

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

MAY 9, 2023

6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Garcia

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Leonard Garcia – When the water meters that were installed his water worked well, after a while there was no pressure. Mr. Garcia still has dirt and low pressure; the utility crew blew it out. It has been an ongoing issue. Dave advised that he should call somebody to check his side. Mr. Garcia did take someone to check it out and they did but the boiler had dirt. The bill was turned over to Dave and nothing has been done. He got late charges since it wasn't paid. Mr. Garcia asked that they check into the issue and the bill also.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – No questions were asked.

Court Report – The Board said it was nice to see the tickets being paid.

Police Report – Chief Fresquez asked if there were any questions, they did have a lot of tickets issued. Mayor Garcia asked how the training at the school went. Chief Fresquez said it went well, they will continue to train there. Designated Teachers would become crossing guards if anything serious were to happen as the officers would be dealing with the major issue. They will be doing more training; Officer Martinez has been in the school learning what needs to be done. Officer Martinez will leave to the academy in June and be ready once he completes the academy. Officer Martinez will have a K-9 dog while the school season is in session. The Center Drags was a great success they did not make as much money but they didn't have the food sales.

Public Works Dept. Reports – Manuel Tafoya represented the Utility Department.

Utilities – Mayor Pro-Tem said that they are moving right along with the new electrical upgrade. The rectifier for the gas system is running good. The dry air impacts the rectifier.

Water – No questions were asked.

Streets and Parks – No questions were asked.

Building Report – No questions were asked.

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

PAYABLES

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

MANAGER’S REPORT

Water Information Campaign – Brian met with Citizen Mitch Garcia and had a productive meeting to discuss issues he has brought to the Board’s attention. They talked about getting an informational campaign about the water and the health of compromised individuals. They will try working with Valley-wide and AHEC to help with this project. Mitch said that there are still no results from the back-flow and would like more information about that issue.

Infrastructure Grant – The Town had applied for a 10 million dollar grants. There were a lot of applicants but the Town did not receive the grant. Brian will have an outbreak meeting with the group to find more funding for the projects that need to be done. The Goal is to have ground breaking with affordable housing but money dictates everything.

ARPA Funds for Businesses for Refurbish Buildings – The American rescue plan money was received. They can have given to businesses in a form of a grant to assist them to refurbish there building. Littleton has a pilot program; Brian has reached out to them. May 2nd Brian attended SLV roadmap meeting and they told Brian that the MSOB grant was the best written grant and it scored the highest. Mitch asked about a report to the Board about the money they received. Brian will be looking at and how to spend the money with their guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

Establishing the Urban Renewal Authority – The public hearing was held for the community. We had a good turnout. No increase taxes and no risk to the Town. There will be three additional spots on the Board from the School, the County and a Special District. Brian read the resolution 050923 out loud concerning the Center Urban Renewal Authority. A motion to approve resolution 05092023 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. A motion to establish the Urban Renewal Authority was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Parking/Painting the line on Main St. – Brian is still waiting on the costs for doing the Parking/painting of the lines on Main St.

Town Manager Contract – Mayor Garcia said that he feels with all the work that Brian has done he would like to meet with the attorney to make a contract. The Mayor feels that he would like Brian to

complete projects and would like to offer a contract so that he is not tempted to leave the Town. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez said that they need to work with the attorney on a contract. A two-year contract is standard. Mitch asked the Board how the evaluate Brian. Mitch feels that they should do their homework. There is a liability with a contract instead of at will employee. A motion to have Attorney Trujillo work on a contract with Brian was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Barela.

K-9 Kennels –

Chief Fresquez said that he has some grant money to purchase the kennels out of cinder blocks. Chief Fresquez said that he has donations for the project. 900+ cement, 3800 to put in drains in. Chief is asking for approval from the Board for this project. The cost is about seven to eight thousand. It will cost about three thousand from budget. Chief Fresquez talked about the success of his K9 program. A motion to approve the building of the kennels was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – all in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Mitch Garcia – Discussion on Drug Use -

Mona Garcia was speaking on behalf of Mitch and said that we have to inform the community about what's going on. There were many issues to address in Center. Mona read comments from Mitch. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez said that she was working very close with the drug programs. The program pulled out of Center because the Police patrol the streets so the users felt like they couldn't get help. Mayor Pro-Tem said that she is going to continue to work through the program. The Town does have the Lead program that Chief Meek established.

CALENDAR ITEMS

May 18 – SEH Workshop 5:30 p.m. – Town Hall.

May 25 – Community Park Design Viking Youth Club 5:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Leonard Garcia – receipts for reimbursement. Solving the problem with Leonard.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor