

TOWN OF SAGUACHE
Board of Trustees
Special Session
September 2, 2015

The Town of Saguache Board of Trustees met for a Special Session on September 2, 2015, with Trustees being present as follows:

Greg Terrell, Mayor	Present
Kate Vasha, Mayor Pro – Tem	Present
May Engquist, Trustee	Present
Luana Lovato, Trustee	Absent (excused)
Tony Sandoval, Trustee	Present
Andrew Virdin, Trustee	Present

Town of Saguache employees present as follows:

Lacy Reed, Deputy Clerk	Present
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Citizens in Attendance: John Sladek, Carita Ginn (Chambers of Commerce), Don Geddes, Kathy Geddes, Darryl Reinsel, Dwayne Jett, and Dakota Lovato.

Call to Order: The Special Session was called to order by Mayor Terrell at 6:08 p.m.

Review/Discuss/Approve Town of Saguache Community Grant- Saguache Chamber of Commerce: Mayor Pro-Tem Vasha started with the request to waive fees for Community Building and Otto Mears Park, she stated that that Trustees had been through this before that the Town does not wave fees. Trustees and Carita Ginn had a small discussion on the grant application, a motion was passed unanimously.

MOTION by Trustee Sandoval; Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Vasha

Trustee Sandoval moved to approve The Saguache Community Grant application from the Saguache Chambers of Commerce.

Vote as follows: Trustee Lovato – Excused; Trustee Sandoval – aye; Trustee Virdin - aye; Mayor Pro-Tem Vasha – aye; Mayor Terrell – aye

VOTE: 4- Aye; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

Let the minutes reflect the vote was unanimous.

Saguache Chamber of Commerce- Request to waiver rental fees for Community Building & Otto Mears Park: *Discussed under Review/Discuss/Approve Town of Saguache Community Grant-Chamber of Commerce.*

Discuss Land Lease- Water Concerns: John Sladek stated that he had received the letter wanting to discuss the land lease and water rights. He said he lives at 1005 Christy and 10th where he grows trees. He also told Trustees that in the packet he had brought in for their review he added information on his businesses profits, and losses. Mayor Terrell interjected that he'd like to get down to the real issue, and that is that because we are under extraordinary circumstances as far as water is concerned. He added that the Town of Saguache has a Municipal Well Permit and that water can only be use municipal purposes and there are other restrictions, it cannot be taken out of town, or sold and cannot be used for commercial crops. Due to pressure from the state the Town is going to insist that no commercial crops use municipal water, and that's why Trustees have asked that you bring in something stating where you get your water. Mayor Pro Tem Vasha added that the lease specifies that you will get your own water. More discussion continued between Sladek and the Town Trustees no decisions had been made. Trustees will continue discussing the topic at the September meeting when Town attorney Eugene Farish is present and after speaking to the Town Water lawyer.

Discuss GPS Request for Proposal: Mayor Terrell reported that Crestone had done mapping using Peter McGee with GIS GPS in Alamosa. After speaking with him he said the Town needs to find an RFP that fits our town. He shared an example from the town of Gardiner Maine, that maybe close to what the Town is looking for, adding that it's nice to have your mapping digitalized so that it can have additions simply added. Mayor Terrell also said that in order to put in for grants this will need to be done. No decisions had been made, Mayor Terrell will continue working on the GPS request for proposal.

Review/Discuss/Approve RMS Utilities Quote-Sewer work: Maintenance Supervisor Dan Pacheco reported that Brian Martinez is having sewer problems and has done his end having to auger his sewer for that last two years. He stated the problem is the sewer line to his property runs under the highway on the South Side of 114. Mr. Martinez is asking that the Town fix that on its end. Dan Pacheco also said the only way to get under the highway it is to bore it and the Town does not have a boring machine. He added RMS Utilities is the only place in the Valley that he knows that has one. He added that there is also going to be fees from CDOT. He also reported that the Town Clerk and Mayor had discussed the budget and they could go over the budget, since it'll cost nearly \$10,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Vasha stated that the Town needed to put out for a Bid, and to follow the bid and purchase policy. Dan Pacheco added that he will get a bid posted in the Crescent, and report to Trustees at the September regular session meeting.

Discuss Letters of violation- Items on Town Property: No action was taken, Item was tabled for the September regular session meeting.

Review/Discuss/Approve hiring Code Enforcement Officer: Mayor Terrell asked Trustees to refer to the town of Crestone's Code Enforcement Officer job description he feels there is a couple things that could be changed so that it would fit the Town of Saguache. He stated that after speaking with former two Sheriff's that the code enforcement officer should be P.O.S.T certified with a pay scale of \$15.00 an hour if everyone is willing to offer that. It would be no more than ten hours a week. Mayor Pro Tem Vasha stated that it's a higher pay scale then the current employees of the Town and that is concerning. She added that the Town would be paying for that assurance of code enforcement. Trustees also discussed the seasonal maintenance positions and possibly advertising for an as needed position just to finish the season on a contract basis. Mayor Pro Tem Vasha asked how will we pay for a code enforcement officer. Mayor Terrell responded that Town Clerk Therese Garcia let him know that in the remaining law enforcement officer budget there is a remaining \$18,000.00 that will cover the cost for the remainder of the year. Mayor Terrell directed that an add be put in the paper advertising for a code enforcement officer. Mayor Pro Tem Vasha also asked to that contact be made with the Town attorney regarding whether or not the Town needs a contract to pay hourly.

MOTION by Trustee Engquist; Second by Mayor Pro-Tem Vasha

Trustee Engquist moved to approve The hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer.

Vote as follows: Trustee Lovato – Excused; Trustee Sandoval – aye; Trustee Virdin - aye; Mayor Pro-Tem Vasha – aye; Mayor Terrell – aye

VOTE: 4- Aye; 0 – No; 0 – Abstain

Let the minutes reflect the vote was unanimous.

Adjourn: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 6: 46 p.m.

TOWN OF SAGUACHE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SAGUACHE, COLORADO

Greg Terrell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Therese Garcia, Town Clerk