

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting

Date: November 12, 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: Gallegos, Espinoza, Valdez, Mayor Zaragoza, and Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

Absent: Trustee Salazar and Trustee Cummings.

A quorum was present.

Also Present were: Town Manager Koenig, Town Attorney Valdez, Sergeant Jerry Lujan, Town Clerk Shawn Pagnotta, Deputy Clerk Krista LaBlanc, and Maintenance Supervisor Matt Herrera.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved for the Agenda approval and Trustee Valdez seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

Anna Lee Vargas, an Outreach Specialist from the Conejos County Clean Water, came to ask the Town Trustees for a support letter in regard to the Rio Grande Del Norte Monument expansion area. She stated the letter would help gain support to continue protecting lands that have been used traditionally for generations.

Approval for letter of support to help the Conejos County Clean Water.

Trustee Gallegos moved to approve a letter of support for the Conejos County Clean Water, and Mayor Pro Tem Medina second.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment

Larry Sisneros came to talk about the fire debris. He stated the citizens of the town should be informed as to what is being done about the fire rubble clean up. Mayor Zaragoza stated the town has worked diligently since the fire happened on April fifteenth. Town Attorney stated exactly what the town is doing in regard to the fire. Attorney Valdez explained in depth about a letter that had been drafted to the Governor. Larry Sisneros also suggested that for the fall clean up, the time should be extended for two weeks instead of one, and one week in the spring.

Town Attorney Valdez asked to go into executive session.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina Moved to go into executive session for a conference with the City/Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S Section24-6-402(4)(a); and Trustee Espinoza second.

Mayor Zaragoza stated the time was 8:00 p.m., and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were: Town Attorney Valdez, Town Manager Koenig, Trustee Valdez, Trustee Espinoza, Mayor Zaragoza, Mayor Pro Tem Medina, and Town Clerk Pagnotta. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concern for the record.

There were none.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Koenig stated he had asked Town Clerk Pagnotta and Deputy Clerk LaBlanc to talk to the Trustees about deciding on a date to hold the Christmas Lighting Ceremony. The Board decided to hold the ceremony on December 5th. 2015.

Koenig stated that there was still no word about the fire clean up. He stated C-DOT did a traffic study and it was decided the speed limit going through town will be reduced from 30 MPH down to 25 MPH. He stated that a letter will be given to the town residents to give them an update on what is being done to get the fire debris cleaned up. Koenig reminded everyone about the Christmas party on December 4th. Town Manager Koenig stated the lift station project will be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. He will meet with the contractor on Monday, November 16, 2015 to find out how long of an extension they will need. He stated Town Clerk Pagnotta submitted the GOCO Grant for the Recreational Park and a copy of the master plan was provided for the Trustees to review.

Approval of the Town Managers Report:

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

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Attorney's Report: Town Attorney Valdez stated he has written the letter to the Governor regarding the fire debris cleanup and asked for all the Board Members to sign before sending. Mayor Zaragoza thanked him.

Approval of the Town Attorney's Report:

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

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Board of Trustees Comments:

Trustee Espinoza- She stated that she had tried to contact Governor Hickenlooper to talk to him about the rubble pile. She stated she had looked into solar energy projects.

Trustee Gallegos: She had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina- She stated that a few people reached out to her to see if they could help get the rubble cleaned up. She stated that now was the time to get a move in on the cleanup. She asked about the completion date of the new Subway.

Trustee Valdez- He stated that everyone is curious about when the rubble pile will be cleaned up and everyone is concerned.

Mayor Zaragoza – He wanted to thank Maintenance and Deputy Clerk LaBlanc for putting the flags up and taking them down on Veterans Day. He wanted to let the board know that Town Manager Koenig will be the new Building Inspector and asked if the board was okay with that.

Approval of the Town Manager also becoming the new Building Inspector.

Trustee Espinoza moved to approve Town Manager Koenig becoming the new Building Inspector, and Mayor Pro Tem Medina second.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: Trustee Gallegos

Motion Carried

New Business:

Approval of Resolution 2015-9 for 2016 budget:

Mayor Pro Tem Medina Moved to approve Resolution 2015-9: A resolution summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund, and adopting a budget for the Town of La Jara, Colorado for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January 2016 and ending on the last day of December 2016, and Trustee Gallegos second.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Resolution 2015-10 Appropriating 2016 Budget:

Trustee Valdez moved to approve resolution 2015-10: A resolution appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies, for the Town of La Jara, Colorado, for the 2016 budget year, and Trustee Espinoza second.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Citizen of the year award went to Jack Hoogendoorn.

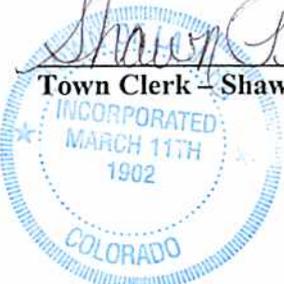
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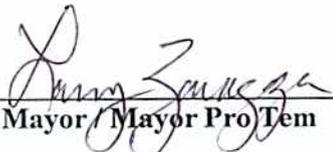
Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by


Town Clerk - Shawn Pagnotta



Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem