

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting
Date: November 12, 2020

A permanent set of these minutes are maintained in the Town Clerk's Office. Approved Minutes are also available on the web at www.colorado.gov/townofajara

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the La Jara Town Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Medina at 6:00 p.m. following the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Medina.

Roll Call

Present were Trustees: Espinoza, Gallegos, Villagomez, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, and Mayor Medina.

Absent: Trustee Chavez and Wagoner.

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Chief Lujan, Town Manager Larry Zaragoza, Town Attorney Ben Pacyga and Town Clerk Pagnotta was present via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda

Because of the increased number in COVID-19 cases Mayor Medina asked for a shortened meeting to discuss only the necessary items that needed approval and forgo the normal formalities.

New Business

Resolution 2020-7 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 1st day of January 2021 and ending on the last day of December 31, 2021.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez moved to adopt Resolution 2020-7; seconded by Trustee Espinoza.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Espinoza, Villagomez, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Mayor Medina.

Nays: Trustee Gallegos

Motion Carried.

Resolution 2020-8 A resolution appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies for the Town of La Jara, Colorado, for the 2021 Budget year.

Motion: Trustee Espinoza moved to adopt Resolution 2020-8; seconded by Trustee Villagomez.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Espinoza, Villagomez, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Mayor Medina.

Nays: Trustee Gallegos

Motion Carried.

Mayor Medina reported that the Christmas party would be cancelled this year because of COVID-19. It was suggested to have a celebration after the first of the year.

Motion: Trustee Espinoza moved to purchase a ham or turkey for the staff; seconded by Trustee Villagomez.

Trustee Gallegos suggested purchasing certificates instead.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Espinoza, Gallegos, Villagomez, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Manager Zaragoza researched the cost of an LED sign. He reported that a 2' X 6' would be a sufficient size and the cost would be \$5,800.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez moved to purchase the 2' X 6" LED sign for \$5,800; seconded by Trustee Gallegos.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Espinoza, Gallegos, Villagomez, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez and Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Manager Zaragoza reported that he received a quote of about \$14,000 to replace the electrical panel for the water distribution pumps. He stated his concern that the current temporary float system would not work with the freezing temperatures. Additionally, he is concerned that the electrical panel would need to be replaced again in 7 to 8 years. He stated that he would research grants to assist with the panel. He stated that he would like to abandon the current system and put in a baffle system to chlorinate the water, however a baffle system similar to that of the Town of Manassa cost about \$500,000.00. Trustee Villagomez suggested looking at doing the baffle system in 2 phases. Mayor Medina asked Town Manager Zaragoza to get more information.

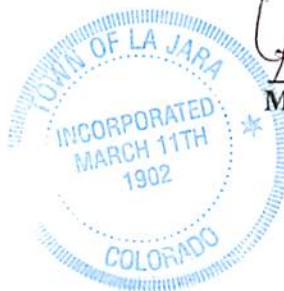
Town Manager Zaragoza explained that he received a quote of \$85,000 to build a new maintenance building. He stated that the town could get a loan for the construction. Town Attorney Pacyga explained the issues with TABOR and the non-appropriation clause. He went on to explain that there are funds available this year and the amount of the building could be split, paying half this year and half next year and there would not be any issues with long term debt.

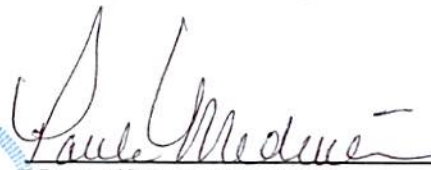
Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by


Town Clerk - Shawn Ragnotta




Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

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Public Hearing of the Proposed 2021 Budget

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Call to Order:

The Public Hearing of the La Jara Town Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Medina at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were Trustees: Espinoza, Gallegos, Villagomez, Mayor Pro-Tem Valdez, and Mayor Medina.
Absent: Trustee Chavez and Wagoner.
A quorum was present.

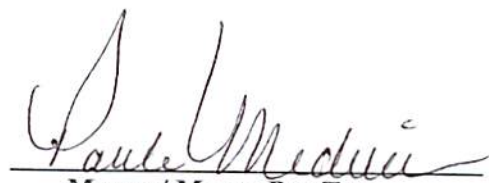
A Public Hearing was held for public input for the Proposed 2021 Budget:

Mayor Medina asked for comments or questions from the trustees. Trustee Gallegos had a few questions which were answered by town Clerk Pagnotta. No Citizens were present.

No other public comments were made.

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