

TOWN OF DEL NORTE
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 11, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Del Norte, Rio Grande County, State of Colorado, met in regular session at 140 Spruce Street, Del Norte, Colorado at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. There being present at call of roll the following:

ROLL CALL

Town Board present: Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato, Mayor Shelly Burnett, Trustee Andrew Velasquez, Trustee Louie Velasquez. Trustee Brenton William, with Trustee Bob Muncy and Mayor Pro tem Sarah White absent. Mayor Burnett declared quorum present.

Members of Staff: Town Attorney Eugene Farish, Town Treasurer Ramona Dordan, Town Administrator Bernadette Martinez, Public Works Kevin Larimore, Chief of Police Frank Archuleta.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Town Administrator Martinez stated that she would like to amend the agenda and add an item under the Town Hall report, signage for all Town Parks.

MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

Minutes of Regular Meeting from August 14, 2024- Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato with changes, motion was seconded by Trustee Brenton Williams. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Review and Approval of Financial Accounts /Reports-Motion was made by Trustee Brenton Williams to approve the financials, and motion was seconded by Trustee Andrew Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Glynnis Williams approached the Town Board to let them know that they had to repair the concrete work that Alcon construction had done on the ADA ramp, also was impressed with the stamped concrete.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Paul Renner-a local retired resident submitted his synopsis on how the Town can take pride in its Town by having the mentality of being a better neighbor and help each other out. His emphasis was more public health and safety of all residents and taking into consideration that we have practical zoning codes to achieve results .

Spruce Street Property-Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato presented the Town Board with a property listing on Spruce Street that the Town could purchase through a land acquisition grant through Colorado Great Outdoors.

PERMITS/LICENSES/LIQUOR RENEWALS

Upper Rio Grande School District-Special Event- Homecoming Parade- With some discussion it was the consensus of the Town Board that this year, and due to construction taking place on Grand Avenue that the homecoming parade route be rerouted to another street due to safety reason. Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato to reroute the Del Norte Homecoming parade to Sixth Street to Cedar Street,

instead of Grand Avenue due to Downtown construction, motion was seconded by Trustee Brenton Williams. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Los Chavalos Mexican Restaurant Liquor renewal- Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato to approve the Los Chavalos liquor license, motion was seconded by Trustee Louie Velasquez. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/PROCLAMATIONS

Suicide Prevention Awareness Proclamation- Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato to adopt the month of September Suicide Prevention month, motion was seconded by Trustee Brenton Williams. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Ordinance No-765 Del Norte Municipal Code Amending 16 B Zoning Use Chart tabled until next meeting so that Planning Commission members can revisit the RVP use regulations.

DN CHAMBER REPORTS-Micah Reynolds –approached the Town Board and stated that Del Norte Chamber wants to help renovate the mineral well. They would like to see the water turned on and the median in the center of the street worked on. Town Board welcomed any ideas that the Del Norte Chamber may have to get that area more appealing. Kevin with Public Works stated that he has to get electrical to the well, and will try next summer to get both fountains working. Micah also mentioned that he did notice that paperwork wasn't submitted for the Fall Festival which will be held on September 26th at the museum.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Archuleta did acknowledge that his call per service is up from last month, they have been really busy. **Public Works Kevin Larimore**-gave the Town Board an update on the downtown improvement project, and wanted to let them know the choice of the stamp concrete, and if any of them have a chance to go by and look at it in front of the library. **Town Hall-** Town signage for River Park, Town Parks, and Trailheads tabled until more verbiage is added to Town park signs.

Planning Commission – Rivera Storage Container- they have complied what was asked of them, painted the container, have moved it to the east side of their property. Planning Commission –Appointment for Commission Board members-Motion was made by Trustee Leigh Anne Lobato to appoint Tom Tichey and Ben Billings to the Del Norte Planning Commission, seconded by Trustee Brenton Williams. Roll call: All ayes, Mayor declared motion carried.

Town Attorney- mentioned that the Chris Gonzales case may be coming back to court; he has heard that he has violated his probation of the noise ordinance. Training orientation for new Board members will be September 16th in his office, if anyone wanted to attend.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS

Town Board –Work Session September 18, 2024 5:00 p.m. Town Insurance and Element Engineering Water Improvement Project- Town Board members are encouraged to attend.

Upper Rio Grande School District –Safe Route to School grant for French Street-Del Norte Schools are wanting to apply for this grant. Town Administrator Martinez stated that she did have Element Engineering update the cost of the project. They used existing cost for the Ninth Street project and the Downtown project numbers and the projected cost came to \$3.8 million, \$1.1 million is water, sewer and storm water infrastructure. She will share the amount with the School at their next work session.

Del Norte Town Hall deed-it was brought to the attention that the Town Board may not own the Town Hall, Administrator Martinez presented the deed and attached map location of the Town Hall in 1971. Attorney Farish reviewed the deed and found it to be sufficient.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With nothing further meeting was adjourned.