

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Mayor Garcia.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mona Garcia – Ms. Garcia has two summonses for court. Ms. Garcia said that surcharge and court costs. Ms. Garcia said that Natalia said that the cost had been approved. Ms. Garcia said that when she came in that she was told four people had approved it. Rose told her that it would have to be brought to the Judge’s attention. Brian said that the Judge uses her discretion.

Audrey Chavez – Ms. Chavez said that she is concerned about no one is here on Friday. There is no one here to put utilities here to change the utilities into their name. Police Department does not have enough officers to do 24 hour coverage. When Chief Torrez was employed he did do a 24 hr. coverage. There is a lot of room for improvement in the Police Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – 10/10/23 & 10/24/23 – Discussion and Policy for Board Members. When it is in the minutes then it should be on the next agenda.

Court Report – Fines collected on the report.

Police Report – There are 25 active cases. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez asked about handicapped tickets are being coded right. Cpl. Fresquez said that there is a grant from Saguache County to do Christmas Shopping with some Kids. Shopping with a Cop. Chief Fresquez will find out which children are in need.

A grant was received for the balance of the Body Cams. Eric Martinez will graduate on December 3rd. Mr. Martinez will be working in the school during the school year.

Public Works Dept. Reports – Jaime Hurtado

Utilities – Jaime keeps a close eye on the prices. Jaime monitors the gas prices daily. The prices keep going up. If the prices go up then the Town's cost also go up. May 2023 was the last time the Electric price was raised. Gas was raised in August 2023. There is a list of street lights that need to be purchased. Once the budget is approved they will be ordered and they will work on having more in stock. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez asked about the Jetter truck is working and cleaning lines.

Water – Caselle is still dropping off meters and we are looking into it. The current software Sensus, they are looking into figuring why this is happening. It may be an upgrade of a few thousand dollars. The servers and the software they will need to be upgraded. Brian said that Kamstrup has a longer warranty. Trustee McClure asked if all the money was given to the contractor. Trustee McClure said we need something in writing about the Town not spending the money. Homeowners are going to start sending letters that they need to connect to the meters.

Streets and Parks – The Department will be installing cameras at the North 90 so that the pit can be opened during the weekends. The Dept. will also be installing one at the Community Park to alleviate cars doing donuts and drinking.

Code Enforcement - Sergio will also be sending letters to homeowners, that their property is in violation of ordinances.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez. Roll Call –All in favor.

PAYABLES

Trustee McClure asked about the Accountant and paying her mileage to come to work. Trustee McClure said that he would not like to pay Paula Martinez for her travel expenses. Mayor Garcia said that Trustee McClure was on the Board and knew how hard it was find an accountant and she doing a substantial job. A motion to approve the payables was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, Trustee Beiriger and Trustee Gallegos –y, Trustee McClure –y with the exception of Paula Martinez. Motion Carries.

MANAGERS REPORT

Regional road Map team – There is available for Non-competitive Fund of \$41,000 from the Federal Department.

RESOLUTION – 20231114

Concerning for loan from the Utility fund to the Water fund to be paid back within a year. It was extended for one year. Brian said that he would like extend until the Water fund can pay the loan back. Trustee McClure would like a clarification on the last sentence. Trustee McClure thinks that it was taken off another resolution. Brian will review the Resolution and clarify the wording.

NEW BUSINESS

MEAN Contract Change – March 2025- When we went from XCEL to MEAN \$45 per megawatt hour. This is up for renewal in 2025. MEAN would like to have talks with the Board on which way the Board would like to go SSM or SSJ. Trustee McClure asked if Jaime if he could do any usage predictions. Jaime said he would look into it.

Brothers Keepers Motor Cycle Club – Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez spoke for the Club. Shop with a biker, they have chosen 8 kids from Center. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez is asking for some support to purchase gifts for the 8 kids from Center. The club has supported the Town with their Poker run. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez would like a donation of sponsoring at least 2 kids. A motion to donate \$300 to shop with a biker was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

CALENDAR ITEMS

Planning Commission – 11/20/23 – 6:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Fines Report -

Policy for Board Members -

Resolution 20231114 –

Covid Money –

Fund for the ED – GASB 45 – Review the Ordinance or a Petition to have it on the ballot.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor