

TOWN OF GARDEN CITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Regular Meeting
7:30 p.m.

September 16, 2003

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Board members present were Mayor Bob Warren, Dennis Kendrick, Betty Warren, Eddie Miller, Vince Loftus, Dixie Hill and Clarence Krieger. Staff present was Attorney Don Hoff, Police Chief Michael Guthrie and Town Clerk Janice Walter. Also present were: Jim Vetting, 2770 8th Avenue; and Bob Ray, Helen Sanchez, and Debbie Ashland, El Carousel.

Minutes & Treasurer's Reports

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting August 19, 2003

B. Treasurer's Reports for August 2003

Vince Loftus moved and Betty Warren seconded to approve both the Minutes of Regular Meeting August 19, 2003 and the Treasurer's Reports for August 2003. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

El Carousel Renewal

We had received an application for renewal of the restaurant liquor license from Garden City Entertainment, Inc. dba El Carousel. Corporate officers are: Ruth Hernandez, 619 Edna Street, Pueblo, President and 50% stockholder; Debra Ashland, 3412 N Logan, Loveland, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and 50% stockholder; and Helen Sanchez, Manager. All fees had been paid for a restaurant liquor license with live entertainment. The Building official had reported that they had been using an extension cord again this year. Betty Warren stated that the police report included two incidents of disturbances in January that included not calling Police. That report was sent to a hearing officer. Betty Warren moved and Dixie Hill seconded to approve the renewal of El Carousel liquor license. Mayor Warren cautioned the licensee that the police must be called whenever there is a disturbance and all of the licensees must cooperate with the police. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Variance Hearing

The Viva Mart owner had received a notice to show cause why the variance to allow them to open without sufficient parking shouldn't be revoked since they had not complied with the agreement. Mayor Warren announced that he had informed John Donely that it was not necessary for anyone from Viva Mart to be at this hearing. After considerable discussion concerning the attitude that the owner has displayed indicating that they do not need to comply with the town rules, Betty Warren moved to continue the hearing to October 21, 2003 and to inform them that a representative must be present at that time. Clarence Krieger seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Weld County Planning

Weld County is reviewing a request from Alvin and Barbara Herman for a recorded exemption to split the property east of and adjacent to Cherry Avenue and north of and adjacent to 24th Street. Dennis Kendrick moved to reply that we have reviewed the request and find no conflicts with our interests. Vince Loftus seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

CIRSA Preliminary Insurance Quotes

We have received preliminary quotes for our CIRSA insurance. 2004 Property/Casualty quote is \$2,391. This is a 28.6% increase from the 2003 fee which was \$1,859. The preliminary quote for 2004 worker's comp is \$538. This is a 10.2% increase from the Comp insurance for 2003 which was \$488. Those figures are prior to any credits and may change some before 2004. Betty Warren moved and Dennis Kendrick seconded to accept these preliminary quotes. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

2004 Preliminary Budget

The Clerk presented the 2004 preliminary budget to the Board.

A. Trees

A suggestion had been made at the budget workshop that we pay for some elm tree spraying next year because of the damage that the elm leaf beetle is doing to the trees. All of the people that the Clerk spoke to said that they would not recommend the town pay for spraying because of the liability. The Greeley forester came out and looked at the bugs and the trees. He said the bugs are elm leaf

beetles and that it would be very difficult to kill them now, the leaves that the larvae eat need to be sprayed in the spring. He said that the trees do have some damage from the beetles but he thinks most of the damage to the trees is from the drought last year. After considerable discussion, the Board directed the Clerk to call Welco Spraying in LaSalle.

Retirement

Clarence Krieger moved that the Clerk proceed to get information concerning a retirement plan. Vince Loftus seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Compensations

Town Attorney. Don Hoff presented a letter to the Board requesting an increase in attorney fees from \$125 per hour to \$130 per hour with an hourly rate for the meetings also. Dennis Kendrick moved and Betty Warren seconded to approve an increase in attorney fees to \$130 an hour starting January 1, 2004. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

The clerk announced that the hourly rate for our court clerk will be \$23.41.

Town Clerk/Manager/Treasurer. After considerable discussion concerning the clerk's salary and benefits, Clarence Krieger moved to table this discussion until retirement is determined. Vince Loftus seconded. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Town Assistant. The board reviewed some pages from the CML Compensation Book for 3 different positions. The average for Office Assistant for part time hourly employee is \$8.70. Average maintenance for part time hourly is \$10.18. Others (includes janitor, groundskeeper, etc) for part time hourly is an average of \$7.28. Betty Warren moved to give the Town Assistant an increase in wages from \$8.50 an hour to \$12.50 an hour effective January 1, 2004. Dixie Hill seconded. In a show of hands, Dennis Kendrick, Betty Warren, Mayor Warren and Dixie Hill voted aye. Eddie Miller, Vince Loftus and Clarence Krieger voted nay. Motion carried.

D. Cell Phones

Since the assistant has had a lot of trouble with his cell phone, the clerk often can not get in touch with him when we need him. The clerk asked the board to consider providing cell phones for town employees. Mayor Warren stated that he would talk to Bob Andolsek about resolving the problems with his cell phone.

2003 CML District Meeting

The City of Greeley will host a dinner meeting of CML District 2 members. All elected and appointed officials and their spouses are encouraged to attend this meeting. The meeting will be Wednesday, October 15th at the Island Grove Event Center, 501 N. 14th Avenue. Cost is \$20 each. Elected officials who attend the premeeting will earn 1 credit in the CML Elected Officials' Leadership Training program.

Concrete Invoice

We have had the concrete gutter pans repaired along 27th Street Road. If the quantities are the same as the estimates, the bill will be \$5,763.75. Betty Warren moved and Dennis Kendrick seconded to pay the bill when it comes in if it is within \$500 of the quote. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Other Board Issues

The clerk reported that there is an area under water on the property at 2770 8th Avenue. Dan Swallow had inspected the property and told the owner that the low portions of his property could be filled in without infringing on other peoples property. The town can not spend public money on private property. Clarence Krieger stated that the problem was created by the Forrest Stone property being built up and stopping the historical flow of the water. Jim Vetting stated that the rain was coming in from 8th Avenue and has no place to go. In the past the water ran behind the Forrest Stone property and into the other properties where it flooded the DeJohn property and into the drainage along Highway 85. Mayor Warren stated that he would go look at the problem.

The clerk purchased a digital camera without the board's permission because she is willing to pay for it for her personal use if the board does not want it. The camera is approximately \$138. Vince Loftus

moved and Clarence Krieger seconded to purchase the digital camera for the Town. 7 aye. 0 nay. Motion carried.

Clarence Krieger announced that the property north of Town Hall is for sale and it would be a good location for a park for the kids.

Since there was no further business, Mayor Warren adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Janice Walter, Clerk