

**Regular Meeting  
Town of Ignacio Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

**WORK SESSION: 6:02 (All Board Members present except Trustee Edward Box)**

**2017 Preliminary Budget Workshop:** 2017 Budget reflects salary increases (3% COLA and 2% Merit on employees' anniversary). Mr. Garcia proposed making merit increases effective the first of the calendar year for all employees. In 2016, the Town had a number of new hires, wages have been adjusted to be competitive with the market; existing employees may be below market. Staff will review existing employees' salaries to see how they compare to the CML salary survey. 2017 Budget will reflect salary compensations that compare to market area. Further discussion was tabled until the utility rates are discussed with SUIT Tribal Council and see if the Budget can afford the salary increases. A conversation followed regarding the merit raise over the COLA increase.

Ms. Briar has done a thorough research for insurance coverage; a new self-funded plan is more expensive but has slightly better coverage. Under the current plan, the new insurance rates for 2017 reflect a 12% increase, or \$50 per employee; \$119 for employee with spouse and \$190 for employee with family. The Board is considering contributing an additional \$50 per employee toward the cost of the increase. Currently employees get \$650 per month which includes \$100 for supplemental insurance; employees with dependents receive \$750 per month. Following a discussion the Board agreed to budget \$700 per employee per month for single coverage and \$800 per employee with dependent coverage and let the employees decide which plan they want.

Utility rate discussion was tabled until after the meeting SUIT Tribal Council. Sewer and water funds are running in the red. Irrigation Fund is being re-evaluated; with expenses higher than revenues, the fund balance is being reduced annually. A rate increase of 10% or \$2/month per customer would make the fund balance self-sufficient.

**Ordinance 308 – Ban and Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments:** Mayor Cox asked what quality of life do we want in our community if the ban were lifted?. We do not want to promote drugs. Trustee Atencio stated there is a medical benefit and additional revenue. Trustee Bartley stated the benefits are canceled with the increase in problems and more IPD calls. There was a question regarding federal laws affected by the Tribal Reservation vs. State Law. Mayor Protem deKay wants a statement from the Town's leadership that it does not support this type of business. Further discussion regarding the medical benefits, hemp and hemp products followed.

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

Mayor Stella Cox, called the regular meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. **Trustees Present:** Mayor Protem Alison deKay, Thomas Atencio, Lawrence Bartley, Sandra Maez and Dixie Melton. **Staff:** Mark Garcia, Interim Town Manager; Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk; Diana Briar, Town Treasurer; Dan Naiman, Community Development Coordinator; Jeremy Schulz, Public Works Director and Tuggy Dunton, Administrative Assistant. Audience: Amber Harrison, Ignacio Municipal Judge, (introduced to the Board), Carol McWilliams of Pine River Times and Kathryn Kent.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. **Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2016**
- b. **Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2016**
- c. **Financial Records – Check Register for August**
- d. **Mayor Protem deKay moved to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Melton and passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. **Transit Waste Contract:** At the September meeting, staff was directed to research if the additional benefit for a 2% rate increase, to dump 3 cubic yards at the landfill can occur with more than one trip; Transit Waste said it could be done in multiple trips; staff could create a record keeping system to track customers' dumping trips. This question was placed in the newsletter seeking customers' input on a possible rate increase to cover the service; the one response received was opposed to the increase. The current contract is in effect until June, 2017 and if no changes to the contract occur, we will continue under the current contract and consider it for renewal in June; Transit Waste is requesting a four year extension, which can be discussed in June. Extending the spring and fall clean up a week and recycling was briefly discussed.
- B. **Four Corners Motorcycle Rally Report:** Emails and phone calls with Johnny Valdez, owner of Four Corner Motorcycle Rally have been exchanged but to date no report or the balance of \$2500 has been received. Continued until the funds and report are received.
- C. **PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 308 – Ban and Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments:** Mr. Liberman: the Town can consider allowing or not allowing marijuana establishments or allowing with conditions. Mancos held an election, approved an occupation tax on retail marijuana in a TABOR ballot issue, generating revenue; amended codes, set licensing requirements and fees. Tax distribution was explained. TABOR Elections can only be held on specific dates.
- D. **THRIVE, LLC. (Joshua and Heather Abrell):** Proposing a retail and medical marijuana dispensary in the town; location has not been determined, business will provide financial gain. Power Point gave detailed information regarding taxes, revenue and distribution of monies to the counties and municipalities, licensing requirements and employment possibilities. Concerns were addressed regarding increased use by youth and crime. Sample Ordinances are available upon request. Questions regarding the three-mile area of influence and getting the Tribal Council's input.

Amber Harrison's and David Liberman's opinions were sought; discussion followed regarding Tribal member's buying, federal laws and issues on the reservation; this is on the table for discussion with Tribal Council.

Mayor Protem deKay moved to uphold Ordinance 308 – the Ban and Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments in the Town of Ignacio. Trustee Bartley seconded. Trustee Atencio wanted the issue to be put before the vote of the residents. Election dates, costs were addressed. Tom Atencio voted no and all other Trustees voted in favor. The motion passes by 5-1.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Sidekick Lounge Liquor License Renewal:** Conditions cannot be set on a liquor license renewal. Code compliance regarding the removal of temporary banners and nuisance vehicles must be pursued separately. **Trustee Melton moved to approve the Sidekick Lounge Liquor License. Seconded by Trustee Maez. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**VI. STAFF REPORTS:**

- A. Police Report: No Report, Chief Phillips is out of Town.**
- B. Public Works:** Gas leak at the old Teen Center was repaired; road repairs and paving addressed. Fuel tanks are out of the ground; contaminated soils caused by incidental leakage are being hauled to the landfill. Testing soils and filing necessary reports.
- C. Treasurer:** Holiday Schedule, funds for holiday celebrations will be discussed at the November budget workshop; Leonard Burch Day plans for interaction was briefly discussed, office will be closed.
- D. Community Development Coordinator:** Mr. Naiman passed the State test for mobile home installation inspection. Parking issues are being reviewed. Vehicles in front of a Ignacio Auto Body were mentioned; the Town’s branding selection will be done next week; weeds have been cut at Family Dollar, landscaping will be done soon; no activity on the Walker’s wetlands request.
- E. Town Manager:**
- Colorado Mosquito Control: Work is complete for the season. Report is enclosed. Funding for next year will be addressed. Services were questioned.
  - Gas Pipeline Project (Phase 4): Bids for this project came in less than anticipated.
  - Utility Mapping Grant: Contract has been started and is anticipated to be completed by years’ end, this will segue into the Capital Improvement Grant.
  - Gaming Grant: Grant amount requested is \$162,000, anticipate full funding.
  - Town Board has an Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss the upcoming meeting with SUIT Tribal Council tomorrow evening, strategies on utility rates and the jurisdictional agreement.
- F. Town Attorney:** Worked on trash contract and Jurisdictional Agreement.

**VII. TRUSTEE REPORT:**

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Protem deKay moved to go into Executive Session under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and/or instructing negotiators. Trustee Bartley seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The time was 9:00 and the regular meeting ended. The Executive Session was held for the purpose stated and no action followed the Executive Session. It was concluded at 10:04 p.m.
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m. The next regular meeting will be November 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Abel F. Atencio Community Center at 540 Goddard Avenue.

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Stella Cox, Mayor

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Attest: Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk