

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2024
5:30 P.M.

A financial workshop at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Mayor Gallegos.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with changes was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Desiree Hurtado – Ms. Hurtado wanted to Express concerns about the Town Board, Desiree thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. Ms. Hurtado feels that the Board has not stood behind the Employees as they are harassed. The Boards responsibility is to have a respectful work area for employees.

FINANCIALS

A motion to approve the October Financials 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 with the exception of the Intellichoice was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

MINUTES

Trustee McClure said that he felt the minutes did not read accurately concerning the Trustee Issue and Executive Session. A motion to hold off on the approval of the minutes until they were corrected was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – Trustee McClure and Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger – y, Trustee Barela, Mayor Gallegos, Trustee Gonzales, Trustee Lopez and Trustee Sanchez – n. Motion did not carry.

A motion to approve the November 11, 2024 minutes as presented was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – Trustee Barela, Mayor Gallegos, Trustee Gonzales, Trustee Lopez and Trustee Sanchez – Y. Trustee McClure and Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger – N. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Criminal Codes – Attorney Trujillo has presented a draft update and has not received feedback. If there is no feedback then Attorney Trujillo will proceed. Trustee Sanchez asked about a deadline, Attorney Trujillo said that they should turn in the comments within the next three weeks.

Trustee Issues – Trustee Lopez said that the Board did not come to a consensus on the actions for Trustee McClure. Trustee Lopez still believes that Trustee McClure should be removed from office for the issues, after a public hearing. Attorney Trujillo said that they have to find that official misconduct to perform the duties as a Trustee. There are precautions as a judicial proceeding. Filing a charge against a Trustee, not criminal charge. A public hearing officer from the outside would have to be attained. Attorney Trujillo said that it would be stripping the power of the people that voted him in, this is not a light issue. The Board could vote after, but then is subject to judicial review. There are three ways that Trustee McClure's issue could be handled - Move out of the jurisdiction, recall or the public hearing section. There has to be constitutional grounds. Quasijudicial hearing. 1899 was the last case that Attorney Trujillo could find. Citizen Cesar Valadez – said that it is not right what Trustee McClure said. Citizen Geraldine Jaramillo – Can anyone see the video? Citizen Alex Enriquez – said that they should have a recall. Mona Garcia – said that Duane went to a house and told someone that there permit was expired and told him to renew it. Trustee McClure – said that the man made a statement and the permit was posted right in the window. The permit Expired the October 31st. Orlando said that he was going to shut him down, Trustee McClure said no one shuts him down. Trustee McClure said he did say the racial comment, but he is the biggest supporter of the Hispanic people. Trustee Lopez said that Orlando had walked out and The racial slur was said three times. Expired 09/25 not 10/31. Division in the Town. Police Chief – said that it offended him, there is 90% Hispanic in the community. There are kids that would like to come to the meeting but they feel like the Board acts like kids. We are all humans, lets act like adults. Trustee Lopez asked what it takes to proceed with the State Statues. A motion to direct Attorney Trujillo to follow the State Statues and write up a charge and proceed to a hearing to remove Trustee McClure from office was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – Trustee McClure voted N, all others voted –y. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Kiwanis Donation – Annual Christmas Parade on December 14th at the Casa Blanca park. Food basket giveaway and they coordinate with the school. A motion to donate \$500 to the Kiwanis was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Contracts for N 90 –

Cole handed out the contracts for the North 90 for review. Cole would like the Board to take a look at them. Cole asked for the Board to email him for approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – TOWN MANAGER AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

After Executive Session two items were added:

Officer Positions- A motion to hire two new officers was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Town Manager Evaluations- A motion to approve the evaluation and extend the 3-year contract with a raise of \$10,000 was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Workshop – December 3 @ 5:30 p.m. – ARPA MONEY – MILL LEVY

CHRISTMAS CRAFT 7TH 1-5 P.M.

TOWN PARADE – 14TH @ 2:00 P.M.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Criminal Codes – possibly

North 90 Contracts

Vista Volunteer

Trustee Issues

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos
Mayor