked the Board and Citizens for the opportunity to become Police Chief.

Corporal Donaldson is being promoted to Sergeant – Attorney Trujillo swore him in as the new Sergeant. Officer Pino – Chief Guaderrama said that Officer Pino has been a great asset to the team and a good role model. Chief Guaderrama is promoting Officer Pino to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Pino has fifteen years' experience. Attorney Trujillo swore him in.

Chief Guaderrama was also sworn in as the new Chief for the Town of Center.

Public Works Report – Jaime said that all the departments have been busy setting up for the events. Without the crews help, the set ups would not happen. Overall it was a success. The Utility commission meeting is July 9, 2025 and there has been a lot of information has been given to the commission.

L&P – No questions.

Gas – No questions.

Water – No questions.

Sanitation –No questions.

Streets and Parks – The park project is 100% complete. The sprinklers are running now. The baseball field is already green. Jaime said that the rest should be green in about two weeks. The Crew will start on the trenches and reseeding it. Trustee Garcia asked about the plan to make sure that that someone will always know how it's working. Trustee Lopez said that the training should start at the top in case of turn over. Some stop signs have been put on hold, will also start the Truck routes. July sixteenth SRTS project will meet with CDOT. Trustee Lopez asked about moving the playground, and his job is willing to help with the move.

Code Enforcement – They held interviews for two applicants, one did not show up. The interview committee re-opened the position to have more competition. Jaime read a letter from Mortenson Landscaping. Trustee Lopez asked Jaime to relay their gratitude for the project.

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

#### MINUTES

Trustee Lopez had a correction to the stage – it states removal of the playground and it should read that they approved to move it within the park, not the removal of the playground. A motion to approve the June 10, 2025 minutes with the clarification was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### PAYABLES

There were questions from Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Lopez and Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Jaime talked about the dog pound bill, there are changes that need to be done to the holding facility. A motion to approve the payables was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

#### TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Cole said that it has been a busy month. DCI was in Town doing events which consisted with what the community would like to see at the North 90. Talked about other projects that John Vance is doing, there will be a ground breaking in Saguache. The Town has received some good applicants for the ED

Position. The Summer events this year went great. Cole would like to establish a committee for the events starting this year.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bill McClure – Repeal Resolution 060425 -Mr. McClure would like to ask the Board to repeal the resolution in regards to the payment for the sprinkler. Mr. McClure asked the Board members if they know what their fiducial responsibility is for the Town of Center. The Board needs to look at the best interest for the Town. Mr. McClure asked how many Board members actually read the Resolution. Mr. McClure would like the Board to rescind the Resolution. Using the utility money is not proper and on the backs of the customers. The Resolution should be given to the Town Clerk four days prior. Mr. McClure is asking to take some action to take it out of the Conservation Trust instead of the Utilities. Cole said that they budgeted \$80,000 for CTF projects. Light and Power fund is doing pretty good and not hurting. Attorney Trujillo said that they could clarify the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger also stated that what happens if there is something that goes down with the utilities. Moe Jones asked to take it out the Streets and Parks budget. Mary McClure said it should be spent from the appropriate place. A motion to postpone the decision until the next meeting was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

MOU– Saguache County – Town of Center – Saguache County asked to allow some of their vehicles to be stored at the Parks shop so that their employee can have better access since he lives in Center. Jaime will send the information to the Board tomorrow. A motion to approve the MOU was made by Mayor Pro Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

LPC – Grant – Approvals – The Town received the grant and they are asking for the approval, the grant is for \$166,000 with a 20% match. A motion to approve the grant with Cole being able to sign the contracts with DCI and Civistruct after they are reviewed by Attorney Trujillo was made by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Cell Tower – Does the Town have an interest in leasing the property for a tower. Cole will try to get a proposal from the company and Jaime will get the map.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Colorado Gourmet – Attorney Trujillo said that he has had no response. Jaime will ask Duane if he has any information on the meters and how they are reading. Attorney Trujillo said that we will continue the penalty provision for now. Jaime is questioning why they are on the large gas rate and why they would be.

#### Downtown Hydrant

Jaime said that the last conversations was that they will have to drill a new well. Jaime is trying to get figures on drilling a new well, Adam has been out so he does not have the numbers. Moe Jones asked if they could possibly tie it into the water system. It is only a 40 ft. well. Water level is now on 50.

#### CALENDAR ITEMS

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Ag Coalition Appreciation.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Approval of the Criminal Code

Repeal of Resolution 060425

Net Metering - REC

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC  
Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos  
Mayor