

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 9, 2024
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Gallegos.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda with additions was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – There were a couple of changes to the June 25th minutes.

Court Report – Trustee Sanchez and Trustee McClure would like some changes to the way the reports are done. The Trustee’s would like more detail on how the meetings are disposed.

Police Report – Chief Fresquez read from his notes. Most of the tickets were for speed. Chief Fresquez will get more reports once he has trained Natalia. There have been a lot of speeders. Chief purchased more radars for the cars. Trustee McClure asked about the strips across the highway. It is for a traffic study. There were 34 citations – 32 cases. There is one position still open. K9 update, in the last two weeks there were two deployments. One stop brought in paraphernalia the second was five grams of methamphetamine. Trustee Sanchez asked if he could have a tour of the k9 facility and what the dogs can actually do. There are a couple of investigations going on. SRO will get her national registry for the schools in August. The officer will be in the school and take calls also. Chief would like to do some platform to have informative information about the four wheelers that are being driving around Town. Chief applied for two grants. One is to get more training funds, second is LT is working Shield 616 it is a grant/fundraiser for different body armor. Chief will also be applying for a \$500,000 Federal grant pay for two full time officers, potential two new vehicles. Trustee McClure said that some citizens are concerned about the Saguache County Dispatching. Chief will talk to the Under Sheriff about the issues.

Public Works Dept.

Utilities – Jaime has been communicating with MEAN. The Town has been double charged for transmission bills for many years. The Town will be getting credit for the overcharges and Jaime does not have a dollar amount. Jaime feels that maybe we can buy some Commercial electric meters that are failing.

Water – Letters have been set out to the businesses about the backflow not being installed. Audrey Chavez said that she asked come in several times about the issue. Trustee McClure said that the State should have procedures in place. Trustee McClure asked about the selling of water other than a contractor. Man hours is more than \$50 and the sale is only \$3.

Streets and Parks – The crew is working hard. The two summer helpers are also really working hard. Trustee Sanchez said that the summer help is working hard but does not see the main workers out. The sprinklers have been an issue, the upgrades to them has not been done. Twenty sprinklers have been replaced. The report should be better. Cole said that he will work with a reporting system for the Streets and Parks.

Code Enforcement – Citizen and planning Commission member Adeline Sanchez said that she had an issue with the application from James Sanchez and the approval. Ms. Sanchez said that she felt it is opening a can of worms with the approval of the variance. Trustee McClure said that there may be a report from the Planning Commission.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

Trustee McClure said he understood that the fundraising of the Krispy Kreme donuts and said that we were not to have an invoice. You will see the expense in card services. Trustee McClure said that he thought the person running the fundraising, not the taxpayers would spend the money. The \$10,000 was for operations of the dogs not for the fundraising. A motion to approve the payables was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Lease Money – Cole talked about Sales of Equipment and Materials. Trustee McClure would like to see it go into Economic Development maybe a revolving loan fund for citizens to start a business. Trustee McClure asked how the grant application for the infrastructure. Cole said that he felt that it went well. The match has already been allocated. A motion to approve the money being moved to the Economic Development Fund was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor.

Mitch Garcia – Event – Mona Garcia handed out a flyer. Cole said that he talked to several Board members, the Board is not ready to loan out the stage. The donation is not feasible at this time. Trustee McClure said that they should have come to the Board prior to the planning, things would have been better. There is a separation of the church and state. Mitch will be pursuing with the community that they use the stage in the future. Mitch said that it is a misinterpretation of the Church and the government. Mitch said that he was not worried about the money, but the Town has funded all the

school events. Mitch changed his mind about the money, but would like the street closure on the Southside. Closing on the Southside of 5th street. There was not a problem with the Closing of the road. A motion to close the road on 5th street to the Alley and Wills to the Alley was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Update on Criminal Codes – There is not an update. Attorney Trujillo is working with Judge Zollars. A motion to postpone the Update until the next meeting was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

County Assessor – Trustee McClure said that the Saguache County Assessor is not doing their job. Trustee McClure said that the Town is losing money. Trustee Sanchez asked if we should be doing the job of the assessor?

Bridge Update – The last inspection did not show what the weight limits for the bridge. The last inspection was in 2017. Cole and Jaime will work on this, and talk to the ditch company. A motion to post pone the Bridge until further investigation was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Town Manager Contract – Attorney Trujillo will change to a three-year contract. A motion to approve the Town Manager Contract for three years was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Ashley Cruz- Donation – Dance competition dance recital, would like the Town of Center to sponsor her for a minimal deposit. Trustee McClure said that his foundation would like to sponsor Ashley.

Special Events Permit – Town of Center – A motion to approve the Special Events permit and sale of Beer for the August 24th meeting was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Secondary Employment Contract – Rose told the Board that she included it in the packet for review and to make any changes so that it can be approved and implemented as soon as possible.

Donation to Traveling Baseball Team – There are 13 kids and 10 are from Center. The registration fee for the tournament is \$450. A motion to donate \$200 to the Baseball Team was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Company Vehicles – Trustee Sanchez would like to talk about the Company Vehicles policy. Trustee Sanchez said that the only one that is on call should have a take home vehicle. Cole would like to use some of the money from the sale of the vehicles to buy a used Public Works vehicle. Trustee McClure said for Cole to find what he wants and bring it back to the Board.

EXECTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session for Personal Issues was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by, Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

A motion to adjourn out of Executive Session was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

CIRSA meeting – Special meeting Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Event August 24, 2024

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Update Criminal Codes
Secondary Employment Contract
Community Development with ARPA money
Auction

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera
Town Clerk

Archie Gallegos
Mayor