

TOWN OF LA JARA

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Regular Meeting
Date: September 14, 2017

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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: Gallegos, Espinoza, Mayor Pro Tem Medina and Mayor Zaragoza.

Absent: Trustees Valdez, Cummings, and Salazar.

A quorum was present.

Also present were: Town Manager Dennis Koenig, Town Attorney Ray Valdez, Police Chief Jerry Lujan, Building Inspector Joe Trottnr and Town Clerk Shawn Pagnotta.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Media moved to approve the Agenda; seconded by Trustee Espinoza.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Calendar

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Scheduled Public Comment

Darlene Buhr submitted a liquor license renewal application for T&D Liquor. Chief Lujan stated he has not had any issues affecting their license.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Recognition of Unscheduled Public Comment

No unscheduled public comments.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Koenig reported that the asphalt for the paving project came in \$12,000 under budget. He stated next year we will pave the remainder of Poplar and Haven Lane. He stated that he would also like to repair the sidewalk at the elementary school so that it is ADA accessible.

Town Manager Koenig stated he has been working with Martin Reynolds to subdivide some of the property at the park located at 312 S. Main where 20 new homes could possibly be built. Reynolds has the survey completed. Koenig asked the trustees to come up with a name for the subdivision. Trustee Gallegos suggested Sunrise Subdivision.

Town Manager Koenig reported that the 2018 budget is underway. When asked for input on potential projects to be budgeted for Mayor Pro Tem Medina would like to see new lamp posts along Main Street. Trustee Gallegos wanted to make sure the trees along Main Street will not be affected if new lamp posts are put in. Trustee Espinoza suggested making upgrades to the maintenance shop and put up an electric sign as possible projects to be included in the budget. Town Manager Koenig stated that he would talk to Gabe at Alta Convenience about putting up the sign on their property at the corner of Main Street and the Highway.

Town Manager Koenig reported that the quote for employee health insurance will be increasing 9.4%. He stated that this is a relatively low increase as private insurance is increasing 20% to 60%.

Town Manager Koenig stated that he spoke with a representative from Vaquero, who wanted to meet to discuss a possible new business.

Town Manager Koenig also reported that we will pursue a planning grant from DOLA to address the issues for inadequate water pressure. He also asked for a count of those that will be attending the CML District 8 meeting.

Approval of the Town Manager's Report:

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

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Town Attorney's Report:

Town Attorney Valdez had nothing to report.

Town Board of Trustees Comments

Trustee Gallegos: Suggested cleaning up the town before the CML District 8 Meeting that the town is hosting. She asked if the town had a curfew. Chief Lujan stated that the curfew is 11 pm during the week and midnight on Friday and Saturday for citizen's under 18.

Mayor Pro Tem Medina: Reported that she attended a community picnic last weekend and stated it was a nice event. She asked about the attendance at the Farmer's Market. Town Manager Koenig replied that it was not very well attended.

Trustee Espinoza: Nothing to report.

Mayor Zaragoza: Asked about the open trench at the park at 312 S. Main. He stated he was concerned about it being open. Maintenance Supervisor Matt Herrera stated he didn't like it being open either, but is just waiting on the parts to make the repairs and then he will close it up.

New Business

Annexation #7 – Town Attorney Ray Valdez stated that he will be working on it next week and will have it ready for the board meeting in October.

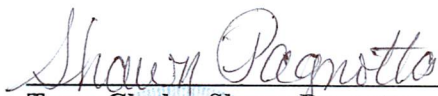
Old Business

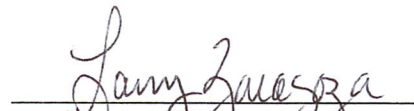
No old business.

Adjournment

Mayor Pro-Tem Median moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by


Town Clerk – Shawn Pagnotta


Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem

