

CENTER TOWN BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2023

5:30 P.M.

A workshop was held for Police Staff, vehicles and the 2023 Meeting Schedule.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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	E
Trustee Barela	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda with an addition to New Business was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Susan Banning- Wanted to talk to the Board about the increase of fires. Ms. Banning stated that when she was Mayor there was a survey about the masts on houses that need to be replaced. She would like to know what progress has been made in the last ten years in regards to the masts and the housing Inspections have been done on converting old fuse boxes. We as a Town need education. People need to have a fire safety program about the necessity of Carbon monoxide detectors. Newsletters in English and how many are needed in Spanish?

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – No Questions were asked.

Court Report – There was no court in December, all fines were paid a head of time.

Police Report- Chief Fresquez said that there has been an increase in traffic tickets. There were a few different tickets and warrants. There was a fire in Town to which the police responded. There will be a basketball tournament that will be donated to the fire victims, Officer Adolph asked the Chief if they could do that and he agreed. There are a few investigations currently in progress. The Valley Police Departments are helping each other out and Chief Fresquez and Corporal Fresquez are trying to form an

interdiction unit between the departments. Chief Fresquez is working on more grants, the current grant due Friday is a Homeland Security Grant. Chief Fresquez would like to get a mobile speed limit sign with the grant. There are applications for new hires.

Public Works Dept. Reports

Utilities- The Pathway project will be talked about later on in the agenda.

Water – The commercial water meters are failing. The Town does not have a plan on replacing them. Dave will have a dollar amount as to the cost of replacing the meters. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez asked if the Town was having sewer problems. Dave said that he was not aware of any problems.

Streets and Parks – No questions were asked.

Building Report – Eighteen violation letters were sent out. Dave is going to start with minor violations.

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

PAYABLES

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

MANAGERS REPORT

507 Miles RV – Brian said that the homeowners are requesting to place a camper trailer while they rebuild the house, once the house is rebuilt they will remove the camper. Brian also explained that the Town has a donation check for \$500 to help with any needs they may have. A motion to approve the camper being used until the house is rebuilt was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Gourmet Gas – Colorado Gourmet is requesting the Town sell them gas at a wholesale price. Dave doesn't feel that there is any room on the gas line especially now that the Town is looking to expand. Brian feels that there is not enough information and Colorado Gourmet should come before the Board explaining what they are proposing and what they would like to accomplish. A package should be put together by Dave as to the issues that the Town would face if what Colorado Gourmet is proposing were to be allowed.

VFD Approval – The VFD went out on the East Well. A motion to purchase the VFD from Central Pump at the cost of \$12,149.55 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Water Annual Gallons – The Town has decreased by eight million gallons. The Town has decreased usage since 2019.

SLV CD- Contract –The Contract is ready to turn over to the Water Conservancy District for approval. The contract includes all of the wells including the wells at the North 90. A motion to approve the contract and send it to the Water Conservancy District for approval and or any changes was made by Trustee Gonzales, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Electric Transportation – If things stay the way that they are supposed to as part of the Pathway project. The PUC did approve this Pathway project. The Town and several other municipalities are being hit hard with this project. The Town is already contacting our representatives. The next step is FERC; the lawyers are filing with FERC in February. Xcel is currently charging nine cents more than the Town is currently charging. The Board asked Dave to keep us informed.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

Electric Ordinance – Attorney Trujillo highlighted the areas which allow Dave to adjust the charge of the electric. It is mirroring the gas ordinance. Attorney Trujillo read the ordinance out loud. A motion to approve Ordinance #566 was made by Trustee Beiriger, seconded by. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Resolution for Support of the San Luis Central Railroad grant and a non-binding resolution – The project will be for Ansel to Center’s station to replace current railroad lines. Brian read the resolution out loud. A motion to approve resolution #01102023 was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call -

NEW BUSINESS

Alta Convenience – Liquor Renewal – Attorney Trujillo said that everything looked in order and there have been no violations. A motion to renew the Liquor License was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Michael BonDurant – Veterans Officer – Mr. BonDurant introduced himself as the new Veterans’ service officer. He works under the County and the State Department. Mr. BonDurant is there to help veterans with claims. The program is for those that are in need of different things including utilities. Mr. BonDurant is in Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Mr. BonDurant would like ideas on how to reach Veterans.

Recast City – Brian talked about working with DCI since 2019. The Recast Leaders contract is the next step in moving forward. The consultant will talk and train on how to rebuild your downtown areas. There are Team Center meets every Wednesday. Dave is now involved since it is moving forward and Rose will be slowly brought in so that we have more involvement within for the project. It has been paid with the 2022 budget, it costed \$14,005. A motion to approve the Contract was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

24 hr. Disconnects – Brian talked about the amount of disconnects are being sent out. Brian is recommending that we do away with the 24 hr. disconnects after a three-month education to the customers about paying the past due amount that is on their bill. A motion to vacate 24 hr. disconnects was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

2023 Meeting Schedule – Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez recommended that if a meeting is going to be lengthy to provide snacks and water.

Vehicle Purchase – The Police Dept. did receive a grant for \$145,000 toward salaries. Chief Fresquez requested that since the sixth and seventh positions are already budgeted for if they could purchase a new Truck with the budgeted amounts. A motion to purchase a new truck for the police department was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

CALENDAR ITEMS

January 31st or February 7th for the Mass Design report.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor