

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting

Date: July 16, 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 Zaragoza at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Zaragoza.

Roll Call:

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

A quorum was present.

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

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved for the approval for the agenda and Trustee Cummings seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval for Consent Calendar

Trustee Valdez moved for the approval of the consent calendar and Trustee Espinoza seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Guests: None

Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

There were no comments.

Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment

No comments.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Koenig shared a handout with Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Trustee Cummings regarding training workshops for Planning and Zoning Committee. Koenig attended a FEMA workshop. He stated that the sewer project will begin on July 29th. The GOCO project drawings will be complete in the next week or so. Mark Jones would like to have a public meeting for input. Trustee Espinoza asked if a notice could be put in the water bills. The project should last only a few months. Koenig stated that he and Town Clerk Pagnotta would be attending a workshop for the new grant from GOCO that could fund the entire park project. The audit is complete and there are no issues thus far. The budget will begin in September. Koenig asked the trustees for any ideas on projects they would like to see completed next year. Town Manager Koenig stated that Town Attorney Valdez sent a certified letter to the owners of 300 Main Street giving them a deadline to clean up the burned property. Koenig gave an update on the financial status of the town. He stated that a rumor was going around that the town is broke. Koenig stated that the town is in good financial standing. The town has not had to use any of its reserve funds. Town Manager Koenig and Chief Martinez attended a FEMA and flood insurance work shop. He explained the flood insurance and how it works. He stated it is only provided by FEMA. The town can either opt in or out. FEMA is in the process of re-mapping the state. Our area is not currently mapped. He explained that the citizens cannot purchase flood insurance if the town opts out. He explained that several wells have been shut down and the water table is rising, water could start to surface into these wells again. He stated there could be a possibility of flooding here. Flood insurance is very expensive, but in order for homeowners to be able to purchase flood insurance the Town must opt in. He explained that new mortgages or re-financed mortgage will be affected. Attorney Valdez stated that if the board opts in, then a home owner is required to purchase flood insurance. Town Manager Koenig stated they can opt out as long as they don't have a new mortgage. Mayor Pro Tem Medina asked when a decision needed to be made. Koenig stated that a decision does not need to be made until the first of the year.

Approval of the Town Manager's Report:

Trustee Salazar moved to approve the Town Manager's Report and Mayor Pro Tem Medina seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Attorney's Report:

Town Attorney Ray Valdez embellished on the letters that he drafted for the owners of 300 Main Street, stating that the burned property needs to be cleaned up. He stated that he has been researching the possibility of doing a civil suit for a nuisance complaint if he needs to. The letter states that they need to reply to the Town Manger within 10 days as to the progress or plans for the cleanup.

Approval of the Town Attorney's Report:

Trustee Valdez moved to approve the Town Attorneys Report and Trustee Salazar seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Board of Trustees Comments:

Trustee Gallegos- She asked about parking lines on the streets. Town Manager Koenig stated that because of a project with the Faucett's the street painting would have to wait in order to see what Mr. Faucett is going to do. Koenig also stated that we don't want to expend money for painting the lines and not have funds available when we may need to pave the street. Trustee Gallegos asked about reports and if they can be included. She also wanted to look at the water rates again. She thanked the Police Department for having the junk cars removed.

Trustee Espinoza- No comments

Trustee Cummings – No comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina- She had a few questions to ask the Town Manager later.

Trustee Valdez- No comments.

Trustee Salazar- He wanted to pay a compliment to the Glory Days Committee, and Mayor Zaragoza for serving the community, and for being a great ambassador.

Mayor Zaragoza- He commented on the CML conference. He complimented the maintenance for keeping the weeds and the town cleaned up. Seniors have a pool table that is over 50 years old, there has been \$500.00 in donations to put up a new one that will be set up this week.

New Business:

Chief Administrator Alonzo Payne of Valley Wide Health Systems, is celebrating National Health Center Week, and asked the town to proclaim August 9th through the 15th as National Health Center Week. Mayor Zaragoza read the proclamation.

Approval of the National Health Center Week Proclamation:

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to for the approval of the National Health Center Week Proclamation and Trustee Salazar seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Trustee Salazar moved to adjourn Trustee Gallegos seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,


Town Clerk - Shawn Pagnotta


Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

