



IGNACIO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – 6:30 PM

570 Goddard Avenue — Ignacio Town Hall

I. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem deKay called the meeting to order at 6:30PM by leading in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Alison deKay, Trustee Edward Box III, Trustee Sharon Craig, Trustee Sandra Maez

Absent: Mayor Stella Cox, Trustee Dixie Melton, Trustee Tom Atencio

Guests: Gina Schulz, Clark Craig, Miriam Gillow-Wiles

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gina Schulz, 335 ½ Shoshone Ave, expressed that she wanted to address the Board regarding the Clothing Closet and the proposal to move to ELHI, requesting support from the Town Board. She handed out some information regarding the Clothing Closet, which is currently located in the Ignacio Community Church Building at 405 Browning Avenue. ICC will be the fiscal sponsor to get the Clothing Closet open at ELHI; ICC will also cover the insurance for the Clothing Closet. The Clothing Closet serves about 40 individuals/families in the community each month, only being open two days per week. The move to ELHI would allow them to be open more often to serve more people in the community. The Clothing Closet is requesting support of one month's rent (\$260.00) from the Town of Ignacio. Ms. Craig asked about other avenues of support, which Ms. Schulz outlined. Other suggestions of financial support sources were offered by various Board Members.

Action: Trustee Craig moved to supply the requested donation of one month's rent (\$260.00) to the Clothing Closet; Trustee Box III seconded; the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018

B. Financial Records – Check Register for December 2018

Action: Trustee Box III moved to approve the consent agenda; Trustee Maez seconded; the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ISD 11JT/Portion of CR 320 Annexations – Continued from December Meeting

We will keep this item on the agenda until we get through the annexation process. Town Board had joint meeting with ISD Board; good progress and agreement on many items. Platting costs covered by the school district.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 01-2019 – Designating Public Posting Locations for Meeting Notices

Action: Trustee Craig moved to approve Resolution 01-2019, Designating Public Posting Locations for Meeting Notices; Trustee Maez seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Southwest Colorado Council of Governments Presentation

Miriam Gillow-Wiles handed out a three-page document entitled "Broadband: Its Importance, Our Challenges, The Future." She gave a brief presentation regarding the history of the COG, the counties/municipalities they serve (all five counties of Southwest Colorado), items they address (communications, transportation, affordable housing, etc.), and their specific target for this year, which is broadband. SWCCOG has applied for an FCC Grant (\$11 Million) to build infrastructure for Broadband from Dove Creek to Cortez to Durango to Cascade Village (there is already fiber optics from Cascade Village to Silverton). The second request will be to go east from there (covering Ignacio, Bayfield, and Pagosa). This will be the basis for routes down to Farmington, NM and up to Monticello, UT. The conservative estimate for getting broadband in all the area highways (from Pagosa Springs to Bayfield to Ignacio to Durango to Silverton to Telluride to Cortez and to Dove Creek) is \$75 Million dollars.

Mr. Garcia stated that he represents the Town on the COG Board (they meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1:30PM); he is happy to have a Board Member go instead, or attend with him. Ms. Gillow-Wiles stated that there is video-conferencing available for the Board meetings as well.

Mayor Pro Tem deKay asked about the Franchise Agreement with USA Communications/Zito, and how that might be impacted with the Broadband cable that is going to be put in (pending the FCC Grant to the SWCCOG). Ms. Gillow-Wiles stated that the FCC passed a new rule that allows the cable companies to reduce their franchise fees, at their discretion, based on community broadcasting. She stated that both legislators for Colorado are looking at how to reverse this ruling of the FCC because it impacts budgets for small communities. Ms. Briar stated that CenturyLink's franchise fees have been reduced due to a reduction in services; a lot of customers no longer have land lines, and CenturyLink has cut back internet access in a lot of areas. Mr. Garcia stated that in 2017 there were about \$4,000 in franchise fees and less than \$1,000 in 2018, a reduction of 75%. Ms. Gillow-Wiles stated that CenturyLink gets significant federal funding to increase access in under-served areas; she was under the impression that they had put in some infrastructure in our area and, if they have cut back on services, that is contrary to the letter and spirit of the funding from FCC. She will check on that and get back to Mark.

Mr. Garcia stated that USA Communications requested to be on the agenda; however, they did not get back to him with the requested information prior to the agenda being posted. They will be on the February agenda.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Police Department

No oral report; Chief was not at the meeting due to a scheduling conflict with his family.

B. Public Works

No oral report; Mr. Howlett was not present due to illness. Mr. Garcia stated that the primary focus for Public Works has been snow removal; he has also been working with them on the irrigation pond lining and they have completed projects such as repair work in the breakroom at Town Hall and removing Christmas decorations. Mayor Pro Tem deKay complimented the department on how clear the streets are compared to some places she has driven recently.

C. Treasurer

Ms. Briar stated that she has given the Board a preliminary end-of-year report; revenue will still come in from 2018. Audit will be second week in April; final 2018 numbers after that. November & December County Sales Tax and December Ignacio Sales Tax still need to come in. She will work to combine all accounts into one bank, closing out Alpine Bank accounts and Community Banks of Colorado accounts, so that everything is centralized. Ms. Craig asked if the Town will use Wells Fargo; Ms. Briar stated that is the plan for now, although she is waiting to hear from TBK.

D. Clerk

Ms. Dunton gave a brief overview of the various areas of responsibility (Licensing, Website and Facebook updates, record keeping, and upcoming events). She stated that she is working on updating the Administration Chapter and expressed appreciation for the Planning Commission's dedicated work on updating the Land Use Code.

E. Town Manager

Mr. Garcia gave an overview of the 2018 year-end report, covering budget (utility funds, water project, irrigation project, capital improvement fund, impact fee changes, etc.), grants (waiting to hear on the gaming grant; municipal code update grant has been approved and work in underway), projects (money is available from DOLA through the SWCCOG for the Branding & Marketing Project – has to be spent by June 30; the Regional Housing Alliance is in a dormant state and the SWCCOG is handling their finances during this dormancy; annexation of school properties; signalization of the Becker Street intersection with SH 172; raw water easement with the lands office), and staff changes.

Mayor Pro Tem deKay and Trustee Craig expressed appreciation for all the research Mr. Garcia did to provide the numbers and data in his year-end report. Mayor Pro Tem deKay also talked about improved efficiency in the office and stated that "stuff gets done."

F. Attorney

None; Mr. Liberman was not present, nor did he provide a written report.

VIII. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Craig stated she has applied for a Scholarship to attend the CML Conference. In order to show support for her attendance and scholarship application, Mayor Pro Tem deKay called for a motion.

Action: Trustee Box III moved to support Trustee Craig's scholarship application. Trustee Maez seconded; the motion passed by voice vote, with Trustee Craig abstaining.

Mayor Pro Tem deKay announced that Trustee Box III is now the President of the Multicultural Association for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: C.R.S. 24-6-402-(4)(e) – Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and/or instructing negotiators

Action: Trustee Craig moved to go into executive session; Trustee Box III seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:43 PM. When they came out of Executive Session at 8:47 PM, Mayor Pro Tem deKay stated that the participants were as follows (each participant

stated their own name for the record): Mayor Pro Tem Alison deKay, Interim Town Manager Mark Garcia, Trustee Sandra Maez, Trustee Sharon Craig, and Trustee Edward Box. She read the following statement: "For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion on any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record." After a moment without any comment, she continued, "Seeing none, the next agenda item is adjournment."

X. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Pro Tem deKay adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Abel F. Atencio Community Room at 570 Goddard Avenue.

Alison deKay, Mayor Pro Tem

Date

Attest: Tuggy Dunton, Town Clerk