

**Regular Meeting
of the Town Of Ignacio Board of Trustees
Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

WORK SESSION:

- SWCCOG has received a grant to study the Broad Band networks of all the communities in the area. There is a lot of potential for the fiber; our network is underutilized; leasing a portion of our fiber to internet providers could generate revenue. Work on this will continue.
- Home Rule was discussed at the Board's visioning session; offers opportunities for the Town. By writing our own Charter, it allows for a different form of government, giving us more authority in certain areas. Due to time constraints, the Home Rule election cannot be done before the November election. A PowerPoint regarding Home Rule will be sent to the Board. Several other issues are on the November ballot.
- Rock Creek III: discussion with RHA regarding different development proposals for various housing projects, self-help programs; eliminating impact fees as an economic development incentive and giving them the land with the right controls. Discussed the housing projects with the Tribe's planner, Rodney Class Erickson and annexations with Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto. Town shop is in residential zone, brainstorming moving the shop and redeveloping into residential lots. Discussed shared services with other entities; working with EPA on fuel tank testing; considering removing the tanks. Also discussed the possibility of moving the Town Hall.

I. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL:

Newly Elected Trustee Edward Box was sworn in.

Mayor Stella Cox called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. **Trustees Present:** Mayor Protem Alison deKay, Thomas Atencio, Lawrence Bartley, Edward Box III, Sandra Maez and Dixie Melton. **Staff:** Mark Garcia, Interim Town Manager; Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk; Diana Briar, Town Treasurer; Dan Naiman, Community Development Coordinator and Kirk Phillips, Chief of Police. Audience: Steven McAffrey for WCA Transit Waste, Pete Vigil, Carol McWilliams for Pine River Times.

- II. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Steven McAffrey, new District Manager for Transit Waste, introduced himself to the Board. Trustee Atencio asked if Town's customers could utilize the land fill. A brief discussion followed regarding working it into the contract and building it into the customer's rates. Recycling was also briefly discussed.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2016**
- B. Special Board Meeting May 9, 2016**
- C. Financial Records – Check Register for April**
- D. Tee Pee Lounge Liquor License Renewal**

Mayor Protem deKay moved to approve the items under the Consent Agenda and seconded by Trustee Bartley. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Removing liquor licenses from the consent agenda was addressed.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Mosquito Control Agreement:** Colorado Mosquito Control has agreed to provide the service for the cost of \$8000.00 and also willing to negotiate the annual price increase for 2017 and 2018. Calling for service by residents was encouraged; the phone number is in the newsletter. CMC assumes liability; building a fee into the utility bill was suggested; the Town doing the work themselves was suggested by Town resident Pete Vigil and Trustee Tom Atencio. The cost and program was discussed. This can be considered at budget time. **Trustee Melton moved to approve the Colorado Mosquito Control contract not to exceed \$8000; Trustee Bartley seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- B. Appointment of Municipal Judge:** One RFP was received; the period to seek more applications was extended. We now have two RFPs. An interview committee of Trustees Dixie Melton and Sandra Maez, David Liberman and Mr. Garcia was formed. The candidates will be notified for interviews. Appointment can be at next meeting. The appointment will be for the next two years.

V. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

VI. STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Police Report:** Applies yearly for limited gaming impact grant and requires Board approval to submit application; \$161,000 for 2017 which pays for operating and personnel costs. **Trustee Atencio moved to authorize Chief Phillips to submit an application for limited gaming grant. Mayor Protem deKay seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.** Chief sat on the Fire Chief Selection committee. Reprogramming radios for better response. Emergency Action Plan was discussed. IPD has Policies and Procedures and are part of the County-wide Emergency Response Team.
- B. Public Works:** Jeremy Schultz is serving as interim PW Director; PW has been short staffed. Paul Whetten is phasing out due to health issues. Problems with irrigation system; allocation plan was done for the utilities. Friday, May 13 was the deadline for the applications to fill the PW Director vacancy and seasonal parks maintenance. Mark is looking to create a Foreman position in Public Works. Trustee Atencio, Dan, PW Director from Silverton and Mark will conduct interviews next week. Diana, Jeremy and Mark will follow with the parks maintenance interviews. Jeremy Schulz's position, responsibilities and compensation was discussed. The increased pay will be made retroactive; working on a salary survey. PW staff is accruing overtime.
- C. Treasurer:** Paid \$122,000 for sales tax bond issue, final payment resulting in the General Fund in the negative. CIRSA reimbursed the Town for embezzlement loss but we have not received the invoice for the deductible. We received the sales tax from January, an increase of \$2000. Trustee Atencio noted all the funds are operating in the red. The decision earlier in the year was to absorb the increase passed down from the Tribe. He asked if the Town was going to continue absorbing the increase. Due to the gas line replacement project, the

funds are not available in the gas fund to do any transfers. Mark suggested waiting until mid-year, and possibly reviewing the budget at that time; doing an analysis; review sales tax revenues.

- D. Community Development Coordinator:** Intersection signalization lights will be activated tomorrow. Other projects include: annexation of school district property, three parcels; Family Dollar, RHA, Ring of Champions progressing slowly; mural project rejected by ELHI residents, looking for another site; GIS Contract has been signed with SUUD.

Trustee Atencio questioned the signage by Mr. D's not following code; felt the signs Mr. Silva has displayed were outside compliance. There are specific regulations for grand openings within a limited time frame. The Sign Code calls for consistency. Other businesses have placed signs on sidewalk; ADA regulations state they cannot obstruct the pathway. Dan suggested a meeting with Town Manager to discuss other violations that have been brought to the attention of staff. Mr. Silva's been given a list of violations. Other suggestions and further discussion followed on how to address this situation. Revised Sign Code; approved by the Planning Commission.

E. Town Attorney: No Report

- F. Town Manager:** Public Works job description has been revised to encompass all the job responsibilities; considering making it an exempt position. Exempt employees are not entitled to overtime pay; PW Director is now non-exempt position. With the small department and the need to be on call, we may want to keep the position as non-exempt. The vacancy left by Mr. Kimbrough's departure may be filled when the Public Works Director and possible Foreman position are filled. Tuggy will be coming on full time in June. RFP for IT Services are being reviewed. DCI Grant, not much progress with the Tribe; moving forward without.

Letters to Tribe regarding the sales tax exemption issue; letter to the Chairman and other letters to the vendors, and the Chairman were discussed. Meeting with the County was questioned.

- VII. TRUSTEE REPORT:** Mayor Stella Cox was contacted about horse drawn carriage; who's responsible for the cleanup.

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Stella Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The next regular meeting will be June 15, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Abel F. Atencio Community Center at 540 Goddard Avenue.

Stella Cox, Mayor

Date

Attest: Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk