

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Garcia	E
Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez	P
Trustee Beiriger	P
Trustee Gonzales	P
Trustee Gallegos	P
Trustee Barela	P
Trustee McClure	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Deacon Jerry Leblanc – Deacon Leblanc commended the Town of Center, the Utility crew and Street Crew. Deacon Leblanc said that on July 21st and one other date that the Utility and Street Crew went the extra mile. They are kind, polite and top notch workers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – No questions were asked.

Court Report – The model Traffic code was used a mobile handicapped ticket. Abated be refunded.

Attorney Trujillo said that it can still go under the 42 code. Natalia said that she did advise the defendant to come to court to let the Judge dismiss it. Trustee McClure would like fine amounts on the report.

Police Report – There were fifteen more tickets than the month prior. The cases have kept the department busy. Assist on County Rd. GG was an agency assist. Chief Fresquez said he would look into it an email the Board with an answer.

Public Works Report – Jaime said that the guys have been working beyond his expectations. They have been having meetings with Attorneys and different agencies. Jaime has started working with Rio Grande County and they are spraying the goat heads at the Park. They sprayed 5.5 acres. Jaime will look into grants for noxious weed.

Utilities – Sensus did come and work on our hand held meters. They were old commercial meters that weren't coming in on the system. The Generator has been fixed. The relay switch

went bad. Eighty-seven disconnects were sent out, six were disconnected. Trustee McClure said that as a board that they should contact the PUC that the cost for the pathway project should be adjusted. Jaime will talk with Mike on how to write this letter.

Water- Jaime would like to talk with the Sanitation District about some issues that are of concern. The back flow is at about 82-85 % completed. Trustee McClure would like a consumption usage report monthly.

Streets and Parks – This department is the one that is busy doing different things.

Building Report – Sergio has been busy, 15 permits were applied for. People are complying to their violation. There were some concerns about the elderly.

PAYABLES

Trustee McClure asked if we had a policy on receiving compensation for a Board Member. The Town is paying the accountant mileage and lodging. Brian said that it is not out of the ordinary, we paid Ruben Brown. Brian will research if it is out of the ordinary. A motion to approve the payables was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –Trustee Beiriger, Trustee Gallegos, Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, Trustee Gonzales and Trustee Barela - Y. Trustee McClure – y to all bills with the exception of Paula Martinez which he Voted-N. Motion Carries.

MANAGERS REPORT

Brian received an email from the attorneys about the complaint to FERQ on the pathway project. Brian will contact the attorney about the monies received by Xcel. The Town received the \$20,000 check from CHAFA for the murals.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Plaque – Robert Gonzales – Brian presented Rob with the Plaque for his years of service to the Town. The Plaque said Streets and Parks but Robert worked in the Water Department also.

Renew Liquor License - M&M Liquor – A motion to approve the renewal of the Liquor License was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor.

Review for Financial Policy Committee – Trustee McClure says that the committee would be strictly the Board members. Trustee McClure would like a policy to invest the monies. Trustee McClure would like policies and guidelines, if not a committee then at least workshops. Paula is getting clarification as to what Wall, Smith and Bateman felt about transferring monies and how often.

Citizen Comments – Response – Bryam Ornelas – Bryam came before the Board at the last meeting. Brian said that they Town is not picking on him, he is in a residential area. Some of the pics that he brought in are in blight area. Brian would like Bryam to have a timeline to apply for a variance. The application has to be submitted prior to the planning commission. There is a conveyance in that subdivision (rules and regulations) those need to be followed. Attorney Trujillo asked that he get a copy of the subdivision and the conveyance. The landowner has to apply for the variance. Bryam asked how would you define trash or building materials? It's considered inventory. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez said that the Board will wait until he has the conveyance. A motion to table this issue until there is verification of the conveyance was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Utility Reserve Policy – Brian said that there are somewhat of a reserve already. Trustee McClure said that there is a dollar amount that needs to be in reserves. A workshop is needed to discuss this. Trustee McClure felt that we are in a time constraint since we are in the Budget talks.

BUDGET

A Preliminary Budget was handed out to the Town Board members. Rose handed out the Preliminary Budget to the Board.

CALENDAR ITEMS

October 16 – Planning Commission meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

North 90 Development – Would like Al Gold to come talk to the Board. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez would like them to meet with the Planning Commission.

Emergency Fund – Catholic Church –

Review policy for advances for Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Peggy Martinez
Mayor Pro-Tem