

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2023
5:30 P.M.

A workshop for the May Financials was held at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Mayor Garcia

County Commissioner Thompson asked for a moment of silence for Commissioner McCracken as he lost his wife recently.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to adjourn into Executive Session (For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of the City Council or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of the City Council or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees;) was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

A motion to adjourn out of Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. with the following participants being Mayor Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, Trustee Gallegos, Trustee Beiriger, Trustee Gonzales, Trustee Barela, Town Manager Brian Lujan and Attorney Michael Trujillo, was made by Trustee Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mitch Garcia – Tony and Brian you are the leadership but ignore my comments. Mr. Garcia talked about the Town of Center and what has happened in the years throughout them. Mr. Garcia feels that the Town Board has failed us. Mr. Garcia has defined our issues or problems. Mr. Garcia hoped that bringing help would be appreciated. Mr. Garcia is looking forward to the 2023 election to make changes.

Mona Garcia – Ms. Garcia would like to give food for thought. Ms. Garcia has been raised in the community. Ms. Garcia remembers working as a young child. Ms. Garcia would like to see the community to do better and to use the backbone of the communities. Ms. Garcia talked about her mother and going to California to meet Caesar Chavez. Ms. Garcia told a story about the old days.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES 06/13/23 – There were no Questions

COURT REPORT – There were no questions, Rose introduced Natalia Cendejas as the new Utility/Court Clerk.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fresquez talked about some of the tickets. They did hire one new officer. There is one more slot to fill. The SRO started the flat rock academy on Monday, July 10, 2023. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez commended Sergeant Ruybul for responding to her incident. Chief Fresquez wanted to thank Beatrice Gutierrez for 28 years at the Town of Center and the Police Department. The Drag race was a success and helped finish out the project for the k9s. Mark Jones and the Utility crew came to help to make it a success. Chief Fresquez is trying to get the dogs nationally certified. The Police Department also thanked Commissioner Thompson for helping get the drag race going.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS –

Utilities – Skyline did get finished, Duane said that it is going great. The Theater is getting the wiring done.

Water – Brian talked about the letters that are being sent out. Letters are going out that the commercial meters should be installed within 60 days. A letter to the community has to go out every 60 days that caused the issue. The next set of letters will go out August 25th. Trustee Beiriger said that some letters are going to a corporate officer. Mayor Garcia feels that we should send letters to the local business also. Attorney Trujillo asked how many people are not in compliance – currently there are 25 that are not in compliance. There are 80 meters that need to be tested.

Streets and Parks – Mitch said people were complaining about the Street sweeping.

Building Report – No Questions. Duane said that there are a lot of building permit applications being turned in.

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

PAYABLES

A motion to approve the payables was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Martinez. Roll Call –all in favor. Motion Carries.

FINANCIALS – MAY

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

MANAGERS REPORT

Brian will be closing out two REDI grants, which will free up the ability to look at more grants to include infrastructure grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2022 Audit – June 20th – Auditors came and went over the Audit with the Board and community. A motion to approve the 2022 audit was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez. Roll Call –all in favor. Motion Carries.

Craig Rawolf – Valley Wide – Mr. Rawolf is the coordinator the suicide prevention for Veterans for Valley Wide. The patient has to feel out the Columbia form to be seen. Mr. Rawolf would like Vets to be sent to him for suicide prevention. Mayor Garcia asked how a Vet would go in without it being reported and harming their jobs. The only time that a name would be released if they are trying to harm someone else and they have to call law enforcement. This is all through a grant.

Special Events Permit - August 19th – A motion to approve the Special Events Permit for August 19th summer event was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Town Manager’s Contract – A motion to table the Contract so that the can do an evaluation was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

CALENDAR ITEMS – July 25th next meeting. Brian is working on scheduling a workshop July 18th at 5:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Contract for Town Manager – Evaluation with the Town Manager during the Financials. North 90 to be graded or disking. Blue Loft discussion is not open to the youth.

ADJOURNMENT –

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gonzales. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera – CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor