

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024
5:00 P.M.

A generator presentation was held at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Gallegos

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with changes to New Business, Old business and an additional Executive Session was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – Wording on the baseball donation needs to be corrected to the July 9th meeting.

Court Report – There were a few questions concerning the attendance of defendants, most paid ahead of time.

Police Report – Chief Fresquez said that they are doing things a little different. The report shows the percentages by officers according to what they are doing. Chief Fresquez is trying to get things situated different. Cody Hunn is going to take over Chief’s k-9 dog. The k9 dogs were utilized on a stop where meth was located. The dogs also assisted the Del Norte Police Department. There was one recent arrest for distribution of fentanyl. The Dept. is trying to sell the bomb dog. Officer Jaramillo is in training to be the School resource officer. Two vehicles are off the road for the maintenance. There were questions about the mobile readers.

Public Works Dept. Reports

Utilities – The Gas modeling is finished it included a 4 in. pipeline from 112 to Gourmet. The electric part of transmission refund is in the amount is \$237,000. Jaime is making a recommendation to use the

money for the upgrade to the software in the amount of \$190,000. Cole will ask Jaime to get quotes for a mini excavator.

Water – Trustee Lopez asked about the commercial meters. They have shut off some businesses for noncompliance. Jaime said that they have the Jetter truck working.

Streets and Parks – They continue to work on the irrigation system mainly in the Community park. They have worked with a few businesses to replace and repair. Cole and Jaime have been working on a project for Worth St. which includes resurfacing from Worth St. from 2nd to 4th St. Scrape the current pavement hopefully 2-3 in. Cole said that the ultimate decision is from the Town Board. Cole and Jaime are just working on the projects. Trustee Lopez said that they just need a further head up. The fogger for the mosquito is not working, Monte Vista is willing to do it for the remainder of the year. According to Trustee Sanchez on the report it says that they crew has been cleaning and he has checked and only half an alley was cleaned. There are stop signs and speed limit signs that are illegally placed on telephone poles. The tree grant did not get submitted. It will be submitted on the next cycle. Trustee Lopez commending Jaime about being pro-active. Trustee McClure brought up the Utility Board would like to have more in depth discussions.

Code Enforcement – They have hired a code enforcer. Jaime has been doing the job for right now. There have been a lot of complaints about people digging; Jaime has sent letters to the violators. The Mean Representative that was present at the meeting said that he enjoys working with Jaime and that he is very pro-active.

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 Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Cole gave his report to the Board: The Arena that was going out in La Garita area did not get approved – it will be used for Rodeo's. Cole is looking to help in bringing it closer to Town. Cole would like the Board's approval to go ahead and go into talks with the County about having the arena in Center, the Town would have to annex some property. The project cost is about \$5000. There will be a new restaurant. The new mural has been painted. The upcoming Mardi Gras event will be held on August 24th. Various other updates. Trustee Lopez asked about the grant for the Park.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Money – Cole said that he could not find anything about giving households \$25 dollars for the utility bills. Attorney Trujillo said that he didn't think it was allowed. Chief Fresquez talked about purchasing new vehicles. The vehicles are \$50,000 or the other quote for \$75,000. There is one payment left on the vehicles. Chief would like to purchase at least 1 vehicle with the ARPA money. Trustee Sanchez would like to buy one and lease one. A motion to purchase one vehicle and postpone the second vehicle was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Update on Criminal Codes – Attorney Trujillo and Judge Zollars have been working on the municipal codes.

Secondary Employment Agreement – Review – Rose will resend it and postpone the approval. A motion to postpone the agreement was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Bridge Update – Jaime said **that** the last time it was inspected was 2020, there is no paperwork. CDOT – Jaime reached out to them and they would send something once they find it.

County Assessor – Cole did send a letter and has not heard back.

Policy on Board Member Compensation and attendance – Cole asked Monte Vista and they also don't have one. Rose put it on the list serve and only got one response. Cole suggested a work session with Attorney Trujillo to make policies. A motion to postpone the Town Board Member Policies was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Mean Contract – The Town will move from the J option to the M Option. Trustee McClure asked some questions concerning the contract and the voting member. Installing will allow for up to 5% of our allocations to generate for solar. Attorney Trujillo read the Ordinances out loud. All Ordinances and Resolutions.

Ordinance 572 – A motion to approve Ordinance 572 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Ordinance 573 – A motion to approve Ordinance 573 was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION 081324 –A motion to approve Resolution 081324 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Utilities Software Update –Look at the five-year term. Would we use the refund of overpayment refund? The discussion is to go with the annual fee not the full amount. A motion to approve the Software upgrade with the five-year annual payment using the refund was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger.

Franchise Fees – Increase in Franchise Fees – 8, 8, 2 – preliminary for the budget preparation. If the current amounts can hold then we will leave it like it is. A motion to approve the Franchise fee for budget purposes was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Forgiveness of Utility Loan – This was a loan to the Water department from the L&P fund for the loan on the water tower, Cole is asking the Board if they would like to forgive the Loan. A motion to postpone the forgiveness discussion was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Donation to Shop with a Biker – A motion to deny the request as they are not from the Town of Center was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger – N, all other Board members voted - y. Motion Carries.

Review Sealed Bids – Cole will open and send them back to the Board through email.

Purchase of Bucket Truck – The Town is selling the bucket truck that they do not use, would like to purchase a bucket truck that fits in the alleys. A motion to purchase the bucket truck pending an

inspection report was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Upgrade On Crescent and Casa de Cortez – An email was sent to the Board with the information. A motion to approve the Upgrade was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

DCI Contract – The Contract is for the RFQ that will work with DCI regularly to include everything. A motion to approve the contract with DCI was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Mardi Gras – August 24

Workshop – August 20th at 5:30 p.m.

September 10- public hearing for the URA

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION- For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of the City Council or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of the City Council or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees;

A motion to move into Executive session for a Personnel Matter was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION - For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e);

A motion to move into Executive session for purchase of a building was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

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

PURCHASE OF OLD DRUG STORE BUILDING

A motion to offer \$90,000 to \$100,000 for the building was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Archie Gallegos
Mayor