

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Del Norte, Colorado
September 13, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Del Norte, Rio Grande County, State of Colorado, met in regular session on September 13, 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, ABSENT Trustee Tony Dinger and Trustee Gary Sabrowski, Trustee Sam Scavo, AND Mayor Chris Trujillo. Mayor-Pro tem Annette Archuleta declared that there was NOT a quorum present. And therefore, no Town official business will be conducted.

Those individuals that were in the audience were able to present to the Town Board members but no official business or decision was made.

MINUTES:

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

CONSENT AGENDA

Chief Fresquez and Public Works Kevin Larimore gave their reports to Town Board. Mike Hager, RG & Associates was not able to make the meeting but did submit his report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kate Ryan presented to the Town Board an update on groundwater rules. Kate stated that they have been working with the State Engineer and Engineers with Water Division 3 to establishing criteria for the Beginning and End of the Irrigation Season in Water Division No. 3 for all Irrigation Water Rights. Also they are working on contractual agreements to use accretion credit by contracting with other entities that replace stream depletions, in particularly the Sub district, the Town and those entities can work together to trade replacement sources, including accretions, so that they can operate more efficiently. One settlement term will accordingly enable the Town to get credit for accretions to the Rio Grande from its wastewater. Without this settlement term, a significant portion of Del Norte's accretions would go unused because the Town discharges puts more water into the Rio Grande than it owes for replacement of its well depletions. An example of how this would work is that Del Norte could enter a contract with the sub district pursuant to which sub district wells' impacts to the Rio Grande would be replaced using Del Norte's excess wastewater accretions, and in return the sub district would provide compensation or cover depletions as needed for the Town's plan for augmentation. Rachel Kullman from Clearwater Engineers talked to the board about doing a Water Efficiency Conservation Plan, the process to implement can be done grant process; the match for the Town would be in the amount of \$6000-\$7000. This can be looked at any time and we could look at our budget for next year if the Town wanted to do a conservation plan.

NEW BUSINESS

River Project- Andrea Bocman from Rio Grande Headwater Restoration Project and Chris Pitch from Riverbend Engineering present a budget to the Board on the river project. Del Norte river project has been in the works for several years meetings have been done with community members. Just recently the Del Norte Trails association was able to acquire land across the

river to the north. This is the location for a potential boat ramp, with a small road access; along with a picnic area could be implemented in the project. Chris and Andrea also asked the Board if they would be willing to be the signee on the 404 permit that they will have to file with the Army Corp of Engineers to start the process of riverbank restoration. They will be submitting a grant that the Town Board has signed on with their support of the project. They will be hosting a public meeting in October to get more public input. Trustee Muncy asked if and once this project is done will the Town be the one that will have to maintain it like our other parks. Chris stated that he doesn't think there would be a lot of upkeep just basic like the other parks. Treasurer Dordan asked about the liability of the boat ramps since the Town doesn't own the property will Del Norte Trails be the responsible party of the project.

COMMITTEE/OTHER BUSINESS

Chamber Update-Will was present and stated the Scarecrow bash will be starting and hope to have many register for it. Oktoberfest is scheduled for September 22, 2017; we will need approval for the street closure. Parade of lights they are looking for donation they want to double the budget for the fireworks. He also wanted to bring up the streetscape project, Kelly Ortiz gave the Board an update on grants available that she thinks is doable for the project. Mayor Pro tem Annette Archuleta stated that the Town has a contract with RG Engineers to work on our downtown streetscape work and currently surveying the project area.

Town Administrator Martinez mentioned the Board that she did call Trustee Dinger, and Trustee Sabrowski and they will be available tomorrow at 5:30 to continue our regular meeting.

Cities and Town Week celebration, Town Administrator Martinez recognized all Town employees with pie for years of service.

Del Norte Employees -- Years of Service 2017

Michael Ortega	March 16, 2017	6 months
Kelly Wright	March 17, 2014	3 years
Fabian Lucero	Dec. 1, 2013	4 years
Keith Abeyta	Sept. 1, 2012	5 years
Jason Velasquez	Apr. 16, 2003	14 years
Kenny Vigil	Apr. 16, 2003	14 years
Kevin Larimore	Mar. 1, 2002	15 years
Frank Archuleta	Oct. 1, 2000	17 years
Don Allee	Jan. 1, 1993	24 years
Ramona Dordan	Apr. 14, 1991	26 years
Bernadette Martinez	Jun. 1, 1988	29 years
Robert Fresquez	Aug. 19, 1987	30 years
Nadene Atencio	Dec. 1, 1977	40 years

Del Norte Total years of public service: 221 years and 6 months

Mayor Town Pro-tem Annette Archuleta thanked all Town employees for their years of service with the Town.

Also the Town will be hosting a Town picnic in the park tomorrow night any everyone is welcome to attend.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Farish mentioned that we will be having public hearing next month on October 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for Woods and River RV park sale of land property.

Town Board meeting will be continued on September 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for the approval of Town Consent agenda

Del Norte River Project 404 Permit with Army Corp of Engineers

RMS change orders on water system project

Windsor Hotel and Boogies liquor renewal licenses

Del Norte Chamber Oktoberfest street closure permit

Del Norte High School Special Events Permit for Homecoming Parade

Volunteers of Colorado Special Events Permit to waive open container in the park

Resolution 2-2017-Rio Grande County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Submitted and approved this 11th day of October 2017.