

**Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Del Norte, Colorado
April 13, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Del Norte, Rio Grande County, State of Colorado, met in regular session on April 13, 2022 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, Mayor Pro tem Bob Muncy, Mayor Chris Trujillo, with Trustee Laura Anzalone and Trustee Joe Archuleta absent. Mayor Trujillo declared a quorum present.

MINUTES:

Motion was made Trustee Shelly Burnett and seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez to approve the March 9, 2022 and Special Board Meeting for March 31, 2022. Roll call: All ayes. Mayor declared motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: none

CONSENT AGENDA

Kevin mentioned to the Town board that he was having issues with meter at the north well had to order a replacement, we will be taking the monies out of the ARP designated monies. Chief Archuleta mentioned that the speed radar signs will be installed by CDOT, and didn't know what the cost was going to be they have an invoice price of \$1900, but it stated do not pay. CDOT has requested a memorandum of understanding be signed by the Town for the installation of the signs. Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato and seconded by Mayor Pro tem Bob Muncy. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried. Chief Archuleta also mentioned the memorandum of understanding with Alamosa County/Alamosa Sheriff Office. The purpose of the MOU is to provide mental health services to the Del Norte Police department through the CO DOLA Peace officers mental health grant. It gives resources that are available for officer's mental health and wellness and can be easily accessed. With more discussion motion was made by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato to sign the MOU with Alamosa County/Alamosa Sheriff office, seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried. Motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett to approve consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lori Laske -Opioid Settlement Region 18 Intergovernmental Agreement –Lori was present and gave the Town Board an update on the opioid settlement. Lori is the regional council representative for Alamosa County, our rep is Gene Glover with Rio Grande County, and city rep is Gigi Dennis from Monte Vista. If the Town wanted to opt out of the opioid monies which will be approximately \$741.00, a year for the next ten years, and go on its own they could, or join the regional council where more of the monies has as a whole region could do more, and they would handle administering the monies. With discussion motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett to sign the memorandum of understand and join the regional efforts, seconded by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato. Roll call: All yes, Mayor declared motion carried. Lori thanked the Town Board.

Set work session for excess water credits- work session is set for May 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Ord. No. 741- Prohibiting noxious weeds and regulating the growth and cultivation of vegetation- Another planned joint work session with Town Board and Planning Commission is set for April 19th the next Planning Commission meeting.

NEW BUINSESS

Farewell to Trustee Laura Anzalone- Trustee Anzalone was absent, but was acknowledge by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato thanking her for her service.

Oath of Office new Town Trustees- Town Attorney gave the oath of office to Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato and Mayor Pro Tem George Muncy and welcomed new Town Board member Brenton Williams.

Scott Stecken-Update on Rhythm on the Rio- tabled until May board meeting.

Patti Kelley-D Mountain Park and Recreation-Patti has asked for a work session with Town Board to go over park an improvement, work session is set for Monday, June 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Memorandum of Understanding with Tyler and Lynne Brown for grant submission- Town Administrator Bernadette Martinez mentioned to the Town Board that she was contacted by TJ Brown about the submission of DOLA grant for technical support on the forty acres of land his family owns east to the Del Norte Schools baseball park, that is out of Town limits and sits out in the County. He had contacted CHFA about their grant for housing, and they directed him to a grant that DOLA has opened for preliminary planning and analysis for affordable housing incentives. The grant has an deadline of April 29th, which she was reluctant to submit since it had no approval by Town Board for submission, and that there was a twenty percent cash match, that would have to be decided by Town Board. She had talked to K.C. McFeron from DOLA and she stated to go ahead submit the grant, and if the Town Board decides not to pursue the grant, the application can be pulled. Administrator mentioned that she felt

a memorandum of understanding needed to be in place and signed by the Brown's to cover the Town if the grant did get awarded the process of annexation would start by Brown's, and if the Town Board agreed to the cash match it was Town residents monies that would be used in the County, for a private housing development. Mayor Trujillo mentioned that he felt the Brown's should pay the cash match and not the Town. The grant is for \$20k, with a \$4k cash match. Trustee Shelly Burnett stated that housing is an issue everywhere, and ask TJ if he would be willing to pay the cash match, or half of the match. TJ stated he would agree to half if Town Board agreed to the approval of submission of the grant. With more discussion on the need for housing, and it be affordable, Trustee Shelly made a motion for the approval of grant submission with the Town paying half and the Brown's paying the other half of cash match, seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, with Mayor Trujillo with a nay. Mayor declared motion carried.

Resolution 4-2022 Change of signatories on Town bank accounts-With some discussion Trustee Brenton Williams stated that he would be willing to be on Town bank accounts. Trustee Shelly Burnett made motion to have Trustee Brenton Williams as signatory on Town accounts, seconded by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

Ordinance No. 743- Amending 2-1-30 Cancelling Town Election-Administrator Martinez stated that Colorado had changed the dates in 2020, when a election could be cancelled which is 64 day before the election, our ordinance states it is 19 days before an election can be cancelled, which bring on cost to the Town of having to order supplies, before the election can be cancelled. Motion was made Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato to approve Ordinance 743, seconded by Trustee Brenton William. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT

DN fire department siren location, with some discussion Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato stated that she was not in favor the agreement since doesn't think that Claude Trujillo and Dale Weaver are licensed electricians and shouldn't be hooking up the relocated siren. Trustee Shelly Burnett agreed to the letter agreement with Trustee Louie Velasquez seconding the motion. Roll call. All ayes, with Trustee Lobato nay, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

COMMITTEE UPDATES/OTHER BUSINESS

Chamber Update- Will gave the Town Board an update of painting D mountain.

Tree Board Update and Adopt a Tree program- Tree Board has maple trees for residents that would like to adopt a tree in front of their greenbelt, by watering and taking care of the tree.

Del Norte 150th Birthday Bash-Administrator mentioned to Town Board that the Town will be turning 150 years old in December, and since December is too cold to have an outside celebration, so August 26th is the date that would be celebrating date with kids games, food and live music. She is asking to set a budget for the celebration. Motion was made to set budget at \$10k for the Town birthday party, seconded by Trustee Shelly Burnett, and seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All yes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Town implement summer watering restrictions- with the dry condition Town Board agreed to have water restriction in place for irrigation purposes.

Arbor Day is Friday, April 30th with tree planting in the Town Park.

AJOURNMENT: Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Submitted this 11 day of May 2022