

**Del Norte Regular Town Board Meeting
June 14, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Del Norte, Rio Grande County, State of Colorado, met in regular session on June 14, 2023, in the Board Meeting Room, 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Colorado at the hour of 5:00 p.m. There being present at the **CALL OF THE ROLL** the following persons:

ROLL CALL:

Town Board present: Mayor Pro tem Bob Muncy, Trustee Marty Asplin, Trustee Louie Velasquez, Trustee Shelly Burnett, and Mayor Chris Trujillo, with Trustee Brenton Williams and Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato absent. Mayor Trujillo declared a quorum present.

MINUTES:

The motion was made by Trustee Marty Asplin and seconded by Trustee Shelly Burnett to approve the May 10, 2023, Regular Board meeting and the May 10, 2023, Public Hearing minutes for Everyday Stores, Alfalfabet, and Building Codes update. Roll call: All ayes. Mayor Trujillo declared the motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS-Paul Fennell-approached the Town Board and wanted to mention that the lively hood of the restaurant business is too able to serve patrons outside on the sidewalk and wanted to know if they have decided to allow serving on sidewalks. Town Administrator Martinez mentioned that she is working on a right-way agreement so that business owner would be able to serve, she still needs to have the Town attorney look it over before Town Board can take action.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chief Archuleta mentioned that he did receive two of the three grants that he put in with DJOC, the tasers did receive full funding, but at the time the grant was submitted the tasers had increased by over \$6000. He stated distribution of the grant monies would not be until October. Also, Chief introduced two of his newest officers, Colton (CJ) Medina as his Sergeant and Aidan Snider as his police officer, both came over from Rio Grande County. Attorney Farish gave the oath of office to both CJ and Aidan and welcomed them. Kevin Larimore Public works mentioned that he added more content to his report. He will start spraying mosquitoes this week; he has been getting lots of calls on when we will start. Kevin mentioned that he and Town Administrator will be starting a project this summer of putting in a manhole to be able to handle a twenty-five to thirty feet Christmas tree in the middle of Columbia Avenue. Kevin also mentioned that he has been having issues with the north well he been trouble shooting it and hopes some ground rings will take care of the issue. The motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett and seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez to approve the consent agenda. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 756 and IGA – Protecting our Water from State interest- Tabled until July- Rio Grande Commissioners Scott Deacon was present at our meeting and stated they did hold the public hearing, but there were questions that they wanted answer before approving. The Town Board tabled and did not act on either the Ordinance or IGA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Health Director- National Fitness Campaign -Fitness Court Presentation- Dr. Kolawole Bankole, Rio Grande Public Health Director, shared a video from the National Fitness Campaign. It was about an outdoor fitness court that is made to be set up in public places, allowing people access to use exercise equipment at no cost. Dr. Bankole stated that the County and the Town could partner with the National Fitness Campaign to place an outdoor gym in Del Norte. He said this is a way to help people make good fitness habits and have fun by doing it outdoors. Dr. Bankole said ten partners were chosen in Colorado this year, and Rio Grande County is one of them. He said the National Fitness Campaign has matching grant funds available, to make this outdoor fitness court here in Del Norte. Three qualifying items will need to be met to in Del Norte. 1. Community support to building and support it. 2. Location site which would have too high visibility. 3. Funding for the installation and assembly of the fitness court. He stated that UC Health does have a \$30-50k grant that could be applied for if we could get other partners to help contribute. Arlene Harms, Administrator Rio Grande Hospital also reiterated that working out outdoors has some great benefits. With some discussion Town Board was very favorable of having the outdoor gym, motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett and seconded by Trustee Marty Asplin to have County move forward with the grant application, and in the meantime the Town Board will decided on a location. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Special Event Permit- New Life Fellowship- June 24, 2023- Special Event application was pulled at this time they will decide on a later date for this event.

Special Event Permit- New Life Fellowship- July 8, 2023 -Hope of the Valley Concert- Cisco Aguilar and Larisa Salazar approached the Town Board on holding a valley concert in the town park. They did this a couple of years ago and it was well

attended this year. They are expecting some vendors to attend, and they submitted proof of insurance. A motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett and seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez to approve the special events application. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Special Event Permit- Del Norte Covered Wagon Days- August 4-6, 2023-Nineah Martinez was present and mentioned to the Town Board that Carl Hill is no longer President of Covered Wagon Days committee, she has taken over the event. This year she will be having food vendors in the park and a possible beer garden for the car show. With some discussion motion was made Mayor Protem Bob Muncy to approve the special events application for Covered Wagon Days committee, motion was seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

Hotel and Restaurant Liquor Renewal-TimmyX2, LLC-Carthers Roadhouse- With some discussion, motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett and seconded by Trustee Marty Asplin. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

TimmyX2, LLC-Carthers Roadhouse-Temporary modification of premises-Aug. 5th-street dance- Discussion was held Town Board allowed the temporary modification of premises for TimmyX2, motion was made by Trustee Marty Asplin and seconded by Trustee Shelly Burnett. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Special Event Permit-Carthers Roadhouse, TimmyX2, LLC- Street closure for street dance- Aug 5th- Town Board held discussion on the time of event starting, they did not want it to interfere with Covered Wagon days parade. A motion was made by Trustee Marty Asplin to allow the special events for street closure for Timmy2X, with street closure starting at 5:00 p.m. to midnight, with security for the event. Motion was seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried.

Retail Liquor Store License Renewal- Pay and Save, Inc- dba Wild West Wine and Spirits, Inc- Motion was made by Trustee Louie Velasquez and seconded by Trustee Marty Asplin to approve the liquor renewal for Pay and Save, Inc. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Hotel and Restaurant Liquor Renewal- Windsor Hotel Hospitality Group- Motion was made by Trustee Marty Asplin to approve the liquor renewal for Windsor Hotel Hospitality Group, motion seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

COMMITTEE/OTHER BUSINESS:

Chamber Update no one present.

CDOT grant awarded \$ 739,604- Town Administrator Martinez mentioned that she submitted another grant. The CDOT Transportation Alternative Program to help offset some of the cost of downtown revitalization project and was awarded \$739,604, she stated that project is still under funded but Element Engineering and some more matching funds from the Town could make this more doable to get this done and finished.

Board of Adjustment Vacancy - Letter of Interest- Felix Ortiz- Felix was present and introduced himself to the Town Board when he heard of the vacancy and decided to put in a letter of interest, he wants to get more involved in the Town. He is currently a volunteer firefighter for Del Norte and is on the Covered Wagon Days committee as Treasurer. With some discussion motion was made by Trustee Shelly Burnett and seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez to appoint Felix Ortiz to the Del Norte Board of Adjustment Board. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor Trujillo declared motion carried, and welcomed Felix.

Letter on Angie Jensen Property- Discussion was held on the Jensen property and the Town Board was confused on what exactly Angie wants from the Town. She sent in several letters of support from different entities requesting to collaborate with the Town, but she doesn't want to develop her property. The Public works department will put it on their schedule to clean up the alley area adjacent to her property sometime this summer. The ditch that is also adjacent to her property does have water in it certain times of the year, it's not the Town's ditch, it's not the Town's water, we just sometime maintain the ditch if it backs up. Kevin also mentioned that he thinks the ditch is mostly on her property, but a survey would have to be done.

Music in the park update-Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato was not present to give an update of music in the park, since she manages it. Trustee Shelly Burnett stated the contracts have been signed by all the bands and a vendor has been contacted for the food.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Farish mentioned that he had some questions on the amended land use codes as it pertains to affordable housing that SEH proposed, especially on the lot size. The Town is waiting for the final amendments from SEH Consultants.

With nothing further motion made to adjourn.

Submitted on this 12th day of July 2023.