

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting
Date: September 12, 2019

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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, Espinoza, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza. Trustee Gallegos arrived at 7:02.

Absent: Bobby Cummings.

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Town Manager Dennis Koenig, Police Chief Jerry Lujan, Maintenance Supervisor Matt Herrera, Attorney Ray Valdez, Town Clerk Shawn Pagnotta and Assistant Clerk Felicia Gomez.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Medina requested that New Business item A and B be moved under Guest item as B and C.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the Agenda as amended; seconded by Trustee Valdez.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Gallegos, Espinoza, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Calendar

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the Consent Calendar; seconded by Trustee Valdez.

Vote Result: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Gallegos, Espinoza, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

Annalese Vargus:

Director of Project Management and Community Outreach from Conejos Clean Water, is requesting municipalities adopt resolutions to keep corridors open for wildlife. Vargus explains that protected wildlife corridors would be protected against human fracking, oil and gas leases, roads and homes, so that

wildlife can migrate safely without interruptions. Trustee Espinoza suggests that the board read the online information regarding the four different alternatives before making a decision. In addition, Trustee Espinoza comments that the board has three (3) weeks to reply online regarding the resolution.

T & D Liquor license annual renewal:

Darlene Buhr, owner of T&D Liquor states that there hasn't been any issues at the liquor store. Mayor Zaragoza asked Chief of Police Jerry Lujan if there has been any police reports or complaints, and Jerry replied, "None at all."

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Medina made a motion to approve the liquor license; seconded by Trustee Valdez.

Vote Result: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Gallegos, Espinoza, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

Arnold Salazar:

Salazar submitted a proposal to Town Manager Dennis Koenig requesting to subdivide a piece of property on Sixth and Poplar that once belonged to Salazar's father in law. The proposal is to divide the property into four lots and put modular homes on the properties and sell them. Salazar is requesting to purchase a piece of property that is owned by the Town of La Jara which borders his property. Manager Koenig mentions a fair sale price of \$5,000 for the small piece of property or have the property appraised.

Motion: Trustee Medina made a motion to sell the property for \$5000; seconded by Mayor Zaragoza.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Gallegos, Espinoza, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

Citizen Comments

No citizen comments.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Koenig reported on the augmentation letter that he and Attorney Valdez had been working on for 6-7 years. Koenig mentioned that a plan needed to be made within the next year before it becomes mandatory in March 2021. Koenig said that Town Attorney Valdez and Koenig would like to engage Marty Reynolds because he's an expert in the area of augmentation plans. Koenig suggested effluent from the lagoons be used as part of the augmentation. Koenig thinks it will be about 10% of consumption.

Town Manager Koenig moves on to report on the up-coming La Jara SMASH Fest event. He said that there has been zero interest in applicants for the Pumpkin Chunkin therefore there were some alternatives for the event. He explains that we decided to add a pumpkin pie baking contest and the Trustees were going to be the judges. The event will include a pumpkin archery shoot contest along with all the kid activities from previous years. Koenig said that the newest event would be a three man paintball tournament which has had an incredible amount of excitement and applicants.

Town Manager Koenig explains that he's been in contact with CDPHE on the waste water issues. He said he is working on drafting a response letter that he will be sending to the CDPHE the following day. Koenig mentioned that Engineer, Marty Reynolds has contacted the CDPHE and everything is good, progressive steps have been made.

Town Manager Koenig goes on to say that we've been working on the weed and short term rental ordinance, and the weed ordinance is ready. A pre-draft of the short term rental ordinance needs to be tweaked a little before it can be presented to the board. Koenig mentions that the weed ordinance is ready to go and if the trustees want to read it and table it for the next meeting that he would be ok with that. Koenig states that appropriate changes have been made and that frontage ways and alley ways are no longer included and it is strictly a police thing.

Town Manager Koenig said that the CML District Meeting is coming up on September 24, 2019 and Town Clerk Pagnotta needs a confirmed list of who will be attending so she can RSVP. Pagnotta said she needs to know by next week of who will be attending so she can send a check. Mayor Zaragoza mentions that he will not be in attendance. Town attorney Valdez comments that San Luis has not been very active in the past CML District Meetings and is the second time he can remember that San Luis has offered to host a CML meeting. Valdez thinks it would be in the best interest to see as many Town of La Jara members in attendance for the meeting to show support for the Town of San Luis.

Town Manager Koenig goes on to say that he will be meeting with Marty Reynolds in the coming week on the water and sewer issues. Koenig mentions that we should be getting the preliminary report back from the engineers that we got with USDA and they should be getting us some preliminary data. Koenig states that he will be discussing the waste water issue, so there will be future bills for Reynolds Engineering. Koenig said he would talk with Reynolds regarding the augmentation so we have a better understanding as to whether the Town of La Jara will augment or join the sub districts. Koenig also states that he met with Monica Edgar and they would like to move forward with the subdivision and the truck stop.

Approval of Town Managers Report:

Motion: Trustee Medina moved to approve the Town Managers Report; seconded by Trustee Gallegos.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustees Valdez, Espinoza, Wagoner and Mayor Zaragoza.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Attorney's Report:

Town Attorney Valdez mentions the weed ordinance and asks, "I don't know if you intend to pass a proposed draft of the short term rental ordinance but I think it will be a good idea if you were to see one and review it before the next meeting." Valdez said he knows this issue is dear to Mayor Pro Tem Medina's heart. Valdez explains, that drafted into the short term ordinance's which Town Manager Koenig had obtained for him from other municipalities, Valdez had the benefit of going over the ordinances to reconcile all of them into something that would work for the Town of La Jara. Valdez said he paid particular attention to the issue of parking and he would like the trustees to look over it before the next board meeting.

Approval of Town Attorney's Report:

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to approve the Town Attorney's Report; seconded by Trustee Wagoner.

Vote Results: Ayes: Trustee Valdez, Gallegos, Espinoza, Gallegos, Wagoner, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.

Nays: None

Motion: Carried

Trustee Comments

Trustee Espinoza: Mentioned she would like to hear from her husband regarding his plans for the La Jara SMASH Fest paintball tournament

Trustee Gallegos: Asked Julian Espinoza what the age requirements are for the paintball tournament. Espinoza replied eighteen years unless their parents want to sign a waiver and the older the better it makes for an easy target. Gallegos asked if the conservation fund is used for parks, and would like to know if we can do anything at the Polkowske property for the kids to have a park within walking distance so they wouldn't have to cross the main highway to get to the park across town. Gallegos wanted to know what was burning at the Lagoons. Town Manager Koenig said it was branches and grass clippings.

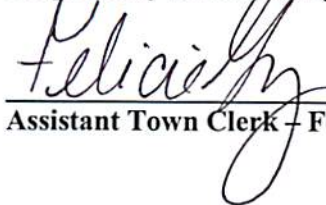
Mayor Zaragoza: Asked about food vendors for the SMASH Fest. He wanted to know if we had any vendors sign up. Julian Espinoza asked Zaragoza if the La Jara Glory Days committee would be interested in selling hamburgers and hot dogs. Zaragoza said he would bring it up to the committee at their next meeting. Zaragoza mentioned that he entered Trustee Espinoza in a recognition of women of influence competition that he seen in an article from the Colorado Springs newspaper for a legacy of leadership. Zaragoza asked about the Fun with 911. Chief of Police Jerry Lujan said it was going to be held this coming Saturday.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina: Asked about the water issues as to why there were so many water outages and low water pressure. Town Manager Koenig replied that it would be addressed first thing Monday morning, that the new VFD would be replaced.

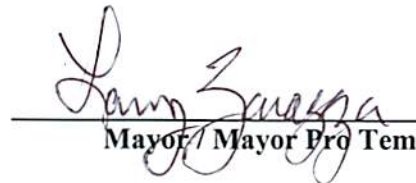
Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Medina moved to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Espinoza. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by


Assistant Town Clerk - Felicia Gomez




Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem