

**TOWN OF SAGUACHE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES
September 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: Mayor Samora called the special session to order at 6:30pm

Board of Trustees Present:

Trustee Lovato
Trustee Aldrich
Trustee Arredondo
Trustee Chittum
Trustee Collins
Mayor Samora
Trustee Gillette

Staff Present: Interim Administrator Brandy Reitter

Moment of silence and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Additions and Deletions to the agenda:

Mayor Samora: Chocolate Festival participation added to new business

Trustee Arredondo: Mountain Valley Referendum 3B added to new business

Citizen Comments:

David Winter: Would like to know if the bathroom at Dave Martinez park will get done and would like to see that happen soon.

Mike Wheeler: Concerned about the property on 9th and Denver, Audrey Conley, and would like to know the status of that cleanup.

Hillary Conroy: Happy with the employees at the town hall. Commented that the description for the executive session was vague and requested that if appropriate that the town elaborate on the intent of executive session for transparency purposes.

Consent Agenda/Approval Items:

This list includes “housekeeping” items that have been reviewed by staff and Board members prior to meeting. A single motion of the Board will approve these items. The Mayor will ask if any Board members or a member of the public requests that item(s) be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. The Mayor will then ask if Board members have minor corrections to Content Agenda items: Board members may make minor corrections without removing items from the Consent Agenda. All items not removed from the Consent Agenda will then be approved without any corrections. A member of the Board may vote no on specific items without asking that they be removed from the Consent Agenda for full discussion.

1. List of Bills for September 27, 2017

Motion: Trustee Arredondo moved to accept the bill for the month of September as presented.

Second: Trustee Lovato

Vote: Aye -7, No - 0, Abstain - 0

Boards/Committees Reports:

1. None

Ordinances/Resolutions/Public Hearing:

1. None

Executive Session (if needed):

Mayor Samora: At this time I will entertain a motion for executive session. The Town Attorney, Karen Lintott has resigned her position with the town which leaves us without an attorney. We are going to enter into executive session on advice of CIRSA, so that we can talk with someone at least as an Interim or special council. We have invited Gene to be here tonight and entertain him as our option because he is very familiar with everything that has been going on here and a number of the board if not all have a lot of faith in him

Motion: Trustee Arredondo moved to enter in executive session under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4)(a);

Second: Trustee Aldrich

Vote: Aye -7, No -0, Abstain -0

Mayor Samora: We are entering into executive session at 6:50pm.

Mayor Samora: The time is now 8:10, we exited executive session at 8:06. Executive session has been concluded the participants in this executive session were Mayor Samora, Mayor Pro-Tem Lovato, Trustee Aldrich, Trustee Arredondo, Trustee Gillette, Trustee Collins, Trustee Chittum, Interim Administrator Brandy Reitter and Attorney Gene Farish.

For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask you to state your concerns for the record.

There were none.

New Business:

Review/Discuss/Approve Interim Special Counsel-

Motion: Trustee Arredondo moved that we fill this position until the end of the year as attorney for the town of Saguache at a retainer fee of \$1750.00 per month.

Second: Trustee Gillette

Vote: Mayor Samora – Aye, Trustee Arredondo – Aye, Mayor Pro-Tem – Aye, Trustee Chittum – Aye, Trustee Collins – Aye, Trustee Gillette – Aye, Trustee Aldrich – Aye. No – 0, Abstain - 0. *Let the show the motion passes with a unanimous vote.*

Town Board meeting time:

Motion: Trustee Lovato moved to change the town board meetings to the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm beginning October 9, 2017.

Second: Trustee Collins

Vote: Aye – 7, No – 0, Abstain – 0 *Let the show the motion passes with a unanimous vote.*

Project Update by Interim Town Administrator –

Introduced newly hired staff to the town board and public, Tina Sanchez, Deputy Town Clerk and Iris Garcia, Town Clerk. Updated the board on existing projects: The collection system grant (sewer project) is in process and the design has been completed. The town qualified for a 100% grant from CDPHE for the planning grant has been reimbursed. The next steps for the sewer project will be a 30-day public notice for a public hearing prior to submitting the loan application by November 15, 2017. GOCO grant for \$15,000 as a pass through for Backyard to Back County will be distributed. Did not find a grant for the community building renovations. Updated the board on the progress and financial status for the Dave Martinez Park bathrooms and extension request. Update on Historic Preservation grant for the town hall building. Advised the board that security cameras were installed at town hall. The town is in the process of reconciling the town books and this will be an ongoing process. Vista Grande grant is still in process and is waiting for the environmental assessment to be completed and could take a while. Website grant will be placed on hold until the town has a chance to reorganize. Discussed the process for reviewing and accepting the 2016 audit. Let the town board know that the finances are not in good order and do not match bank records and let them know that it may take some time to get them straight. Administrator Reitter also presented the dog ordinances.

Chocolate Festival Representation- The town board authorized Iris Garcia and Tina Sanchez to represent the Town of Saguache at the chocolate festival.

Mountain Valley Referendum 3B- Trustee Arredondo asked that the town officially support the school in their efforts to improve the school.

Motion: Trustee Arredondo moved to support the Mountain Valley School district in their efforts to build a new school with a letter of support and that a resolution be established.

Discussion: Trustee Gillette has reservations on supporting this would like to have more information on the number as well as Trustee Collins and Trustee Chittum

Second: Trustee Aldrich

Vote: Aye -3: Trustee Arredondo – Aye, Trustee Aldrich – Aye, Mayor Samora -Aye. No -4: Trustee Gillette- No, Trustee Collins – No, Trustee Chittum – No, Trustee Lovato -No. Abstain - 0. *Let the record show the motion fails.*

Old Business:

Trustee Comments:

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned (official adjournment was not recorded on the recorder)



TOWN OF SAGUACHE, COLORADO

BY: Elvie M. Samora

Mayor, Elvie M. Samora

ATTEST:

Iris Garcia

Town Clerk, Iris Garcia