

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

A financial workshop was held at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m. by Mayor Gallegos.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos	P
Mayor Beiriger	E
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 addition and deletions was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carrie Zimmerman – Ms. Zimmerman gave an update on the Track and football field. The football field is done the track is still in progress. Ms. Zimmerman would like the Town Board to attend the first football game and be there for the 6:00 p.m. ribbon cutting and the after game tailgate party.

Jaime Hurtado – Jaime wanted to introduce Orlando Rascon as the new Code Enforcement Officer to the Board and the community.

Trustee McClure added that the Town Board wanted to thank the Staff and the Community Volunteers for the Saturday Mardi Gras event.

FINANCIALS

A motion to approve the July was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. Correct the classifications for the money from Mean. This will be on the September 10th meeting.

PAYABLES

Wex Card - Highway Users Tax for the gas. Trustee McClure would like us to research this and possibly go back to Jones Oil. A motion to approve the payables was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Wheeler's Letter of Intent – Jaime said that this project started before he was employed. Jaime feels that it is a good project, especially for the businesses. Wheeler's would like a letter of intent to go forward with the project. Signing the letter will not hold the Town for anything; they will ask the Board prior to selling the generators. POWERZONE would also like to do a presentation. Trustee Lopez would like us to consider this without holding to the Town to anything. Trustee Sanchez feels that it is a lot of money, and with the North 90 project we should wait. Trustee McClure does not have an issue with the letter if it really is holding us harmless. There is good points and bad points and Trustee McClure would agree with Trustee Lopez. Attorney Trujillo said that the letter does not hold the Town liable but the Board will have to make a decision at a later time especially if the grant is received. There is also a EIAF grant for up to 6 million dollars. A motion to sign the letter of intent was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – Trustee Sanchez – No, All other members voted yes. Motion Carries.

Bucket Truck Purchase – The choice is buy it now without an inspection, or wait until April when all the bucket trucks are inspected. The cost is \$22,000. The inspection will cost \$6,000 if it's done right now. Trustee Lopez would be willing to split the cost of the inspection. Jaime will check with the owner. A motion to purchase the Truck pending the cost split and clear inspection was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – Trustee Sanchez – No, all other members voted yes. Motion Carries.

2nd Police Truck – Chief Fresquez said that he did look into the purchase of a second Truck; he also looked into a 2025 truck. The cost will be the same of 2024. There was a savings of \$29,000 in the salaries when they were short staffed. There will be a savings of paying off the Chargers. A motion to purchase the Police Truck with the charger being paid off and a new lease is started was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

ARPA Purchase Building Update – The Purchase of the building that is currently owned by the Serna family. The cost of the building is \$105,000. Attorney Trujillo feels that the building needs a good inspection on the building to include the roof, asbestos and the electrical. A motion to purchase the building and that Cole signs the contract for the purchase to include the inspection was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Fullenwider Bridge Update – Jaime said that he had sent the Board a complete inspection in 2023, the final was done in January 2024. Maximum weight limit for the bridge – is not a direct question to answer, load rating is proven to be adequate.

Water Loan Forgiveness – A motion to leave the Water Loan on the books and not pay it back was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Events Permit Brew fest – The Town has several breweries and distilleries coming for the event. They have already raised some money for this even. The proceeds from the event will be used future events. The event will be held on November 2nd from 2 to 10 p.m. A motion to approve the special events permit was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Purchase of Public Works Truck – Dave had in his budget to purchase a truck for himself but had waited until the crew had there's. The current truck would be given to Adam. Trustee McClure said that when they purchased the last fleet, the trucks they purchased for the department were too big. Cole will email the list to the Board. A motion to postpone the purchase of the Public Works truck was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee McClure. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

911 to Dispatch – The PD had a phone that they used for the emergency. All the numbers that are used will be on the newsletter. This should prevent them for getting rid of the calls. The 3141 goes to Saguache at night or if they don't answer it will go to Saguache.

CALENDAR ITEMS –

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING –

Mean Allocations for both revenue and expenses

Secondary employment contract

Mitch Garcia

Purchase of Public Works Truck

New Codes

Ed Position -

Main Street – paving

Broadway – potholes by Alta

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Archie Gallegos
Mayor