

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting

Date: October 8, 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 at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Trustee Espinoza, and Mayor Zaragoza

A quorum was present.

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

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Valdez moved for the agenda approval and Trustee Cummings seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Calendar

Trustee Salazar moved to approve the Consent Calendar and Trustee Valdez seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

None

Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment

Town resident Roxy Chavez came to talk about her water bill. Town Manager Koenig explained how the billing process works. Roxy stated she felt that she had not used as much water as the bill reflected. She also had some question on what the estimate readings meant. She wanted to know why her bills were

being estimated. Town Manager Koenig stated that maintenance does the meter readings monthly and sometimes there was a vehicle parked over the meter for that property. Maintenance cannot get a reading if the meter is covered. Therefore the bill has to be estimated based on last year's usage. Town Manager Koenig suggested to not park over the meter the last week of the month to get an accurate meter reading. Trustee Salazar asked the trustees to find a remedy for this problem, he suggested to give her credit for the 20 units of water that she was upset about. Town Manager Koenig stated this would be a one-time credit. The council agreed to the terms and made a motion.

Approval of a 20 Unit Water Credit:

Trustee Salazar made a motion to approve the 20 unit water credit for Roxy Chavez, and Trustee Gallegos second.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Koenig stated Building Inspector Joseph Trottner will be moving to Washington and will no longer be working for our town. He warmly thanked Joseph for his many years of service, and in recognition he presented him with an honorary clock with his name on it as a token of appreciation.

Town Manager Koenig stated he had spoken with Fire Chief Valdez and Head of Maintenance Department Matt Herrera about burning the BMX Track property on October 24th. Koenig stated the 300 Main burn cleanup has been halted by the State of Colorado due to a variance that needed to be in place. Trustee Salazar stated for the record this variance needs to be pushed through as soon as possible because it is a serious concern. Town Manager Koenig stated the lift station is scheduled to be finished by the end of next week, however they may need an extension due to a discovery of quick sand.

Koenig reviewed the 2016 budget, he stated the revenue that would be generated by Subway does not include the sales tax.

Trustee Valdez asked about insurance rates. Town Manager Koenig stated there is new insurance rates in place via a new company.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina had a few questions about the retirement match. Koenig stated that it depends on the employee's longevity with the company and status.

Approval of the Town Mangers Report

Trustee Salazar moved to approve the Town Managers Report and Trustee Cummings seconded.

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Attorney's Report:

Town Attorney Valdez stated he had revised a contract with the Faucetts to sign and had not yet received it back, without it the build cannot progress. Trustee Salazar complimented Town Attorney Valdez's new mural and that it looked very nice.

Approval of the Town Attorney's Report:

Trustee Valdez moved to approve the Town Attorneys report and Trustee Cummings seconded

Vote Results:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Board of Trustees Comments:

Trustee Valdez- He stated he wanted to thank La Jara Police Department and Maintenance for all their hard work, good job.

Trustee Salazar – He stated he attended the first Housing Authority meeting. He believes that this could be a very lucrative and beneficial entity. He explained a lot about the Housing Authority and how to possibly incorporate them more into the town. He stated he is excited about what the Town Council is doing, and he thanked the Board for all their hard work and how beautiful our town looks.

Trustee Cummings- He complimented everyone on what a great job everyone is doing, by keeping the town running so well and looking so good

Trustee Gallegos- She wanted to give Building Inspector Joseph Trottnner a nice send off, and thanked him for all his years of service.

Trustee Salazar- He stated that he received the nomination as County Commissioner for the Housing Authority.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina – She stated she attended a CML meeting. She also asked about the ballots. Town Manager Koenig gave her information on what is initialed in that.

New Business:

Nothing to report.

Old Business

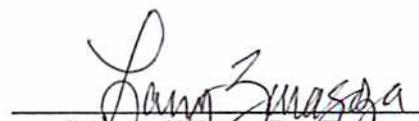
Nothing to report.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to adjourn **Trustee Salazar** seconded. **The Meeting adjourned at 8:28.**

Respectfully Submitted by


Town Clerk – Shawn Pagnotta


Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

