

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Special Meeting
Date: October 28, 2021

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Work Session

A work session was held at 6 pm for a presentation from Chris Brandewie from RCAC, who is conducting the water/sewer rate study. During the presentation Brandewie discussed the town's current assets comparing the life expectancy with the cost to replace those items and what amount of money should be put into reserves. It was estimated that the town would need to save \$50,000 annually for the water system and \$33,000 for the sewer system. The next step is to determine what rates should be charged to meet the goal of saving these funds. The board was looking to try and implement the new rates by the first of the year if possible.

Special Meeting

Call to Order

A Special Meeting of the La Jara Town Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Medina at 7:17 p.m. Present were Trustees Chavez, Villagomez, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, and Mayor Medina. A quorum was present. Also present was: Chief Jerry Lujan, Attorney Pacyga, Town Manager Larry Zaragoza and Town Clerk Pagnotta.

An agreement for legal services for Eugene L. Farish, P.C. and Seth Walker Attorney at Law, LLC was provided to the Board of Trustees. The Town's current attorney, Ben Pacyga reviewed the agreement and had no issues.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez moved to approve the agreement; seconded by Trustee Wagoner.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustee Chavez, Villagomez, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, and Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Agreement for Water ORC – Town Manager Zaragoza stated that it was advised to hire a different Water ORC to provide better service for the town as well as training. Richard Hopp was recommended by Mark Foxworthy who is the town's Sewer ORC. Hopp submitted two proposals for his services that would include ORC coverage for the Town's Water Treatment facility and distribution system, yearly reporting, correspondence with State, and sampling. Town Manager Zaragoza suggested selecting Option #1 that included quarterly in person meetings for the first year at a monthly cost of \$1200 so that he can provide training for the maintenance staff.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Valdez moved to approve the agreement with RH Water & Wastewater, Inc., Option #1; seconded by Trustee Wagoner.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustee Chavez, Villagomez, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Valdez, and Mayor Medina.

Nays: None

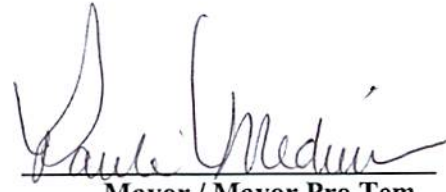
Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Valdez moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by


Town Clerk – Shawn Pagnotta, CMC


Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

