

## Town of Garden City Minutes

May 16, 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: Town Administrator Cheryl Campbell, Police Chief Jeremy Black; Deputy Town Clerk Lindsay Shoemaker; Public Works Director Brett Bloom; Town Attorney James Godbold. John Rotherham, Alicia Rotherham, and Tucker Eldridge were present from Nature's Herbs and Wellness. Mindy Duggan was present from the VFW Post 2121, and Officer Brown from the Garden City Police Department were present.

### Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes from May 2, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve April 2023 Treasurer's Report
- c. Approve Bills Paid
- d. Approve Bills To Be Paid
- e. Approve Anything Under Colorado Specialties Corp. LLC invoice for cable boring in the amount of \$7,400

Tim Costello moved, and Leigh Sorensen seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items a. – e.  
7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

### Public Not on the Agenda Invited to be Heard

There was none.

### Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance 03-2023 An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Garden City Amending Section 16-4-190 and Section 16-5-100 of the Town of Garden City Municipal Code to Amend the Hours of Operation for Medical Marijuana and Retail Marijuana Establishments

Mayor Fil Archuleta adjourned the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance 03-2023 at 5:33pm.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Fil Archuleta adjourned the Public Hearing and resumed the Regular Meeting at 5:34pm.

### Adopt Ordinance 03-2023 An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Garden City Amending Section 16-4-190 and Section 16-5-100 of the Town of Garden City Municipal Code to Amend the Hours of Operation for Medical Marijuana and Retail Marijuana Establishments

Sam Parsons moved, and Leigh Sorensen seconded to adopt Ordinance 03-2023 An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Garden City Amending Section 16-4-190 and Section 16-5-100 of the Town of Garden City Municipal Code to Amend the Hours of Operation for Medical Marijuana and Retail Marijuana Establishments.

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

7 Aye. 0 Nay.

Ordinance 03-2023 adopted.

## Grants

- a. Consider Alex Lopez 614 27<sup>th</sup> St Rd Residential Revitalization Grant Application with final review and payment in the amount of \$283.40

Alex Lopez and Katherine Rodriguez recused themselves for this item.

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve Alex Lopez Revitalization Grant Application with final review and payment in the amount of \$283.40.

5 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

## Marijuana Issues

- a. Nature's Herbs & Wellness Center LLC Medical Marijuana Store License ML-540-23 Renewal

John Rotherham addressed the Board for the following items. Nature's Herbs and Nature's Kitchen are due for renewal.

Alex Lopez moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve Nature's Herbs & Wellness Center LLC Medical Marijuana Store License ML-540-23 Renewal.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

- b. Nature's Herbs & Wellness Center LLC Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility License MMCF 540-23 Renewal

Tim Costello moved, and Alex Lopez seconded to approve Nature's Herbs & Wellness Center LLC Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility License MMCF 540-23 Renewal.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

- c. Nature's Kitchen LLC Medical Marijuana Products Manufacturer License MMPM 540-23 Renewal

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve Nature's Kitchen LLC Medical Marijuana Products Manufacturer License MMPM 540-23 Renewal.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

## Pioneer Post Club of Greeley DBA Pioneer Post 2121 Report of Changes Change of Manager Application

The VFW is changing managers. Mindy Duggan will be taking over for Glenna Medina starting June 1, 2023. The State does not require a registered manager, but the Town does.

Alex Lopez moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve the Pioneer Post Club of Greeley DBA Pioneer Post 2121 Report of Changes – Change of Manager Application.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

## Postpone show cause hearing for Taqueria Rancho Alegre pending the outcome of grand jury indictment

This hearing will be on a future agenda once the state court proceedings are finished.

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Tim Costello seconded to postpone the show cause hearing for Taqueria Rancho Alegre pending the outcome of grand jury indictment.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

## Approve 2023 CMCA Institute attendance and tuition payment for Lindsay Shoemaker in the amount of \$1,000

This is Lindsay's second year for CMC Certification. There will be no lodging costs due to the institute being close by.

Sam Parsons moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve 2023 CMCA Institute attendance and tuition payment for Lindsay Shoemaker in the amount of \$1,000.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Trustee Gary Sorensen excused himself from the meeting.

#### Discuss vacant buildings in town and opportunities for growth

Trustee Tim Costello began the discussion. There are several vacant buildings on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue that are for sale. Trustee Costello wants to explore the idea of the Town purchasing the buildings, demolishing them, and building apartment buildings with retail on the main level. He believes the money the town receives from marijuana sales won't always be lucrative. Attorney James Godbold discourages this based on the manpower needed to create a housing authority and town staffing. A project like this would require contractors, additional lawyers, and agreements with Greeley for water shares. If a housing authority was established, the authority would have to generate enough money to be self-sufficient and there is no guarantee that it would be able to. There is a possibility that the town could offer incentives to local developers to purchase the properties and build apartments. The staff will investigate potential incentives available. No further action taken.

#### Staff Reports

##### a. Town Administrator

Cheryl advised that during Clean-Up Days last weekend a resident discarded unapproved items into the dumpsters, including a vending machine and refrigerator. It could not be verified that these items had had the compressors legally evacuated, so they had to be hauled out of the dumpsters. The Town had to pay a junk removal company to remove the items from the property. The Board advised Cheryl to bill this resident for half the haul-away price of the items. The Intergovernmental Agreement with Greeley water and sewer was initially contracted for 10 years, although the signed contract states 25 years. This will be addressed in the future. The auditors may be here next week for their fieldwork. If they are here, Cheryl will not be taking her time off.

##### b. Police Chief

The Chief advised that Alyssa Hewell has been hired and started training on Monday. She will go through a full field training program as she is a new officer. There are a few open positions for part-time officers that are still open. Officer Billings is on light duty for the time being. July is the new tentative drop date for the new patrol cars. The Chief will be looking for an F150 for the fleet. He applied and interviewed for the JAG grant today and will have results by June 1. Vehicle 310 has about \$13k worth of damage and will be out of service for approx. two months.

##### c. Public Works Director

Brett discussed Clean-Up Days. He suggested to the Board for future Clean-Up Days, they have a temporary fence across the parking lot, a person there to monitor it and possibly implement a voucher system. People from outside of Garden City were dumping their trash. One dumpster was full of mattresses and box springs, possibly from a business. The Town went through eight 30-yard dumpsters. During the storms last week, the Community Center flooded. Brett and Danielle squeegeed the floor and Brett made a make-shift barrier for the weekend. Flood barriers have been ordered for future occurrences. The construction of the storage room in the Community Center is underway. Storm drain cleaning will take place as soon as possible. Brett attended the pesticide class last week at Weld County.

Brett is working on filling potholes around town. The flowers for the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue planter boxes will be here Thursday. He got the electric mower and will be looking into getting part-time help this summer.

d. Town Attorney

Mr. Godbold had nothing to report.

Other Board Issues

Trustee Leigh Sorensen advised the Board that she and Trustee Gary Sorensen will not be at the first July meeting.

Chief Black advised that the Flock cameras, for traffic monitoring, will be \$3,000 per camera and he wants five cameras. It will be \$15,000 per year for subscription costs. This will be on a future agenda when there is more information.

Announcements

- a. The Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day
- b. The VFW will be holding their convention at the Community Center from June 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>

Adjourn

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

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Fil Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm.

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