

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Del Norte, Colorado
October 13, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Del Norte, Rio Grande County, State of Colorado, met in regular session on October 13, 2021 in the Board Meeting Room, 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Colorado at the hour of 6:00 p.m. There being present at the **CALL OF THE ROLL** the following persons:

ROLL CALL:

Town Board present: Trustee Louie Velasquez, Trustee Shelly Burnett, Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato, Trustee Bob Muncy, Trustee Joe Archuleta and Mayor Chris Trujillo, with Trustee Laura Anzalone absent. Mayor Trujillo declared a quorum present.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett and seconded by Trustee Joe Archuleta to approve the minutes for October 13, 2021 Town Board meeting. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Glynnis Williams-Chairman of the Del Norte Library-approached the Town Board and stated that Ordinance 472 is outdated and needs to be amended she stated that according to the ordinance the library is supposed to submit their budget and provide proof of insurance to the Town. Glynnis has asked to be on the agenda in November so can submit the documents and discuss the changes of the Ordinance.

Scott Diamond-1075 Cherry Street- stated if he could get the road by his home graded, he has called and it has not been done. Kevin Larimore, Public Works stated that he will get Kenny on the grader to make sure it gets done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chief Archuleta reviewed his report with the Town Board. Public Works Kevin Larimore also reviewed his report with the board, stated how many of them have ran the new stops signs that were put up. Town Administrator Martinez stated the Element Engineering has submitted their report, and they are requesting a work session with Town Board to go over the water preliminary report. Work session is scheduled for October 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. after the Woods and River public hearing. Motion was made by Trustee Joe Archuleta to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call all ayes Mayor declared motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Del Norte Fire siren relocation- Fire Chief Gilbert Trujillo, Dale Weaver, Fire District Board and other members of the fire department were in attendance and asked why the Town wants the siren relocated. Chief Archuleta stated the Town has been very busy and parking in front of the police department has become of issue. Also the siren poles have been hit twice and with individuals entering the alley. Fire Chief Trujillo stated the location of the siren gives the most optimum sound coverage because relocating it residents may not be able to hear it in case of emergency. The cost of relocating the siren was also brought up, who would pay to have it relocated. Fire Chief Gilbert Trujillo made accusations that the Town was more concerned about parking and not the safety of the residents if they had to use the siren for an emergency. The siren has not been used for approximately six years, Fire Chief threaten to start sounding the siren in Town. Ryan Haynie made a statement that the Town shouldn't be allowing all these business to open until they address the parking issues in Town. With much more discussion both parties will work on getting estimates for cost of relocating the siren and hold a work session at a later date.

New Business:

Rio Grande Public Health Update-Covid 19- Ida Salazar introduced Jennifer Molina to the Town Board she is a new employee that Rio Grande Public health. Jennifer gave the Town Board an update on Covid-19 numbers for Rio Grande County and San Luis Valley. She stated that RG

public health will not be implementing a masks mandate but does encourage everyone to follow the CDPHE and CDC protocol to keep the virus from spreading.

Los Chavalos Liquor License Renewal- Motion was made by Mayor Protem Bob Muncy to approve the hotel and restaurant liquor license for Los Chavalos, seconded by Trustee Shelly Burnett. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

Accept 2022 Proposed Budget- Set Public Hearing- Motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett to accept the 2022 proposed budget and set public hearing for November 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.; motion was seconded by Trustee Joe Archuleta. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

Attorney Report

Sidewalk Ordinance- The draft ordinance was submitted to Town Board for review and tabled to discuss at a later date.

Motion was made by Trustee Joe Archuleta and seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez to set public hearing for Trustee removal was set for November 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Roll call: all ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

A member of the audience asked who the Trustee that the Board was seeking removal was Attorney Farish stated it was Trustee Laura Anzalone, and could not give out any information at this time.

Committee Updates/Other Business

Chamber of Update-Kevin Hass stated they will be hosting “meet the candidates” for Del Norte school board and that they were looking at advertising in a magazine with using tourism dollars. He also mentioned that Chamber meetings are the second Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Windsor Hotel. The parade of lights event will go along the same as last year, no parade downtown, but will have the parade of lights tour throughout town. Chief Archuleta stated to Kevin he will submit the parade permit to CDOT just in case they decide to have the parade.

Sales Tax Increase discussion-Mayor Chris Trujillo stated that he would like to open a discussion of implementing a two cent sales tax questions for the April 2022 election. He would like to see the two cents sales tax go strictly to roads and have a sunset clause; this would be one the items that Town will be discussing at our work session for budget.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned
Submitted and approved this 10th day of November 2021.