

**CENTER TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
November 25, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

A workshop for the Financials is held at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Mayor Gallegos.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill McClure- Mr. McClure wants to know the exact information on why he wasn't allowed to talk about his 5-year plan in citizen comments. Mr. McClure also feels like it's necessary to share financial information with the utility board. In his own opinion, he believes that there are a lot of errors in the budget concerning the error billing and the water increase.

FINANCIALS

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

PAYABLES

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

MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from November 12, 2025, was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Ann Cunningham is thankful to have been able to attend the Housing Conference, and Town Manager Cole also attended.

A. Introduction of Code Enforcement Officer-

Ann Cunningham introduced code enforcement officer Pamela Mitchell. Ms. Cunningham explained what she does for the town.

B. Variance - San Luis Farm Workers

This variance was approved by the planning committee to provide warm meals for the migrant school here in Center, and will no longer deal with transport issues from Alamosa. Trustee Garcia asked where this would take place. Pamela explained that it will be held at the Otero building. Trustee Sanchez asked if whether this is year-round. Pamela responded that this will be seasonal. Trustee Lopez is concerned about whether this falls under our jurisdiction.

A motion to approve the Variance- San Luis Farm Workers was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Beiriger, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

C. Varlance - Melissa Rendon

Ann Cunningham explained Melissa Rendon's issue about putting up a 6-foot fence, with it violating the code ordinance. Trustee Lopez wanted to know if it was 5ft or 6ft. Ms.Cunningham explained that it is 6ft. Pamela spoke for Melissa Rendon about other properties having 6-foot fences, but the board is declining hers. Pamela added that there have been issues with strangers walking inside her yard. Trustee Sanchez said if we allow one, we have to understand others would want a 6-foot fence. Trustee Lopez asked about maybe Ms. Rendon putting up a 4ft fence, and if there is any trouble to contact patrol. Mayor Pro-Tem Bieiger asked if she has a fence to be torn down. Pamela added that with those on the same street who have the 6-foot fence, how does the code enforcement go about enforcing the rules? Jaime spoke out that these were done before the ordinance itself. Trustee Garcia said he remembers the 6-foot fence for a long time. Cole added that they are looking to revise the ordinance. Trustee Garcia agreed that if we enforce it, we have to do it for all. Trustee Lopez believes that if she builds the 4ft fence, it would keep people out and do its job.

A motion to keep Variance as it is, a 4-foot fence was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Trustee Sanchez. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries.

UTILITY COMMISSION REPORT

A. Water Rates

Morgan Bieriger explained that the utility board was not aware of the \$125000 that is being forgiven. It made them look bad, as they do not know of this. The Utility board made a motion to keep the rates the same price but lower the usage of water. Trustee Lopez believes that this is a huge change from where we were at, to eliminating that. Jaime said the report Rose printed of that water usage not every citizen was reaching the minimum 7500 gallons. The Utility Board is looking at raising the base rate for those who have shared meters. A good update is that Rose was able to get with Caselle on the new billing format. They made a motion to raise the gas rate, but not enough to alert citizens. Mary McClure states that this is a rate increase. Trustee Lopez believes we don't do it all at once. Mayor Pro-Tem Bieriger explains that if they make the changes now, it will be good for residents in time for summer. Bill McClure wants to know where this chart is of units being used, to look at those charts before making these changes. Jaime said he had sent out information about the brackets on usage. Morgan wants to table this just so they can look deeper into the water to know the exact usage. Mary McClure stated that the water meters and not having one may be the problem. Trustee Lopez asked Jaime to resend those brackets with the information. Mayor Pro-Tem Bieriger believes this will help with unbilled water. Mary McClure explained that this should be a discussion for the Town. Morgan responded that her understanding with the two shared meters is left to the owners on how they bill the water out. Trustee Lopez believes that it should be based on the amount of usage at a property and on how the rate changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Colorado Tourism- Theo from the Saguache County Tourism came and introduced himself. Theo explained that they want to get Center involved. Amille with Saguache County Tourism adds that she has spoken to business owners, and the main topic is a sign that makes people come to Center. Amille wants not only Center and Saguache to flourish, but the entire county. Theo said in a previous convo with Center, there was talk about new signs on Highway 17 and 285. A grant opened up that can help the town get a new sign. Theo adds about getting a small group of people to help design a sign so they can input that design in their grant application. Amille asked if this grant application is something the town would want, to talk with land owners on the Saguache side, and see who would be interested in having a sign on their property. Cole said that since he started, there has been some looking into renewing the sign.

A motion was made to allow Colorado Tourism to apply for a grant was made by Trustee Lopez, and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bieriger. Roll Call. Trustee Lopez-Yes, Trustee Barela-Abstained, Trustee Sanchez-Yes, Trustee Garcia-Yes, Mayor Gallegos-Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Bieriger-Yes.

Center Viking Youth Club Donation-

Trustee Lopez questioned how many kids are attending this trip, as per the letter is \$30000 per kid. Cole said the town is in no position to donate this amount. Mayor Pro-Tem Bieriger said we need to realize we will have more people asking for donations now at the end of the year. Trustee Garcia said we need to know how they choose the kids who get to go. Trustee Lopez wants at the next board meeting to have a representative to answer their questions.

Citizen Comment Section- Mayor Pro-Tem Bieriger believes 5 minutes is enough time. Trustee Garcia mentioned that it is hard to get all of it out in 3 minutes; 5 minutes is fine.

Mutual Aid Agreement - REC -

Jaime explains that this agreement is on how they will respond to incidents and what billing goes where. The Mayor Pro-Tem asks if we have ever had an agreement yet. Jaime responds that we don't, but REC has helped us out at times. Trustee Lopez adds that if it's over an extended period of time, it has to add food, materials, and living options. Trustee Garcia asks about the insurance portion on the agreement and if they have talked about it with the insurance the town has.

A motion to make the mutual agreement with REC with Town Manager Cole to sign it was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries

Election - Mail or in Person -

Bill McClure said it's the state statute for the town to do a mail ballot. Trustee Sanchez said we should wait for Attorney Michael Trujillo so they can get a better understanding. Bill McClure said that we were changing the way of the 10 years. Trustee Garcia said it would get people off their asses. Trustee Lopez said it would push someone to get out and vote.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

- A. 112525 - Cole read Resolution 112525. Trustee Sanchez asked if this would be something clean and not have any problems. Bill McClure asked if we had looked at our financials, with the changes brought up, he believes the Town shouldn't adopt them. Trustee Lopez was under the impression this wasn't coming from the bank.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 112525 by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Barela. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries

CALENDAR ITEM

North 90 Workshop December 2nd
December 12th Parade of Lights
December 13th Winter Bazaar

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Trash Service
Bohannon and Houston
Election - Mail or in Person
Water Rates

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Barela, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Beirger. Roll Call –All in favor. Motion Carries. The meeting adjourned at

Submitted by,

Alexis Varela
Utility/Court Clerk,

Daniel Gallegos
Mayor