

# **TOWN OF LA JARA**

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Regular Meeting  
Date: May 12, 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: Valdez, Espinoza, Salazar, Cummings, and Gallegos, Mayor Pro Tem Medina, and Mayor Zaragoza.

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Town Attorney Ray Valdez, Town Manager Dennis Koenig, Chief Dan Martinez, Town Clerk Shawn Pagnotta, Deputy Clerk Krista Ross and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Herrera.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Salazar moved to approve the Agenda and Mayor Pro Tem Medina seconded.

## **Vote Results:**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **Approval of Consent Calendar**

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

## **Vote Results:**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment**

Ted Morrison and Adele Barr came to share some historical photos of the Town of La Jara. Adele stated she is very interested in tracing family roots, and on her search she discovered old photos of La Jara. Ted and Adele wanted to present these pictures because they felt the town should somehow display them in some kind of museum or visitor center. The Board of Trustees were very pleased to see all the old photos

and would very much like to see them displayed and preserved to celebrate the Town of La Jara's historical integrity.

Ricky Manzanarez director of the National Heritage Program came to discuss where grant money is available through their society to fund different kinds of historical preservation projects. Specifically with the photos Adele was presenting. He gave a list of agencies and options to consider. He suggested options such as making a book or have links to the Denver library or museum.

Town Manager Koenig stated getting the Tourism Board involved and suggested the possibility of the Senior Citizens Center to display the photos, perhaps in an acid free display case in chronologic order. Town Attorney Ray Valdez stated the history of the San Luis Valley was written by Charles Fikes and he suggested contacting him to get some more in depth information. Trustee Salazar stated the first thing to do should be acquiring the acid free display case. Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza thanked Adele for showing such wonderful pictures. Mayor Zaragoza stated it was very interesting to see the town then verses now.

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

No Comments

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

Town Manager Koenig stated there will be up to twelve hundred train cars scheduled to be going through the town and temporarily stationed on the tracks from Alamosa to Antonito. He stated this could effect a number of things such as the schools, emergency situations, and fire protection. He contacted Rodney King from Emergency Management to help put out a reverse 911. The town has done everything in its power to notify the proper authorities. The new Subway is schedule to open May 18<sup>th</sup>. The retreat will be scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Koenig reminded everyone of the CIRCA luncheon on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Koenig stated those who are going to the CML need to get registered. He stated the meeting of the minds was full.

Koenig stated a citizen helped apprehend a shoplifter, his name was Levi Medina. Chief Martinez was in pursuit of the suspect, Medina helped contact the suspect leading to his capture. Town Manager Koenig stated he would like to reward Medina with a dinner for two or a Good Samaritan plaque, and have his picture in the paper.

#### **Approval of the Town Managers Report**

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

#### **Vote Results:**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

#### **Town Attorney's Report:**

Town Attorney Valdez stated he and Town Manager Koenig met with The Rio Grande Inn Nursing Home Executive Director and Maintenance Supervisor Jimmy Vigil. They were concerned with the water pressure and its effectiveness. Koenig stated he had taken a very good approach in defusing the situation. Koenig drew a diagram of their current pipe infrastructure, and explained in great depth the cause of their low water pressure. He stated if they want enough for their sprinkler systems they would need to tap onto another place on the line in order to give adequate water pressure.

#### **Approval of the Town Attorneys Report:**

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

**Vote Results:**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**Town Board of Trustees Comments:**

**Trustee Valdez-** He asked when the pot holes will get fixed. Town Manager Koenig stated as soon as ACI starts making the asphalt. He thanked maintenance for the cleanup of last snow storm. He stated the Fire Department received a new thermal imaging camera.

**Trustee Espinoza-** She stated her May 10<sup>th</sup> event was very successful. Over thirty businesses attended fifty people were in attendance.

**Trustee Salazar-** He stated he was curious about the Cornum house and when the cleanup will begin. Mayor Zaragoza stated Absmire had the job and are waiting for approval from the state. He asked about the Farmers Market and if they are coming to La Jara this year.

**Mayor Pro Tem Medina-** She stated the corner of Highway 285 and Main Street looks good. She asked if the Humvee was ready to use for the upcoming Glory Days parade.

**Trustee Cummings-** He stated he wanted to know why some of the wires stick out of the meters; especially the ones by Kathy Doyle's house. He also asked about a water tap near Kathy's Doyle house and asked that it be checked out. He asked who owns the property across the street from the post office. He asked if the town had permission to stack snow there Town Manager Koenig stated there is a verbal agreement between them and the town. The town mows and maintains the weeds in trade to use the area for snow. He thanked maintenance for the snow clean up. He stated he has been getting complaints that the mosquito truck goes to fast.

**Trustee Gallegos-** She stated she has pictures of Jade Communications boxes used to protect the fiber. She stated she would like to have more discussion about their company. She asked if maintenance could put more reflective tape on the water meters. She stated garage sales will be taking place soon and to please put an insert in the water bills stating if you host a yard sale please clean up after yourself or you will be speaking with the law enforcement.

**Mayor Zaragoza –** He stated maintenance handled a situation with a water line break. He stated he passed by there around 6 pm and they were still working. He thanked them for all their hard work and diligence in getting that fixed. He stated Glory Days will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business**

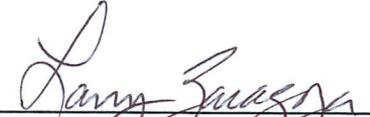
None

**Adjournment**

Trustee Salazar moved to adjourn and Mayor Pro Tem Medina second. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by**

  
Town Clerk - Shawn Pagnotta

  
Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

