

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
Town of Del Norte, Colorado  
April 12, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Del Norte, Rio Grande County, State of Colorado, met in regular session on April 12, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room, 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Colorado at the hour of 7:00 p.m. There being present at the **CALL OF THE ROLL** the following persons:

**ROLL CALL:**

**Town Board present: Trustee Bob Muncy, Trustee Mark Ulrich, Mayor Pro-Tem Annette Archuleta, Trustee Tony Dinger and Trustee Gary Sabrowski and Absent Trustee Sam Scavo and Mayor Chris Trujillo. Mayor Pro tem Annette Archuleta declared a quorum present.**

**MINUTES:**

Trustee Bob Muncy made the motion to approve the Regular Board minutes for March 8, 2017 board meeting, Trustee Gary Sabrowski seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All Ayes, Mayor Protem declared motion carried.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Chris Trujillo entered the meeting.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Kevin gave the board an update on the wells. He had the north well tested and it will take more than he thought to get it up and running. There was an electrical problem that the surges caused the holes in the pipe. He doesn't have an amount on how much it is going to take to fix it. He also mentioned since it seems to be electrical with the north well he would like to get the south well also tested. It was consensus of the board to test the south well and get both wells up and running. Chief Fresquez stated that the Town has had its first drug overdose resulting in death. The two new officers are doing well with the department. Mike with RG was not available but Administrator Martinez let the Town Board know that Nick Marcotte was no longer with RG and Mike is trying to get the new person up to date on the projects. Zack is still running the office in here in town and is available. The water project is still on schedule and will start May 1. The CDOT meeting that Mike was trying to get set up will be scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> in Alamosa; Mike will give a presentation to the SLV Transportation Planning meeting where CDOT has several engineers that will be able to listen to the areas in Town that we have ADA concerns. Motion was made by Mayor Chris Trujillo to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Trustee Mark Ulrich. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS-Monte Robertson** started off with his presentation stating that Industrial Hemp has nothing to do with marijuana. Hemp seed has no THC and the products made from hemp seed are technical products and used for biofuel paints and other various products. The trunk, bark, flowers and stalk produce can produce other products ranging from building materials to oils. Monte is currently looking for a building large enough to start his business endeavors and the old coop building is ideal. Town Board thanked Monte for his presentation.

**Rio Grande County Museum** -Special Events Permit-Motion was made Mayor Chris Trujillo to approve the special events permit for Rio Grande County Museum they will be holding an event on Summitville, seconded by Trustee Tony Dinger. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

**Covered Wagon Days Inc.** -Special Events Permit-Motion was made Mayor Chris Trujillo to approve the special events permit for Covered Wagon Day, seconded by Trustee Mark Ulrich. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried

**SLV Transportation Regional Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding-** Motion was made Mayor Chris Trujillo and seconded by Mayor Protem Annette Archuleta to sign the letter of agreement and MOU. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

### **Attorney Report**

**Public Hearing for Ordinance 694 to add** the Recreational Vehicle Park district zone with the regulations to the Town Code book. Mayor Chris Trujillo turned the hearing over to Hearing Officer Eugene Farish.

Hearing Officer stated the purpose of the hearing and was to adopt *ORDINANCE* 694 which was to adopting guidelines and definitions for recreational vehicle district (park) RV parks and campgrounds with the Town of Del Norte and incorporating into the Del Norte Municipal Code Chapter 15, Article 5, Section 90 District RV, Recreational Vehicles.

Planning Commission was presented with application for zoning changes when they noticed no guideline were in the Town Code. Planning drafted guidelines and have been submitted to Town Board for review and public hearing. All types of camping units have been incorporated into the district zone. This is an addition to the code that was never in the Town Code but on the RV Park zone map.

*Hearing was opened testimony on Ordinance 694.*

**Jeremy Montoya**-Del Norte- Stated that this is a residential area, what kind of pollution is the going to bring to river, dust control airborne illnesses, sub water, what kind of road damage is this going to cause. Quiet area now but this is going bring more noise. Fishing holes, tubing holes, are going to effective to the locals. Stabilization of the banks is in jeopardy by the trees having been knocked down. Smoke from campfires is going to be problem. Concerns with the added traffic are more signs going to be put up there are a lot of kids in the area. Some resident don't want it to be a commercialize area residents that have been there over sixty seventy years, would like to see more farming than it be a commercial. What is the cost to the Town on road maintenance these vehicles are heavy for our local roads? He is opposing the RV park expansion.

**Gene Taylor**-Owner of the RV Park stated that the industry of RVing is a vast movement with the county forecasting 50 million RV nights in 2017. We are proposing the expansion to the existing campground we are experiencing no new debt. He can understand the citizens compliant; you have to see what people are coming to Del Norte they are here to relax. To enjoy what we have to offer. Del Norte is a special place Del Norte is the garden spot in the whole entire SLV Valley. The people that we bring in do not over crowd our school system, they do not increase your crime rate, and they are all self- contained. The average camper spends \$200 a week when they come into the local community. This is an economic uplift, they go to restaurants, they go to your grocery store, they patronize your souvenir stores, they buy gas, and we only operate six and seven months out the year. So if you were going to ask for any type of growth you couldn't ask for any more practical or reasonable type of growth. We don't want to be a bad neighbor we want to be a good neighbor. We have even proposed to open Alder street across the railroad tracks and we have volunteered to pay for it. We don't want to

drive through residential property more than we have to. My partner has lived here for twelve years. I have come to love Del Norte like you do this is my second home. At this point Jeremy Montoya interrupted with a comment and Hearing Officer Eugene Farish stated that this was a public hearing and Gene Taylor has a right to speak and he is only addressing your concerns. **Loren Roybal** 55 Cedar Street was concern if any vacations were going to be done, cause he needs alley access to be able to receive propane. The alley is the only entrance to the back of his property.

**Marcus Fleck** partner of RV Park stated that there will not be any vacation of properties.

**Jimmy Sanchez** wanted to know what the economic impact was going to be on the Town. And, on our water, is this expansion going to be an issue. Is the Town going to have to dish out more money for the expansion? Kevin Larimore, Public works stated any new lines or will have to be put in by Woods and River and they will be responsible for it in their monthly statement.

**Marcus Fleck** commented on Jimmy Sanchez concern if there was going to economic impact to the Town. The local business will benefit from this expansion. Del Norte Auto, the eateries will benefit. We want to bring a benefit to the Town by our patrons visiting businesses that need products stated Marcus Fleck.

**Ken Beard** lives across from the RV Park wanted to know if his property taxes will go up, and if any new covenants will be put in place that might affect his property. Hearing Officer Farish stated this hearing is for an addition to the Town Code for regulations and Codes for a RV park. This doesn't change the residential lots that you are currently own property in.

**Gene Taylor** stated that he wants to keep the local money here he wants to use local contractors if they decided to build cabins in future. He doesn't want to congest the area with camping sites; he is keeping approximately forty feet between camping spaces.

With testimony period over hearing officer closed the hearing and turned it over to the matter of Ordinance 694 to Town board. Motion was made by Trustee Gary Sabrowski to adopt Ordinance 694 and add the new regulations and guidelines to the Town municipal code book, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Annette Archuleta. Roll call: All yes, Mayor declared motion carried.

### **Town of Del Norte Second Public Hearing -Wood and River RV Park Zoning Change.**

Hearing Officers read the application that was submitted to change the Woods and River RV Park, Application reflects that notices had gone out the property owners within 300 feet of the proposed area.

*Hearing was open to testimony on the Zoning Change*

**Jeremy Montoya** asked what the current zone if it is; and if it's commercial and if not what is it zoned now. It was stated that current zone is Residential use and the application is to change it to Recreational vehicle park district zone use. It doesn't have a commercial use; you can have a commercial use within the park but it will be subjected to a conditional use application to change anything within the park to have a commercial use. And a conditional use application will have to be applied for and go through Planning Commission and public hearing will need to be done. Hearing Officer stated this is not a spot zoning the area is to be changed to RVP zone. With no more questions on the zoning change he turned the hearing over to Mayor Chris Trujillo for action on zoning change. Motion was made by Trustee Tony Dinger to allow the Zoning change for Woods & River RV Park and seconded by Mayor Protem Annette Archuleta. Roll call: All yes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

Attorney Farish mention that there was Notice of Conflict Waiver and Disclosure that Peter Nicholas as submitted to the Town board. He is asking the agreement be signed. Mayor Pro-tem Annette Archuleta made a motion to sign the notice of Conflict Waiver and Disclosure that

was submitted, seconded by Mayor Chris Trujillo. Roll call; All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Attorney also mentioned the homegrown of marijuana is being looked at by the Governor and he is getting ready to sign on how many of plants that are allowed in a home.

### **COMMITTEE/OTHER BUSINESS**

Will Kruetzer gave the Board an update on the **DN Chamber** schedule for the summer. Clean up day is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>, the middle schools students will be doing the clean up around town. The Chamber wanted to know if the Kiosk could be changed, Carl Hill has designed a new one that would be able to access it easier. Chamber will be buying the new sign boards. It was the consensus of the Town Board to allow Chamber to change out the kiosk.

**Paving Projects for 2017-** Kevin stated to the board what street they wanted to pave this year. Town Treasurer stated that we have approximately 100k to put into street this year. The nursing home street Sixth street will come out of fund balance since that was supposed to get done last year and didn't. The worst street currently that does need an overlay is Cedar Street. He will get the cost for that street from Todd, with Asphalt Contractors.

**Street Light 280 Alder Street request-**Motion was made Mayor Pro-tem Annette Archuleta to put a street light at 280 Alder Street, motion was seconded Mayor Chris Trujillo. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

**Tree Board Appointment-**Motion was made Mayor Pro-tem Annette Archuleta to appoint John Mueller to Del Norte Tree Board, seconded by Trustee Tony Dinger. All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Work session has been set April 26 at 6:30 here at Town Hall to discuss DN Coop.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted and approved this 14th day of June 2017.