

CENTER TOWN BOARD

JULY 26, 2022

5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garcia at 6:24 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no comments

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Development – Discussion as per Audit – Brian spoke about how the auditors mentioned that the Economic Development fund could not be a sole fund. The ED is under the general fund as per the Sales Tax question that was proposed to the citizens. The auditors kept the fund under the general fund for auditing purpose. The Board would have to revise the resolution taking back the .5% sales tax and put it back under the General Fund. The Board could put into the budget a line item that would essentially be the same thing. The other funds could still put in \$17,500 towards ED. Mr. Bill McClure said that the reason it was set up in a separate fund was so that it could amass more money for ED. Mr. McClure said that the auditors just want to make the GF look healthy. Mr. McClure asked the Board to not revise the resolution. Mr. McClure said he was opposed to the 2% sales tax increase because he felt that the expenditures were in excess. Mr. McClure asked that they discuss this in a better publicized meeting. Brian said that he is here for the greater good for the community is doing his best to get the financials in better shape which they have done. The Street Improvement is solely for the use of streets

as proposed in that Sales tax question to the citizens. The resolution for the 2% sales tax question does not state anything about an ED fund just to be used for ED. Mr. McClure feels that the public should have some input before a decision can be made. Trustee Duran asked if they could compromise and take half of the half percent. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez asked if they do away with the ED fund would they just put it into the GF. The way the auditor explained is if the GF would go into the negative, then the 2% sales tax that is received would cover that. Brian told the Board that he could bring Jessica back to explain it better. Mr. McClure said that there is a difference between a Department and a Fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez told Mr. McClure that he and the public had the opportunity to come to the audit workshop. Mr. McClure said that the resolution could be written where the money not used is rolled over through reserves. A motion to return the half-percent from the ED money to the GF through an amendment to the current resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Ditch Smell – Dave and Brian went and checked the ditch all the weeds are just sitting there and contributing to the smell. The smell is really bad at the 3E. Idaho Pacific was given a cease and desist order. Brian is suggesting that the Town write a letter to the ditch company that the citizens are fed up with the smell. Mayor Garcia said that the Sanitation District has been fined plenty of times and the Ditch Company will not even talk to the District now. Brian said there is a company that has a procedure to put something that would remove the sludge. Mayor Garcia that they should cement it all. Brian asked Attorney Trujillo for his recommendation and Attorney Trujillo said that it is a tough call; he proposed that we get all entities involved at a meeting. IPC is the only ones dumping into the ditch. Mayor Garcia said that the removal of the ponds is causing some smell also.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Mayor Pro-Tem Martinez asked the Board to think about talking with a muralist at a later date.

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

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Town Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor