

CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 2025
5:15 P.M.

A financial workshop was held at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gallegos.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos	P
Mayor Pro Tem Beiriger	P
Trustee Lopez	P
Trustee Gonzales	P
Trustee Sanchez	P
Trustee Barela	P
Trustee Garcia	P

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chris Garcia – Mr. Garcia is here with Garcia Brothers and would like the drag races to start back up. The Police and Fire department are on board. Mr. Garcia said they would like ideas for where the proceeds would go? Mr. Garcia feels that this will keep the kids off the streets racing and on the track. Saguache County is agreeable to use the airport again. It will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Bill McClure – Mr. McClure wanted to talk about the letter that was sent out in the utility bill. The document was sent out with no date, and there should be a date. Mr. McClure felt that there were numerous errors. The letter stated that the error occurred back to 2023. The Gas item is erroneous. Mr. McClure said that someone is not doing their homework according to the letter. The Utility bill says that it is from the first to the last day instead of the 25th to the 25th. Electric and the gas charges are exactly the same on his bill and are not equal to what the letter states. Mr. McClure said there needs to be a public hearing and explain how the error came about?

Moe Jones – Mr. Jones said that Colorado Gourmet is still on fire. The well on Main St. needs to be fixed so that we don't have to worry about the water supply especially when there is a big fire. Mr. Jones said that we also need another water tower.

Ann Cunningham – Ms. Cunningham said that maybe we could do a recycling program- if we are going to mandate who we use for trash.

FINANCIALS

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

PAYABLES

A motion to approve the Payables with questions for Paula was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 8th meeting with a correction to the minutes – the motion was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Barela the motion read that it was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Lopez. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call – all in favor. Motion Carries.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Ann Cunningham said that there was no quorum for the last meeting – would like the Board to amend that ordinance to include the business owners. Ms. Cunningham said that they really need to do something, it is unfair to those that care about the North 90. Ms. Cunningham said she would like to see something changed. Trustee Garcia asked how many was needed for a quorum for the commission, they need five. Would hate to see the planning commission just die and miss out on grant opportunities. Ms. Cunningham gave congratulations to the Town on receiving the LPC grant. There is a \$50,000 grant that we are now eligible for and various other grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Developer for N90 Project – Hire – Cole said that the Board needs to pick a developer. David Starns said that this is Phase 1 project – between the Town and the developer. There will be 20 to 40 housing units. Trustee Sanchez asked if this contract is for the whole project, it would be. There would be workshop for the community and the board to discuss the project. John Vance would hold a workshop for questions about what they would like to see and vote on it. Ann said that she works with John currently and he works great and very great to work with. A motion to hire John Vance as the developer was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Donation Center High School Prom- A motion to approve a donation of \$300 to the High School Prom and Cole to procure more donations was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

Paint New Annex Building – Bids – They have to have three bids. There was discussion on different ideas about cleaning the brick or painting it. This was postponed until they have three bids.

OLD BUSINESS

Housing Authority – There were about 400 pages that the Housing Authority sent in. Cole will get it to the Board. There were some questions that can be answered once the Board receives the paperwork.

Stop Signs – There are 184 in the Town and 10 are four way stops. There were discussions on the stop signs. There are some that are excessive. New signs for Heavy Trucks are needed in Town. Jaime and Eidy will get together for signage. Mayor pro-tem Beiriger wants to set a workshop. Attorney Trujillo said that we need a workshop so that the public can come and talk and work it out. Morgan asked if they could run the stats on which stop signs have more accidents or tickets. A motion to have a workshop on May 8th at 5:30 for stop signs was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger and seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Introduction of Criminal Code & Set Hearing – Attorney Trujillo said that procedurally they are ready. Rose was sent three copies one for the chief so that it can be reviewed. Attorney Trujillo will read the ordinance out loud and set the hearing for May 27th at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be for comments. Attorney Trujillo did a first reading of the ordinance. Attorney Trujillo said that there is a bill that may lower some of the fines. A motion to proceed with the public hearing on May 27th was made by Trustee Sanchez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger. Roll Call – All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mini Excavator – Cole and Jaime got some quotes. A new John Deere is \$89 thousand. A new Kubota is \$67855. Used – 2019- \$57 thousand, 2019-\$29,600 and 2019-\$34,900. They have Budgeted \$60,000. Streets and Parks will also use it. Could take the extra out of Streets and Parks. The utility crew needs something smaller to work in the alleys. The new machine has warranties and the used machines probably don't and the Town would have to do their own maintenance on a used one. The Board held some discussion. Mayor pro-Tem Beiriger asked how they came up with the size that they are recommending. There are smaller machines available. Moe Jones asked about the machine and how they will haul it around. Mayor Pro-Tem got a quote from John Deere but will ask about the smaller machines. Will get more and different options for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Interconnection Solar Resolution 42225– Attorney Trujillo read the resolution 42225 out loud. Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger asked who would be the inspector. It would be a state inspector. Does the Town have the procedures and the steps? Mean will sell them to the customer for installation. Trustee Lopez asked about the training to be certified. The owner would pay for the certification. Tabled until there is more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MUNICIPAL COURT

A motion to go 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 Sanchez, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call –All in favor.

A motion to adjourn out of executive session was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. Executive Session adjourned at 9:22.

CALENDAR ITEMS

June 28th – Vintage 70's

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Drag Racing

Paint the annex building

Center Housing Authority

Mini Excavator

Xcel Reps

Auction

Downtown hydrant

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Lopez, seconded by Trustee Garcia. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rose Marie DeHerrera-CMC
Town Clerk

Daniel Gallegos
Mayor