

TOWN OF CENTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Public Hearing – Budget 2022- Attorney Trujillo called the public hearing for the Budget to order – Attorney Trujillo read the amounts in the Budget, General Fund \$2,551,548 million, L&P Fund \$2,861,72, Gas Fund \$1,878,214, Water Fund \$1,198,337, Conservation Trust \$23,776, Street Improvement Fund \$203,029 and Economic Development Fund \$363,794. The valuation for Saguache County is \$4,784,687 and Rio Grande county is \$5,967,880– Increased revenue in the General Fund, Water fund and the Economic Development Fund. Due to Grant Revenues. Public Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garcia at 6:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were not comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes – There were no questions.

Court Report – Trustee Martinez asked about a question about one of the cases. Roseann said it was a deferred case and they met all the requirements.

Police Report – Chief Meek said the officers have been busy; they have had six trafficking arrests in the last three weeks. They are using the Lead program for some of the defendants and the others are paying the price. These are drug trafficking offenses. The last arrest is for smashed up mushrooms. The defendant is a sovereign citizen. Mayor Garcia asked what is going to happen with him. He is causing trouble in the jail. The Department was offered a lab puppy that they will train and donate to a department that needs a k-9. Johanna Henley is back with the DA office. Officer Lopez has turned in her

resignation to go to the East Coast. Officer Lopez has been a great asset. Chief Meek presented Officer Lopez with a plaque. The Board told Officer Lopez that she will be greatly missed.

Public Works Report –

1. Utilities – Half the Town has been painted due to locates.
2. Water – Mayor Garcia asked about the water meters, there are a few issues with the commercial water meters. The residential meters should be ready to read on the 15th of December. We are getting the multiple users into the billing program. Tim the Sensus rep will be here this week to see what the issue is. There are quite a few issues that still need to be worked out, but we are hoping to go live on January 1st.
3. Streets and Parks – Trustee Martinez asked what are the flags for at the North 90. They marked off for streets and alleys on the property. There are a lot of people that will be involved in the planning at the North 90.
4. Building Report – It has been pretty quiet. There was an underground bunker that had to be demolished. He was hooked up to the neighbor's electricity. He was fined for theft of utilities.

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

Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

PAYABLES

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

MANAGERS REPORT

December 22 – Lunch- The staff would like to invite the Board to a lunch that will begin at 10:30 p.m.

Brian said that all the hard work is starting to pay off. He commended the Board for all the support and leadership that they have given.

2022 BUDGET

- a. **Resolution 12142021** – Attorney Trujillo read the resolution out loud. A motion approving Appropriating sums of money for the 2022 calendar year was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Martinez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.
- b. **Ordinance 562** – The ordinance was read out loud by Attorney Trujillo. A motion to approve the levying of property Taxes for the 2022 was made by Trustee Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.
- c. **Ordinance 563**- The ordinance was read out loud by Attorney Trujillo. A motion to approve the appropriating sums of money to various fund and spending agencies was made by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries
- d. Approval of the 2022 Budget – A motion to approve the 2022 Budget was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

NEW BUSINESS –

Wire Purchase Approval – Dave said that they are having a hard time getting the wire and some businesses would not even quote the wire and some were 52 weeks out. A motion to approve the purchase of wire was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Designation of Designated Election Official – A motion to appoint Brian Lujan as the designated official for the 2022 Election was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion carries.

New Federal Holiday – A motion to add Juneteenth to the Town of Center Holidays was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

ALTA Convenience Liquor License – A motion to approve the Alta Convenience Liquor License was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

OLD BUSINESS

The IGA with the Sanitation District was submitted to the Sanitation Board and it was approved by the Sanitation Board. A motion to approve to the Sanitation IGA by Trustee Martinez, seconded by Trustee Gallegos. Roll call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Brian has a few meetings.

January 11th Board meeting.

There will be meeting on the N90 coming soon.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Gallegos, seconded by Trustee Martinez. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Deputy Clerk

Anthony Garcia
Mayor