

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

BUDGET HEARING

The budget hearing was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Attorney Trujillo. Brian talked about how the budget came about and how the employees work together to make it work. The Town of Center is unique in having electric, gas and water. The mill levies did increase adding a positive to the GF by approx. \$14,000. The Economic Development fund is now under a Dept. as recommended. Mr. Charles W. McClure had some comments: Mr. McClure said that he was thankful to Paula and the Town Manager. He is concerned with the mill levies and the increase. Mr. McClure also talked about the franchise fee increase to the utilities.

Present at the hearing were all Board Members, Town Staff, Bill McClure and James Sanchez.

The budget hearing concluded and closed at 5:49 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Mayor Garcia.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – 11/08/22 & 11/22/22 – No corrections to be made.

Court Report – There were no questions.

Police Report – Chief Fresquez thanked the Board for being patient with the transition. The Department is now fully staffed. One officer will start the Academy in January. Officer Adolph finished the academy with a lot of great accomplishments. She passed her post and will begin work on Wednesday December

7, 2022. Officer Adolph and Officer Pichon were sworn in by Attorney Trujillo. The SRO will be in the school during the school year and on the street during the summer hours.

Public Works Dept. Reports

Utilities – The Town did get the final rates on transportation and the kW hours. Dave is working on them.

Water – The water meters are still an issue. The issue is reading the commercial meters. The Town, saved 28 million gallons last year.

Streets and Parks – No questions.

Building Report – No questions

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

PAYABLES

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

MANAGERS REPORT

Brian said that it's been an amazing year and is happy with the direction the Town is going. The state is commending and the talk about Center in a positive. One of the new projects will be the revamp of the Community Park. Another would be a landscape on Hwy.112 to attract people to the Town. The Town will continue to apply for grants.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Dave did not have anything else to add.

RESOLUTIONS -

Resolution 20221206 – Franchise Fee Change – Mr. McClure asked that this Resolution be denied, Mr. McClure said that there may also be an increase in the utilities so the citizens should not be hit twice. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez asked Brian for an explanation as to the increase. Brian talked about the fees increasing. The Utility Funds supplementing the Police Dept. was done to help the GF. If the sales tax increase of 2% were going directly to the GF the Utility funds would not have to supplement the GF. The half of percent is still being committed to Economic Development. Mayor Pro-Tem asked if the fund was stable at 5, 5, 3, Brian said we have been until this budget period. The reason it was done is so that the GF is in the positive. Attorney Trujillo read the resolution out loud. A motion to approve resolution 20221206 was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and Trustee Duran – N, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Beiriger, Mayor Garcia, Trustee Gonzales and Trustee Barela - Y. Motion Carries.

Resolution 20221206 – A – A resolution amending 03222022 concerning Transfers of Funds. Attorney Trujillo read the resolution out loud. A motion to approve 20221206-A- was made by Trustee Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Ordinance 564 – Levying Property Taxes - Attorney Trujillo read the Ordinance out loud. A motion to approve Ordinance 564 was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Ordinance – 565 – Appropriating Sums of Money - Attorney Trujillo read the ordinance out loud. A motion to approve Ordinance 565 was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries.

Resolution 202221206 –B- Town Manager Brian Lujan read the resolution out loud. A motion to approve Resolution 202221206-B was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call- All in favor. Motion Carries.

Certification of Tax Levies – Saguache & Rio Grande County – A motion to certify the mill levies was made by Trustee Duran, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS

James Sanchez – Discuss commercial operations in residential areas – There is an individual on Fullenwider that he feels he is running a business out of his residence. Mr. Sanchez said he has been in touch with Dave to see what can be done. Dave said that the cease and desist order was delivered in July; Dave said he has not followed up. Mr. Sanchez wants to know if the Town is going to enforce the ordinances. Mr. Sanchez said that there is some stuff around Town that is not being addressed.

Approval of REDI Grant Expenses- Is part of the youth enterprise zone the expenses are part of the grant. The kids will be there and it is going to be a youth run business. McKayla will help with the project. The match is coming from in-kind and the Boys and Girls club of Alamosa. A soft opening may be in December if everything comes in. A motion to approve the expenses for the REDI Grant was made by, seconded by. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of planning Commission Guidelines - Brian talked that him along with DCI worked on these guidelines. There were also attorneys that were involved. Pg. 13 needs to be corrected. They are just tentative times. A motion to approve the Planning Commission Guidelines was made by Trustee Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Duran. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Christmas Party – December 22, 2022

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Duran, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 7:22.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor