

# **TOWN OF LA JARA**

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Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

Date: April 9, 2015

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## **Call to Order:**

The Regular Meeting of the La Jara Town Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Medina @ 7:03 p.m.

## **Pledge of Allegiance:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

## **Roll Call:**

Present were Trustees: Cummings, Salazar, Espinoza, Valdez, and Pro Tem Mayor Medina.

Absent: Mayor Zaragoza, Trustee Gallegos.

A quorum was present.

Also Present were: Town Manager Koenig, Town Attorney Valdez, Chief of Police Dan Martinez, Town Clerk Shawn Pagnotta, Deputy Clerk Krista LaBlanc, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Herrera, and Building Inspector Joseph Trottner.

Guests Present were: Valerie Finnegan.

## **Agenda**

### **Public Hearing Annexation of Enclaved Property, Ordinance 2015-2.**

Mayor Pro Tem Medina introduced ordinance 2015-2 by reading the title only.  
Annexation of an enclaved property.

### **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

Trustee Espinoza moved to approve the annexation of the enclaved property, and Trustee Salazar seconded.

### **Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees Cummings, Salazar, Espinoza, Valdez, and Pro Tem Mayor Medina.

Nays: None  
Motion Carried

### **Consent to Calendar Agenda**

#### **Change Request**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes:** Trustee Salazar requested his name be taken out of the minutes due to the fact he was absent. Trustee Gallegos was present and needed to be added to the minutes. Parts Plus of Mexico needed to be corrected and changed to Parts Plus of New Mexico.

Trustee Salazar moved with the changes and Trustee Cummings seconded.

#### **Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees Cummings, Salazar, Espinoza, Valdez, and Pro Tem Mayor Medina.  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

#### **Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment**

Valerie Finnegan requested a donation for the farmer's market. She expressed her gratitude to the town and to all the people who participate from town hall each year. This year the opening of the annual farmers market will be July 31<sup>st</sup>, and the last day on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Finnegan will be working with Deputy Clerk LaBlanc for entertainment planning. Town Manager Koenig stated there is \$150.00 in funds are available to donate. Koenig also requested vendors not to set up until the street is blocked off.

Trustee Salazar moved to donate \$150.00, and Trustee Valdez seconded.

#### **Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees Cummings, Salazar, Espinoza, Valdez, and Pro Tem Mayor Medina.  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

#### **Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment**

No comments

#### **Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager Koenig reported the dog licensing has been successful. He stated that about 80 licenses have been issued over the past few weeks. He also stated that he, Town Attorney Valdez and Town Clerk Pagnotta have been working on the Colorado Water and Power Development loan, and that it has taken a lot to get this process finished up. The closing will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Koenig let Police Chief Dan Martinez take the floor to discuss building a memorial park. Chief Martinez stated that he was working on a layout for this park, and wanted some ideas and input

from the trustees and town board. Town Manager Koenig stated that they will need to work with an architect while planning. Trustee Salazar suggested including interpretations to memorialize certain wars.

Town Manager Koenig wanted to get a list of who will be attending the CML luncheon.

Trustee Salazar approved the Town Managers Report and Trustee Espinoza seconded.

**Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees Cummings, Salazar, Espinoza, Valdez, and Pro Tem Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Town Attorney's Report**

Town Attorney Ray Valdez stated it is tedious work getting a loan process complete, and complimented Town Manager Koenig and Town Clerk Pagnotta for all their hard work involved with getting this loan. He also discussed reviewing the Northerner's Senior Center lease agreement.

Trustee Salazar made motion to approve the Town Attorney report and Trustee Cummings seconded.

**Vote Results:**

Ayes: Trustees Cummings, Salazar, Espinoza, Valdez, and Pro Tem Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Town Board of Trustees Comments**

Trustee Cummings commented on Town Manager Koenig's picture being on the CML newsletter. Town Manager Koenig discussed why he was on the newsletter, and updated everyone on the meeting he had at ASU.

Trustee Salazar stated that at some point he would like the trustees to take another look at the scholarship program. He would like to get it finished and worked through by June of 2015.

Trustee Espinoza stated that on April 15<sup>th</sup>, Olivia Mendoza will be speaking at her business regarding economic development. Trustee Espinoza invited several official members of the community. She wants this meeting to help penetrate the community and to help produce a significant turn out for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Rural Philanthropy "Listening Tour". She also stated that the Northerner's Senior Center needs to be painted and asked if a group could be put together to get it done. Town Manager Koenig stated it would be best to do it before Glory Days. The next senior board meeting is on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. Koenig suggested Trustee Espinoza attend this meeting to ask for input on the painting. Trustee Espinoza also thanked everyone who helped with the Easter egg hunt and said everything looked great. She suggested next year possibly having the hunt at a later time.

Trustee Valdez had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina read a thank you letter from the San Luis Valley Animal Shelter. She also reminded everyone of the Rural Philanthropy "Listening Tour," that will be taking place at the Northerner's Senior Center on April 22, 2015 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

She thanked everyone for participating in the Easter egg hunt. Mayor Pro tem Medina also commented on the planning and zoning committee meetings, and the progress it is making. She asked Building Inspector Joe Trottnr if a permit was required to make minor repairs or if a fence needs replacement. Building Inspector Trottnr explained that you don't need a permit unless you are building a structure.

She also asked Town Manager Koenig about the Xcel Franchise agreement. Koenig stated that we also have an agreement to use the poles to hang banners.

#### **New Business:**

##### **Xcel Energy Franchise Agreement.**

Trustee Espinoza asked Town Manager Koenig what exactly the town will be getting out of this agreement. Koenig explained that the town would receive 3% of all gross revenue. No Motion was carried at this time.

#### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

#### **Adjournment**

**Trustee Salazar moved to adjourn Mayor Pro Tem Medina seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 8:05.**

**Respectfully Submitted by**



*Shawn Pagnotta*  
Town Clerk - Shawn Pagnotta

*Paul Medina*  
Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem