

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting
Date: September 13, 2018

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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: Valdez, Cummings, Salazar, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.
Trustee Espinoza arrived at 7:05 pm.

Absent: Trustee Gallegos

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Town Manager Dennis Koenig, Police Chief Jerry Lujan, Maintenance Supervisor Matthew Herrera, Building Inspector Joseph Trottnr, and Town Clerk Shawn Pagnotta.

Mayor Zaragoza suggested that the liquor license renewal for T&D Liquor, item "a" under New Business be moved to item "5" on the agenda under Guests. He also suggested that the Town Manager give his report and hold off on the trustee comments. He wanted to spend a few minutes to discuss the recent situation of Deputy Clerk Krista Ross.

Motion: Trustee Salazar made a motion to move the liquor license renewal as suggested by the mayor; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medina.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Cummings, Salazar, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Trustee Salazar moved to approve the Agenda; seconded by Trustee Valdez.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Cummings, Salazar, Mayor Pro Tem Medina, and Mayor Zaragoza.
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Calendar

Motion: Trustee Valdez moved to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Trustee Cummings.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

Darlene Buhr addressed the board requesting renewal of the liquor license to T&D Liquor. Chief Lujan stated that there are no issues at the liquor store and stated that if there are any issues they call right away to have them resolved.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the liquor license renewal for T&D Liquor; seconded by Trustee Valdez.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Cummings, Salazar, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Koenig reminded everyone of the liquor license hearing for Pester Marketing on September 20th at 7 pm and stated that all trustees are required to attend to vote on the approval.

Town Manager Koenig reminded the trustees of the upcoming CML District meeting that is to be held in Alamosa on September 25th. He asked those that wanted to attend to please RSVP with Town Clerk Pagnotta as soon as possible.

Approval of the Town Manager's Report:

Motion: Trustee Salazar moved to approve the Town Manager's Report and Mayor Pro Tem Medina seconded.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Attorney's Report:

Town Attorney Valdez was not present for the meeting.

Trustee Comments:

Mayor Zaragoza recognized and congratulate Mayor Pro Tem Medina for receiving the "Boots on the Ground" award. He stated that there was a nice article in the Valley Courier.

Mayor Zaragoza asked if the trustees had any pressing issues that needed to be discussed and to limit comments to just a few minutes. None of the trustees had anything to discuss. Mayor Zaragoza stated that there was concerns with the hemp building, but feels that most of the concerns and conditions would improve now that there is water and sewer service to the building. Town Manager stated that the facility is fully licensed to grow hemp. Town Manager Koenig stated the Brenda Felmler from Congressman Tipton's office stopped by and as part of their discussion she stated that the new farm bill that is awaiting approval will de-regularize hemp.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina asked about the signs for the neighborhood watch program, to which Town Manager Koenig stated that they have been ordered. Mayor Zaragoza suggested having a work session to discuss a neighborhood watch program a community policing. It was decided to have the work session on October 2nd at 6:30.

Mayor Zaragoza addressed the issue concerning the tragic loss of Deputy Clerk Krista Ross' husband. He suggested that the Town donate \$300 to help Ross with the funeral expenses. He suggested establishing a "Go Fund Me" page, but after some research it was learned that there are some fees involved and the recipient does not get the entire amount that is being donated. Mayor Zaragoza stated that a bank account

will be set up at the Community Bank here in La Jara under Derek Ross Memorial Fund so that donations can be made to help her and her family. Town Clerk Pagnotta made some fliers requesting donations and will distribute them around town.

Motion: Trustee Salazar moved to make a \$300 donation to Krista Ross and family; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Media.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Trustee Valdez stated that the Knights of Columbus will be donating to Krista and her family as well.

There was also discussion on the animal ordinance, Town Manager Koenig stated that Attorney Valdez is working on drafting one.

New Business

None

Old Business

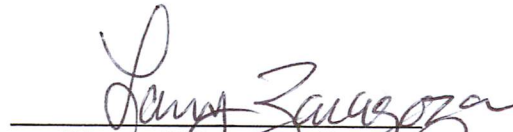
None

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by


Town Clerk - Shawn Pagnotta


Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

