

Town of Garden City Minutes

April 18, 2023

Regular Meeting

Mayor Fil Archuleta and Trustees Tim Costello, Alex Lopez, Leigh Sorensen, Katherine Rodriguez, Sam Parsons, and Gary Sorensen were present. Staff present: Police Chief Jeremy Black; Deputy Town Clerk Lindsay Shoemaker; Public Works Director Brett Bloom; Town Attorney James Godbold. Town Administrator Cheryl Campbell was absent. Tucker Eldridge, John and Alecia Rotherham from Nature's Herbs and High Plainz Strains, and Officer Andrew Brown from the Garden City Police Department were present.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes from April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve March 2023 Treasurer's Report
- c. Approve Bills Paid
- d. Approve Bills To Be Paid
- e. Approve AWP invoice in the amount of \$8,585.95
- f. Approve PTO request for Cheryl Campbell for May 22nd-25th 2023

Tim Costello moved, and Alex Lopez seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items a.-f.
7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Public Not on the Agenda Invited to be Heard

There was none.

Marijuana Issues

- a. Formal request to extend business hours for marijuana businesses

John Rotherham addressed the Board. He submitted a letter requesting that the Board extend the hours of operation for marijuana businesses in the Town of Garden City. He is requesting the closing time be 12AM instead of 10PM. Mr. Rotherham is intending to use the extra two hours for operation of the drive-thru. If the Town approves the hours of operation, Mr. Rotherham will use the opportunity to see if the extra two hours of business will be beneficial to justify the request. Since the State revenue from marijuana has dropped, he is hoping to break even.

Mr. Godbold advised the Board that if they are to entertain this position, there must be a Public Hearing. Tim Costello moved, and Sam Parsons seconded to hold a Public Hearing at the May 16th regular meeting to decide whether to allow medical and retail marijuana stores to operate until 12AM.
7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

- b. Report of Changes for Modification of Premise for High Plainz Strains 2506 6th Ave

Tucker Eldridge addressed the Board. High Plainz Strains has submitted a report of changes to modify a portion of the premises. They are wanting to add two windows on the north wall to allow a drive through on that side. There will also be an addition to the security system to cover those new areas with additional ID verification. Nature's Herbs has been utilizing their own drive-thru and see about 80 cars. It is his hope that adding the drive-thru at High Plainz Strains will have the same effect.

Sam Parson moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve the Report of Changes for Modification of Premise for High Plainz strains.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Liquor Licensing Issues

a. Consider Issuing Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing for Rancho Alegre.

Alex Lopez moved, and Leigh Sorensen seconded to approve issuing an order to show cause and notice of hearing for Taqueria Rancho Alegre.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

b. Appoint a hearing officer for Taqueria Rancho Alegre hearing

Mr. Godbold advised the Board that he has reached out to Kristin Brown, who presided over a previous hearing the town held. He has not heard back from her yet, but advised the Board to continue with the motion.

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Sam Parsons seconded to appoint a hearing officer for the Taqueria Rancho Alegre hearing.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 12-2023 A Resolution of The Town Of Garden City In Opposition To The Statewide Land Use And Zoning Preemptions In Senate Bill 23-213

Sam Parsons moved, and Leigh Sorensen seconded to adopt Resolution 12-2023 A Resolution of The Town Of Garden City In Opposition To The Statewide Land Use And Zoning Preemptions In Senate Bill 23-213.

Gary Sorensen-yes. Katherine Rodriguez-yes. Leigh Sorensen-yes. Fil Archuleta-yes. Sam Parsons-yes. Tim Costello-yes. Alex Lopez-yes.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Resolution 12-2023 adopted.

Staff Reports

a. Town Administrator

Chery Campbell was absent.

b. Police Chief

Chief Black advised the Board that Officer Hernandez has resigned to accept a job at another department. There is a candidate that has applied and will be working through the application process. There was a life-saving incident that occurred last weekend. Officer Brown is credited with the save. Officer Amick is almost finished with training and will be put on full-time soon. There is a new security company operating at one of the bars in town and the results so far have been promising.

c. Public Works Director

Brett told the Board that workers have been working on laying the line to lay fiber for the internet at the Community Center. The new build on 7th Avenue will be closing the street next week for two days to install water, sewer, and gas taps. Saturday, he and Cheryl will be partnering with Star Buds volunteers to spread mulch and lay the groundwork for the planter boxes on 8th Avenue. Street repair plans will be done next week. A previous employee would like to have a couple of rain barrels that were left behind and the Town has not used. The Board doesn't have a problem with him having them back. The park has been aeriated and fertilized.

d. Town Attorney

Mr. Godbold did not have anything to report.

Other Board Issues

There were no issues.

Announcements

- a. Cheryl will be out of the office on April 18th
- b. Picasso and Wine is Saturday, April 29th at 4PM

Adjourn

Since there was no further business, Gary Sorensen moved, and Sam Parsons seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Fil Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 6:05PM.

By: _____