

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting
Date: January 14, 2016

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Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the La Jara Town Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Zaragoza at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Zaragoza.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Salazar.

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Town Manager Dennis Koenig, Town Attorney Ray Valdez, Sergeant Jerry Lujan, Deputy Clerk Krista LaBlanc, and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Herrera.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the agenda and Trustee Cummings seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Calendar

Trustee Valdez moved to approve the Consent Calendar and Mayor Pro Tem Medina seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

James Bryant a town resident is interested in starting a small engine repair business. He met with the Planning and Zoning committee last month to discuss if a small business should be allowed on Second Street (a residential area). Julian Espinoza, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee stated the only concern was the surrounding neighbors. James Bryant had collected signatures from surrounding neighbors stating that he spoke with them on his plan to have a small engine repair shop and there would

be noise from time to time. The Planning and Zoning Committee approved the location of his business December of 2015.

James Bryant stated he needed a variance from the Town Council to approve his business. Trustee Espinoza suggested a 6 month probationary period due to concerns with noise and complaints from the surrounding neighbors. Trustee Gallegos suggested a three month probationary period in lieu of the six months based on if the noise is to excessive then it would be best to know at an earlier time. Attorney Valdez stated that a determination needed to be made on whether this would be considered a variance or a special use. Referring to the General District Zoning Regulations Manual Attorney Valdez read section 2-103 Residential(R), and stated James Bryant's business under special uses review, may be classified as professional and personal services clause. He stated that because Bryant's intent is to have this as a temporary place of business special uses could be granted. Trustee Espinoza wanted to verify the exact location of where the business will be conducted. Bryant stated 120 First Street. Mayor Pro Tem Medina asked if there are any fees for a special use permit. Attorney Valdez stated there was, however it was up to the board on how they want to proceed with fees. Trustee Gallegos asked if the special use permit would hold Bryant back in the start of his new business, and if the fees could be waved so he may start his business as soon as possible.

Approval of James Bryant's motorcycle and small engine repair business.

Trustee Gallegos moved to approve James Bryant special use to begin a motor cycle and small engine repair business, with a three month probationary period regarding any complaints or without any major concerns for him to continue his business, and wave the special uses fee.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment

Larry Sisneros, a town citizen addressed the board regarding his knowledge of the Board of Adjustments, He also asked to be added to the agenda then retracted his statement and decided to not be added to the agenda after all.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Koenig stated there will be a work session on January 27th called to order by Mayor Zaragoza in reference to 2016 Strategic Planning. He stated the lift station is complete. He commended Maintenance on a job well done removing the snow after the recent storm. He stated there is a resolution reviewing the year end clean up.

Approval of the Town Managers Report:

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the Town Managers Report and Trustee Gallegos seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Attorney's Report:

Town Attorney Valdez stated he had drafted a letter to the Storage Tank Technology Company pertaining to the damages and costs the town incurred due to their negligence. Storage Tank Technology Company responded to the letter stating they will pay for the costs as per the Towns' request. The payment should be received very soon.

Approval of the Town Attorney's Report:

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the Town Attorneys report and Trustee Espinoza seconded

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Board of Trustees Comments:

Trustee Gallegos- No Comments

Trustee Espinoza- She thanked Trustee Valdez for cleaning the sidewalks outside her businesses. She stated that in the future she would like to see some signage to help promote all the businesses on Main Street. She stated the entering and exiting signs for the Town of La Jara could use a little cleaning up and that would be one of the issues she will discuss at the January 27th work session.

Trustee Cummings – Thanked Maintenance for all their hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina- She stated that many people have commented on how wonderful the 301 Main Street property looks now that the cleanup is complete.

Trustee Valdez- No comments.

Mayor Zaragoza –He stated a few concerns were raised by citizens about the snow covering driveways. He stated maintenance does come back around once they are finished removing snow in the major areas of the town. He stated petitions were available for pick up.

New Business:

Resolution 2016-1 Appropriating Sums of Money for 2015.

Mayor Zaragoza read Resolution 2016-1 by title only "a resolution appropriating additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amounts budgeted for the Town of La Jara, Colorado".

Approval of Resolution 2016-1 Appropriating Sums of Money for 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve Resolution 2016-1 and Trustee Valdez second.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

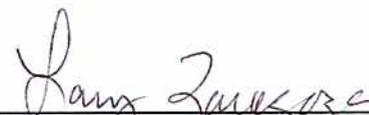
Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to adjourn and Trustee Espinoza second. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by


Town Clerk – Shawn Pagnotta




Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem