

**Center Town Board
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting to order by Mayor Garcia at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Garcia	P
Mayor Pro-Tem McClure	P
Trustee Martinez	P
Trustee McClure	P
Trustee Sanchez	P
Trustee Beiriger	P
Trustee Gallegos	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda with changes was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES – No changes.

COURT REPORT – Judge Zollars was ill and cancelled court in December.

POLICE REPORT - Chief Meek handed out with the new system report which he feels is keeping better statistics compared to the old one. The officers have been working hard. Some of the issues have gone down. Drug trafficking arrests in the first part of the year was one second half was six. A lot of the crimes are being solved with the help of the citizens in Center. Josh Rowe was arrested for the burglary at Big R. It was a planned burglary. Trustee McClure asked about the seizure policies. Chief explained how they handle the situations of seizing. Trustee McClure asked about the three Fresquez working for the Department. Chief explained to the Board that they have one who is temporary Full-time but is on top of them.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

Utilities – Trustee McClure asked about the new credit card system and who is covering the fee. The customer is paying the credit card fees. Trustee McClure would like for us to put the cost of using xpress bill pay on the bills.

Water – The water meters are still being worked on. They are hoping to bill out next month. Trustee Martinez said she got a complaint about the water surges causing their water heater to go out. Mayor Pro-Tem McClure asked about fluoride in our water, she would like to have it put back in our water. CDPHE has lowered the fluoride rating to seven parts per million allowed. Fluoride is natural in our

water, the Town has .2 parts per million. Trustee Sanchez agrees with Mayor Pro-Tem McClure. Dave can research it and ask the community for input.

Streets and Parks –No questions were asked

Building Report – No questions were asked.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Sanchez.

Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES – Trustee McClure asked about the payments to the School District, the Sanitation District, Jones Oil and a few others. A motion to approve the payables was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries

MANAGERS REPORT

Weekly Payables - Brian would like to have approval for Weekly Payables; Paula suggested that we go to a weekly payable system so that we are not behind. The Board had some concerns about the bills that would usually be questioned at a Board Meeting. A motion to have a trial test beginning this Thursday and next Thursday with the checks wanting to be issued and signed without them actually being issued or signed to see if this will work was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. If it works it will be approved at the next meeting.

RWR- Douglas County – SLV Water – Trustee McClure said before we write a letter that they need to review the issue. Trustee McClure said that he was under the impression that was using COVID money and that should not be done. Trustee McClure said that if we are going to do something that we need to do it correctly. Attorney Trujillo said that it can become sticky. Attorney Trujillo feels that we should write a straight forward letter without the mention of COVID funds. Attorney Trujillo will work with Brian on a letter that will be signed by the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS

Martin Palma- Properties – Mr. Palma said that he had a problem with the water. In 2020 they closed his water and five of the rentals froze. Brian said that the Town would take care of the issues but that he would keep track of his costs. Brian said he told Mr. Palma to contact the Utility workers and if he couldn't afford it that if they had it at Big R we would purchase it. Mr. Palma brought in only one receipt. Brian said that he questioned the details on the invoice that he brought in for payment. Brian said that he feels there is no verifiable information. He brought in a receipt for 500 plus. Attorney Trujillo said that since there is a dispute in the amount owed and that he releases us from any liability. A motion to pay Mr. Palma \$2,500 based on his claim for damages and that he releases the Town from any further liability was made by Trustee McClure, seconded by Trustee Martinez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. Mr. Palma wanted to bring to the attention that there was youth tagging up properties. Mr. Palma wanted to know if the Town would consider paying for damages or if the Town would do it themselves. The Board feels like it is something that they should think about doing. Mr. Palma spoke about his sewer line being broke. Mr. Palma said that Conley is breaking the sewer line.

Set Meeting Dates and Times for 2022 – A motion to approve the meeting dates and times for 2022 is Second and fourth Tuesday at six p.m. unless there is a needed workshop and only one meeting in the

Month of December was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McClure, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Public Works – Brian would like to add a Public Works report under the Town Manager reports this would include anything that would need Board Approval.

Tap Fees – The cost is \$2,100 just to get water to the meters. There is a recommended tap fee of \$2,500 for a water tap fee. Commercial Water taps will be according to size needed. \$300 for a gas tap. The Sewer tap fee will be recommending an increase to \$1,500 for a sewer tap.

Gas Transportation – Xcel sent 7.1% to 1.79% transportation cost. Dave will monitor the costs to the residents to make sure the increase will cover this change. Trustee McClure would like Dave to explain his worksheet. There are no expenses just what the product costs. The sheet is just sales over purchases. Trustee McClure would like to review the ordinance and the figures to make sure they are right.

Utility Sales – The sales over Purchases was discussed with the above.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Tap Fees

Gas Sales

Fluoride

Letter to Douglas County

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by, seconded by. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at .

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Deputy Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor