

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

The Audit workshop was cancelled.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Garcia.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – There were no questions.

Police Dept. Report -

Chief Meek reported that he is increasing the reports to the neighborhood watch. Chief spoke about some of the warrants that he is pursuing. Officer Williams has resigned. Chief is still looking to see if he will hire an experienced officer or a newbie. Sgt. Fresquez K-9 unit is almost finished. Officer Lopez unit is a total loss. The replacement cost will be about \$20,000. Chief will need approval for that replacement. Chief spoke about the purchase of K-9 dogs. Mayor Pro-Tem asked if this was going to be a small business.

Aaron Fresquez K-9 – Sgt. Fresquez reported to the Board about the program. Sgt. Fresquez spoke about the sale and training of the dogs. While Sgt. Fresquez is gone they will outsource the training. If they get a contract it could potentially be a good funding source for the program. Mayor pro-Tem asked about the money and who gets it. Aaron said whatever is left from the purchase of the other dogs and all expenses incurred the money will go back into the K-9 program. Sgt. Fresquez needs approval from the Town Board to purchase the dogs. The Town would have a net \$2,000 according to Brian. Trustee Martinez asked if they had the money in the budget, they will find a spot for the expense. There is already a signed contract. Chief said it is the timing issue to purchase the dogs. Sgt. Fresquez Is asking

for approval for \$11,900 for the purchase of the dogs he would like to purchase. A motion to approve the purchase of the dogs at a cost of \$11,900 was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. Chief would like the approval of another vehicle. A motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle to replace the Total loss vehicle and to be paid by the insurance was made by Mayor Pro-tem McClure, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion carries.

Court Report – Trustee Martinez asked about the program that the judge is sending the defendants to? Roseann said that it is for traffic and drugs.

Public Works –

Utilities – The marking on the streets is for Jade Communications. The Board asked about the gas rates that will be approved with the new ordinance.

Water – They have finished the commission portion of replacing all the lids and put in everything that should be in the pits. They will put in eight new pits. The programming is still not working correctly. The program dropped a zero at the beginning and no one can explain why. Trustee Martinez asked if they will start doing regular maintenance on the sewer lines now that they have a jetter truck. Dave said they will.

Streets and Parks- There were no questions.

Building Report – There were no questions.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

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

The Board and Manager talked about the increase in COVID cases.

Brian spoke about a few of the grants that he has applied for. Brian and Keith attended the Road Maps meeting in Pueblo. Brian is also sitting on the Opioid board to help with the settlements. There will be money available to certain areas. The Frontier Drive in is in the engineering phase to see the cost of connecting into the Town of Center for water and sewer. The planning grant is one of the big projects. The zoning is the hold up for the annexation of the North 90 addition.

NEW BUSINESS

Survey Results – Keith spoke about the survey results. There were about 25 full responses. The top responses to the questions were Housing, restaurants and a rec center. They would like to have skilled jobs available. Median response age was 38. Keith was happy with the responses and would like to see an increase in the future.

Power Pathway – Update – Dave spoke to the Board about a project that Xcel is doing concerning connecting the power lines to the Front range. We are transport customers of Xcel and purchasers from MEAN. The transportation cost will possibly increase about 8%. It is going to be a hard long fight. It is a 1.7 million dollar adventure that will not benefit the Town of Center.

Rachel Kullman – Update –Dave said Rachel is shutting down her business to take a job with the State of New Mexico. Clear Water is someone that the Town can work with. Rachel will help the Town to transition to the new firm.

115 Broadway – Carport Approval – They have a carport that is on the fence line. It is within a five foot limit. They would like to replace it with a new one in the same location. This would be a rebuild not a new addition. The Board discussed it and asked Dave what he thought, he felt it could be approved. Brian had Dave bring it to the Board. Attorney Trujillo didn't feel that the Town would have a liability issue since it is an existing building and that every incident should be treated individually. Dave said that you can put a carport on a property line but you can't enclose it. The Board suggested that the owner fill out an application and the proper paper work and address it at the next meeting. Dave will have them to take it down before someone gets hurt. A motion to table the issue until all the paperwork is turned in was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – all in favor. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

25 miles per hour Resolution 091421 – Attorney Trujillo read the resolution out loud. A motion to approve the 25 mile per hour in the streets in the Town of Center was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McClure, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Gas Ordinance – Attorney Trujillo read the Ordinance out loud. Ordinance #560 replaces Ordinance 443. The ordinance is included in these minutes. A motion to approve Ordinance #560 was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McClure. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Submitted by,

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Deputy Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor