

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2024
6:00 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos	P
Mayor Beiriger	P
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 changes was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Terri Hance – Ms. Hance wanted to thank the Board for all their work. Ms. Hance said she saw the Video and is disappointed, we are all Americans. We are whitey tighties. Sticks and stones will break our bones, go back to the childhood. Ms. Hance felt that some areas of the recall are not true. Ms. Hance suggests an Ethics class for Board and employees. We are privileged to be American Citizens. We need backbone, we need female interactions. We do not need hot heads, think before we act. We are a small Town and they pastor a church in Alamosa. Don't take away the voice and put it to the voters.

CONSENT AGENDA

Court Report – Alexis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Police Report – Interim Chief Guaderrama gave the report the Report had the statistics. Assaults have gone up tremendously they are linked to drugs and alcohol. Both recruits graduated from the Academy are done, one was awarded top driving and top shooting. They will be on the FTO program. Trustee Sanchez asked how the court deals with officers that are no longer here? There was one officer interview this week he was given a conditional job offer. This officer offers a lot of experience, is an instructor in many phases. Trustee Lopez asked about the fireworks that have been shooting off, the suspect has been issued a summons into Municipal Court.

Public Works Dept. Reports – Jaime gave his report – Mr. Hurtado said he was trying to enhance the Town. Evaluations have been done for his departments. The Inventory is also being done. Jaime spoke about the uniforms for all his departments - In the past years the Utility employees were responsible for

buying their own uniforms. An option that Jaime is looking into is Cinta – they would provide uniforms; this will be the new change for the incoming year. The budget that all utility departments is about \$10,500. By going with Cinta they will be saving money. Trustee Lopez asked about the summer help, we need to have a blank one for them. Citizen Mona Garcia, thanked for street light by her house, but feels we have bigger issues.

L&P – Trustee Lopez said that it nice with the lights that have been fixed. Jaime said that they are still trying to figure out why they are going out. The complete light fixture has to be replaced. Audrey Chavez asked if the lights being replaced will this cause loitering in the park. The parks close at ten in the summer and at dusk during the winter.

Gas – No comments.

Water – The Pipeline survey was sent with the Towns newsletter. The state is requesting that they return the letters to find out what kind of pipes that are installed in their residence. The Town may have to increase the water rates at some point. Trustee McClure asked about the reports about what was billed and what we are pumping. Jaime said that he had sent them earlier in the day. Trustee Sanchez asked if they were just hydrants or fire hydrants.

Sanitation – No comments.

Streets and Parks – Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger asked about snow removal, feels that they need to get closer to the sidewalks. Jaime said that he may have the four wheeler go in earlier.

Code Enforcement – No Questions.

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

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of November 26, 2024 was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

A motion to approve the payables was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Cole talked about his report. Ongoing project – The North 90 project, once we get the contracts approved we can continue. The Town is further along than other communities that also received the same grant. The Bake and craft sale was very well attended. This week is the Christmas Parade, Cole asked if they could use the Pharmacy building for Santa if the weather is to cold. Budget season is almost over, next week it will be completed. Viking Youth Club will have a pancake breakfast. Thanked the Board for their continued support on all projects.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 574 – Town Manager Cole read the Ordinance out loud concerning the General tax levy – Temporary Mill levy reduction. Mill Levy – Trustee McClure said that there are some errors in the Ordinance. Need to put in the mill levy 29.908 mills and with the reduction the Board chose to apply for

only half a mill, leaving the approx....1.5 in a temporary status. This temporary mill reduction also needs to be in the Certification Letters also. Can agree to the 27.508 but temporary reduction. The Ordinance needs the proper wording. A motion to have conditional approval for the approval with the wording changes to both the ordinances and the letter to the Counties was made by – Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Criminal Codes – Update –Attorney Trujillo was not present. Postpone until next meeting.

North 90 Contracts – The contracts will be paid through the grant. Ranger to provide Wastewater, it is part of these contracts. The contract is to design all utilities. Trustee McClure said that the Board should have reviewed these two months ago, not just tonight. The Sanitation Board has never set down with this Board. Cole said that we are on a time crunch for the grant. The Sanitation District is not being proactive. Trustee Lopez said that the Sanitation District will not get three Board members, we need to stop postponing the issue. Jaime said if we do not get them approved we may lose the grant. A motion to approve the contract as presented with the review from Attorney Trujillo and if any amendments need to be made they should be made within a week was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – Trustee Lopez, Trustee Sanchez, Mayor Gallegos, Trustee Gonzales and Trustee Barela – y, Trustee McClure and Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger –n. Motion Carries.

Vista Volunteer – Have until March to decide. Postpone until January 14, 2024

Trustee Issues – Cole said that he spoke with Attorney Trujillo. Cole said that CIRSA will be taking over. At the Special Meeting on the 17th, Attorney Trujillo will deliver the charge. CIRSA will be handling the hearing. Citizen Teri Hance asked if they can reconsider the hearing. Trustee Lopez said that he was always been clear on his opinion. Teri Hance said that if Trustee McClure if hadn't worked the mill levy then the others would not have known this. Citizen Alex Enriquez spoke about the dealings his family has had with Trustee McClure.

NEW BUSINESS

Mitch Garcia – Mr. Garcia was present to talk about sustainability- gave a bible verse – After the November 12th – was shared it received many views on his page. The sign was placed on a bridge – They are still waiting for the Police to investigate. Recall Petitions do not have the correct information. Mr. Garcia feels that the former and current Town Manager have not helped. There are Important issue to address for the current and future residents. Drug trade in Town is still going on but is done at night. The Town needs Funds for different issues. Mr. Garcia said that the Town needs a CPA for different billing issues and they need to be on sight. Mr. Garcia said that they have talked to the Sanitation Board. Mr. Garcia said that if they continue with the hearing they will hear from them. Trustee Lopez said that he is one voice, and would like to stand by his heritage. Mona Garcia said that they also have a voice. Mona Garcia said what Trustee McClure did at his home; there is no difference from what Mayor Gallegos said to Mr. Garcia. Mr. Garcia said his rights were violated. Mr. Garcia told the Board not to Forget about the families that have been here for generations.

Resolution 121024-A – Transfer funds from L&P to Water – Cole read the Resolution out loud. 2021 shortfall. Check on the correct amounts – Postpone to December 17th. A motion to postpone the

Resolution until the December 17th meeting was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Designs for Town Hall and Pharmacy – Cole presented the Town Board a design to upgrade the Old Pharmacy and the Town Hall. Cole will send the presentation to the Board and would like input as soon as possible.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Parade

Viking youth club pancake

December 17, 2024 – Meeting

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Criminal Code Updates – January 14th

Vista Volunteer – January 14th

Trustee Issues – December 17th - 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos
Mayor