



MEETING MINUTES of the IGNACIO TOWN BOARD

Monday, November 18, 2019 – 6:30 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room

570 Goddard Avenue, Ignacio, CO 81137

I. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM by leading in the pledge of allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Trustee Dixie Melton

Guests: Clark Craig, Ron Dunavant, Teresa Campbell, Chris May, Tara Klein, Lisa Bloomquist-Palmer, Ena Millich, Matt Nesbitt, Antwan Whitehead, Lori Neiwold, Pete Vigil, Joey Atencio, Shannon Mullane, Mandy Brown, Trennie Collins, Precious Collins,

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Various community members expressed concerns including the posting of meeting agendas, the availability and accessibility to information in preparation for meetings, the desire to either replace the Interim Manager with a permanent full-time employee that lives within Town limits, and other items. Each item was addressed by the Board or taken under advisement.

Mr. Garcia recommended rearranging the agenda, with Unfinished Business being discussed after New Business.

Mayor Cox stated that the guests were welcome to stay until it was discussed, but Mr. Garcia's request was going to be considered. Trustee Atencio recommended completing the consent agenda, before moving on to New Business, and discussing Unfinished Business last.

Mayor Cox called for a voice vote. Each Board Member stated they were fine with Mr. Atencio's recommendation that was based on Mr. Garcia's request. Mayor Cox stated that she had taken note of the two public comments regarding the agenda.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2019

B. Financial Records – Check Register for October 2019

C. Pinon Liquor License Renewal Application

D. Sidekick Lounge License Renewal Application

Action: Trustee Craig moved to approve the Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 16 and the Financial Records for October 2019; Mayor Pro Tem deKAY seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem deKay moved to approve Pinon Liquor's License Renewal Application; Trustee Maez seconded the motion. Mayor Cox requested a roll call vote; the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Trustee Atencio moved to approve Sidekick Lounge’s License Renewal Application; Trustee Maez seconded the motion. Mayor Cox requested a roll call vote; the motion passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020 Funding Request Presentations

1. Community Connections – Tara Klein, President/CEO

Tara gave a presentation, explaining what CCI does and what their involvement in Ignacio has been. She is requesting \$1,200 for 2020.

2. HomesFund – Lisa Bloomquist-Palmer, Executive Director

Ms. Bloomquist-Palmer gave a presentation, explaining what HomesFund does and the services they provide, especially within Ignacio. She is requesting \$1,808 for 2020.

3. La Plata Youth Services – Katy Pepinski, Executive Director

Ms. Pepinski gave a presentation, introducing her staff (Stephanie Smith, Diversion Program Manager and Clinical Supervisor; Erin Barnes, Youth Advocate; Stephanie Davidson, Youth Advocate) and explaining the work they do. They have changed their focus to prevention and early intervention. They have strategic plans for the next three years to foster and build relationships with community organizations, including Judge Harrison and School Resource Officers, the SUIT Education Department, and Welfare Services. Erin Barnes is the Ignacio Youth Advocate, and she has worked with 5 youth in Ignacio this past year, all of whom were successful, and have not reoffended. They have also received additional funding for Parent Referrals. LPYS is requesting \$9,800 for 2020.

4. Southern Colorado Community Action Agency – Lori Niewold, Executive Director/ Development Director, and Matt Nesbitt, Division Director for Road Runner Transportation

Lori gave a presentation regarding some statistics associated with Road Runner Transportation; Matt described the Transit Route in detail and some of the changes that have happened due to reduced funding. SoCoCAA is requesting \$15,000 for 2020.

Mr. Atencio felt that it was a necessary and beneficial resource for the community.

Mayor Cox agreed, stating that she often saw community members utilizing the services.

5. Axis Health – Karla Sluis, Marketing & Public Relations Manager, and Sarada Leavenworth, Senior Director of Strategy and Development

Karla Sluis gave a presentation on the Acute Treatment Unit. This was established in 2006 and is the only in-patient psychiatric unit in the region. Ignacio residents had 29 crisis assessments, 9 admissions, and 56 days of care. The ATU is requesting \$1,000 for 2020.

Sarada Leavenworth gave a presentation on the detox unit. Ignacio is part of the IGA with Axis Health; she mentioned some of the communities and entities that are part

of this IGA. All of the various municipalities have funded the detox unit since its inception in 2006; the average cost is \$7,000-\$8,000 annually based on usage from that community. 48 residents from Ignacio have been involved with the program so far this year. 253 total days of care were provided to these people.

B. TDL Recycling Contract

No glass pickup beginning in January because there will be a drop-off in Bayfield.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem deKay moved to extend the contract with TDL Recycling for two years, 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2021, with the adjustments to the pricing on the poly karts; Trustee Atencio seconded the motion. Mayor Cox called for a roll call vote; the motion passed unanimously.

C. ISD Minor Subdivision Plat

Mr. Garcia gave some background on this plat.

Action: Trustee Craig moved to approve the ISD Minor Subdivision Plat; Mayor Pro Tem deKay seconded. Mayor Cox requested a roll call vote; the motion passed unanimously.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2020 Draft Budget

Projects for next year: Housing Plan Study in Rock Creek and Broadband Planning Grant through Economic Development Fund.

Salaries adjusted in Police Department. School Resource Officer was added for ½ the year; Ignacio School District Board has approved the change in the MOU.

Health Insurance coverage for 2020: Employee Only – \$800, Employee plus Spouse and/or Family – \$900. The consensus of the Board was to increase health insurance coverage.

Mayor Pro Tem deKay recommended approving the merit increase up to the 4% based on performance. The consensus of the Board was to accept this recommendation. Mayor Pro Tem deKay suggested adding Mr. Garcia in the merit increase of up to 4% after an evaluation.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Police Department

IPD joined Firstnet; priority and preemption service through AT&T.

Report is in the packet.

B. Public Works

Mr. Howlett is out due to illness again; report is in the packet.

C. Clerk / Treasurer

Ms. Dunton reviewed the upcoming events including office closures, holiday party details, and upcoming Town Board Meetings.

At the October meeting the Board had requested fee schedules from other communities for comparison purposes; Ms. Dunton reached out to nine different communities and received responses from only three. The three fee schedules are in the packet for the Board's review and comment.

D. Town Manager

Mr. Garcia stated that his report is in the packet and, unless there are questions from the Board, he has nothing to add to his written report.

VIII. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Ignacio Creative District first Community Gathering was on November 7; the next Community Gathering will be at 10 AM on January 11, 2019 at the Abel F. Atencio Community Room.


IX. MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Cox expressed appreciation for each person in attendance and requested that the members of the community express appreciation for the work that each staff and Board Member is doing, whether they agree with the decisions that are made or not.

After further discussion regarding agendas and board packets, Ms. Dunton stated that it is no problem to create an email list. Mr. Garcia stated that, if someone does not have a computer or access to the internet, staff would make a printed packet available to them; otherwise, if they are interested in receiving the packet via email, their name can be added to the list. If a printed packet is requested, it will be made available.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Action: Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem deKay moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Maez seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. There will be a special meeting of the Board on December 12, 2019, at 6:00 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on December 16, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Abel F. Atencio Community Room at 570 Goddard Avenue.



Stella Cox, Mayor
on behalf of Stella Cox

12/17/19

Date

Attest: Tuggy Dunton, Town Clerk