

**Regular Meeting  
of the Town Of Ignacio Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

- I. **CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL:** Mayor Stella Cox called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees Present: Mayor Protem Alison deKay, Thomas Atencio, Edward Box III, Sandra Maez and Dixie Melton Staff: Kirk Phillips, Acting Town Manager; Georgann Valdez, Town Clerk; Diana Briar, Town Treasurer; Dan Naiman, Community Development Coordinator; David Liberman, Town Attorney. Audience: Carol Mc Williams from Pine River Times, Steve Brittan and Katy Pepinski from La Plata Youth Services, Rudy and Lillian Mestas, Kasey Correia from Dancing Spirit Art Center and Jaceson Cole from SUCAP.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT: Kasey Correia with Dancing Spirit Community Art Center** came with group of kids who participated in the summer art program. They brought painted canvas flags to hang on the 20 Town light poles as part of the downtown beautification project and asked if the banners could be hung before the Southern Ute Fair. Their goal is to have four sets a year and rotate them. Contributions and donations are welcome.
- III. **Lillian Mestas, Mom's Hidden Closet**, reported there was graffiti on the Library wall. She asked the Board's permission to remove the graffiti and paint an advertisement for her business on it. It was recommended she start with the Library, getting their permission before the Board would respond. Mr. Naiman asked Ms. Mestas to stop by and visit. She was inquiring about the Town's code on advertising on the wall. Police are aware of graffiti.
- IV. **PROCLAMATION: CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:** Proclamation read and signed by Mayor Cox.
- V. **PRESENTER: La Plata Youth Services, Steve Brittan, Director:** LPYS has operated Juvenile Diversion programs in La Plata County since 1994. If a child is referred to LPYS before being formally charged, he/she can sign a contract and they won't have a record. There is a 90% success rate with this program. We formed a collaborative and have a MOU with three law enforcement agencies, La Plata Human Services, AXIS Mental Health, and three school districts in the area, including Ignacio. Process allows for referrals to a case management model, with a 50% success rate. A staff person was hired to service the youth in the Ignacio/Bayfield area; transportation provided by SUCAP. Programs offered include graffiti removal program; art therapy, raft trips and GRAM (getting real about Marijuana); try to engage the kids in positive social activities. We have a referral program with Ignacio School District; Jaceson Cole, ISD social worker supports LPYS and its Diversion programs; he referred nine students to LPYS last year. Funding will be discussed at budget time.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board Members pointed out two corrections to the minutes. **Mayor Protem deKay moved to approve the minutes for July 15, July 29, and August 5, 2015 in**

**block, with corrections. Trustee Melton seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Mosquito Control Contract:** Mr. Phillips pointed out that he has seen a decrease in mosquitos. He spoke with Kevin and found their budget has not been approved. He will have costs of the Mosquito Control Contract available for the budget meeting, second meeting of September.

**B. Four Corners Motorcycle Rally MOU:** Mr. Liberman mentioned he had made minor changes to the MOU, including parade contingent on providing insurance; \$5000 deposit is non-refundable, and dates of MOU and Rally are listed. The parade route is covered in the parade permit; Mr. Naiman clarified the Town did not deny the use of the Town Hall parking lot for their Blessing, but was discussed with Mr. Valdez that the old casino parking lot could accommodate the number of bikes better. Hanging of the Banners was not included but will be added to the MOU. **Mayor Protem deKay moved to approve MOU between the Town and Mr. Johnny Valdez, owner of FCMC with changes as discussed. Trustee Box seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**C. Rock Creek Development Agreement, Approve Preliminary Plat and Set Public Hearing Date:** Mr. Naiman stated he had received a revised version of the preliminary plat; received comments from utility agencies, revisions by Town Engineer; incorporated all the changes. Mr. Naiman read the narrative; location of the property, zoned for business; intent to subdivide the parcel of 7.29 acres into three lots with the 8320 Sq. Ft. building site on lot 1b will be for the future Family Dollar, with the rest set for future commercial development; water, sewer and natural gas provided by the Town, with plans to install new utility lines; access on Goddard Avenue by private driveway. Mr. Naiman has been working diligently with the developer, Mr. Olguin, CDOT and Mr. Murdock. The project is RCD moving forward with everyone being very cooperative. The County has done their review of the building plans. Mr. Naiman is asking approval of preliminary plat, to allow the development to move forward. Town uses the International Building Code and is in the agreement. A public hearing will be set, present final plat; incorporate any changes; wording in agreement from annexation agreement. **Mayor Protem deKay moved to approve the Rock Creek Complex Subdivision Preliminary Plat and set the public hearing date for October 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Second by Trustee Box. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**D. RESOLUTION 07- 2015 – Certify Ballot Content to La Plata County Clerk for November 3, 2015 Coordinated Election:** Trustee Atencio moved to approve Resolution 07-2015, with Exhibit One, question giving the Town the legal right to provide services currently restricted by Title 29. Seconded by Mayor Protem deKay. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None**

**IX. STAFF REPORTS:**

- A. Police Department:** Rash of tagging in community and the Department is combatting this with new technology, adjusted work schedules and zero tolerance on curfew. A meeting is scheduled for next week with all agencies to discuss the rally.
- B. Public Works:** Pot holes repairs are scheduled for September; light pole on Empire is scheduled for repair.
- C. Treasurer:** General Fund reflects a negative balance because the Sales Tax from La Plata County for April and May was received in August; questions from the Board were answered. Roof repairs were \$9000; payment was approved, when carpet cleaning is completed. Questions on reports, reading reports and IT questions were answered.
- D. Community Development Coordinator:** July saw heavy permitting, new construction and repair work. Old Elementary School and repurposing as El-Hi was clarified that it is regulated by the State as long as it is owned by the School District and if the use remains as K-12 education purposes. A letter received by the State was sent to the School and the Fire Department; it is not our jurisdiction. Adult education is different occupancy and tenants can apply for a permit to the State. Proposed traffic light at the State Highway 170/151 intersection will not be installed this year; no bids were received, but will be out to bid next spring. Board members mentioned the traffic on Pioneer is congested with the opening of Farmer Fresh Market. Suggestions included no parking on one side and extend red paint. Trustee Atencio had questions on the postponement of the street light. Mr. Phillips clarified the State put out an RPP but received no bids. CDOT has earmarked the funds for the project, the contract stays the same and the Town has paid our portion.  
**Mayor Protem deKay moved to appoint Margaret Manzanarez as alternate to the Planning Commission. Trustee Maez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- E. Town Manager:** The gas line replacement is underway. Yesterday we got a surprise visit from PUC; guys passed inspection 100%. Library Board is inquiring if the Town may be willing to plow their parking lot for a fee. An agreement would be drawn up to include costs, where the snow would be placed, legal indemnification, Town's priorities, and liability release. About 6 weeks ago, Jeremy Schultz's son, Clint approached the Board about offering his help to the Town and Trustee Atencio suggested giving him a stipend.  
**Mayor Protem deKay moved to give Clint Battaglia \$500 for his volunteer work. Seconded by Trustee Atencio. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**
- F. Attorney:**

- X. TRUSTEE REPORTS:** Trustee Box stated the Boys and Girls Club is considering a Chile and Root Beer Fest next year and is considering approaching the Board for a street closure. Trustee Maez reported her boys are playing YAFL football in Bayfield and the organization is looking for donations for uniforms. She asked if the Town would consider a contribution. Although it was not in the Budget, it was suggested the group make a presentation and request to the Board at the next Board meeting. Mayor Protem deKay suggested agenda items for the

September 2, 2015: Compensation for Present Interim Town Manager and Discuss Goals for new Interim Town Manager (Mark Garcia). The meeting was set for 6:00 p.m.

XI. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Joint Meeting with SUIT Tribal Council dates discussed were Sept 29 (1<sup>st</sup>) or Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>; Trustee Atencio offered to do a fish fry, Potluck. Agenda items: Taxation Issue; Raw Water, Jurisdiction; Utility MOU; recommended a closed work session.

CML District 9 meeting in Pagosa Springs: Mayor Cox, Trustees Box and Atencio, Interim Town Manager Mark Garcia and staff will attend. CML Taxation Webinar: Attorney David Liberman, Mayor Cox, Trustees Atencio, Box and Melton, and Interim Town Managers Kirk Phillips and Mark Garcia will participate.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Being no further business before the Board, Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The next regular meeting will be September 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Abel F. Atencio Community Center at 570 Goddard Avenue.

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**Stella Cox, Mayor**

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**Date**

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**Attest: Georgann Valdez, Town**