

Town of Garden City Minutes

July 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: Town Administrator Cheryl Campbell; Police Chief Jeremy Black; Deputy Town Clerk Lindsay Shoemaker; Public Works Director Brett Bloom; Town Attorney James Godbold. Mark Norik and Avrinder Singh were present from Everyday Stores LLC. Christine and Ramon Mendoza were present from El Patrons Nite Club. Mitch Blackstone and Israel Alarcon were present from LivWell. Officer Brown from the Garden City Police Department was present.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes from July 5, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve June 2023 Treasurer's Report
- c. Approve Bills Paid
- d. Approve Bills To Be Paid
- e. Approve Preciso Auto Body Invoice in the amount of \$13,921.54
- f. Approve Dell Quote and Invoice for computer replacements for Town Administrator, Court Clerk, Front Desk, and Public Works in the amount of \$6,484.6

Public Not on the Agenda Invited to be Heard

There was none.

Public Hearing regarding a New Tavern with Live Entertainment Liquor License for Christina Mendoza DBA El Patron's Nite Club

Mayor Archuleta adjourned the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 5:33PM.

Cheryl Campbell gave a staff report regarding the new license. El Patron's Nite Club closed during Covid and their license lapsed. They are now getting ready to reopen the bar and have applied for a license. They have completed the neighborhood survey. Christina Mendoza represented El Patron's and advised the Board they are making some updates to the building, and they should be open within a few months. There was no public comment.

Mayor Archuleta adjourned the Public Hearing and reopened the Regular Meeting at 5:35PM.

Liquor Licensing Issues

- a. Christina Mendoza DBA El Patron's Nite Club New Tavern with Live Entertainment Liquor License Application

Christina Mendoza DBA El Patron's is applying for a new Tavern with Live Entertainment liquor license as she let her previous license lapse in 2020. She has submitted all necessary documentation including the lease on the building and the neighborhood survey required by the State for a new license. This is to verify that there is not an over concentration of liquor licenses in any one area.

Alex Lopez moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve the Tavern with Live Entertainment liquor license for Christina Mendoza DBA El Patron's Nite Club.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

b. Christina Mendoza DBA El Patron's Nite Club Permit Application and Report of Changes

Christina Mendoza DBA El Patron's Nite Club submitted a Permit Application and Report of Changes to register herself as the Manager for El Patron's Nite Club.

Tim Costello moved, and Alex Lopez seconded to approve Christina Mendoza DBA El Patron's Nite Club Permit Application and Report of Changes.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

c. Everyday Stores LLC DBA Everyday Stores #5709 Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine liquor license renewal

Mark Norik addressed the Board. Everyday Stores LLC DBA Everyday Stores #5709 applied for renewal of their Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine liquor license. They have passed all the local inspections. They were advised to keep up on the cleanliness of the property. New pumps have been installed and there will be new floors installed soon.

Gary Sorensen moved, and Sam Parsons seconded to approve Everyday Stores LLC dba Everyday Stores #5709 Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine liquor license.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

d. Everyday Stores LLC DBA Everyday Stores #5709 Permit Application and Report of Changes

Avrinder Signh addressed the Board. Everyday Stores LLC DBA Everyday Stores #5709 submitted a Permit Application and Report of Changes to change their Registered Manager to Avrinder Singh.

Tim Costello moved, and Sam Parsons seconded to approve Everyday Stores LLC DBA Everyday Stores #5709 Permit Application and Report of Changes.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

LivWell I DBA LivWell Medical Marijuana Store License Renewal

Mitch Blackstone addressed the Board.

Sam Parsons moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve the LivWell I LLC DBA LivWell Medical Marijuana Store License Renewal.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Approve KFKA Contract for Bootleggin' Days radio advertising in the amount of \$750.00

Officer Brown addressed the Board. This contract will provide live radio appearances, ads, and the ads will not be copywritten, so the Town will be able to use them with other radio stations.

Alex Lopez moved, and Tim Costello seconded to approve the KFKA radio advertising contract in the amount of \$750.00.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

National Night Out Issues

a. Consider an alcohol-free event

There have been some requests to make National Night Out an alcohol-free event. Officer Brown advised the Board that Colorado State Patrol will be in attendance and will be bringing a patrol vehicle that was involved in a drunk driving incident involving a fatality. He believes having alcohol would send the wrong message.

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Tim Costello seconded to make National Night Out an alcohol-free event.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

b. Consider a car-bashing event

Officer Brown has asked the Board to have a car-bashing event where kids are given a bat or hammer and allowed to beat a car. Superior towing has committed to assuring kids are safe, wearing safety goggles. The Town insurance has no regulations against it. Several Board Members questioned if having children destroy a car would be a good message to send to the public, when a State Patrol vehicle marred by tragedy is present at the same event. Officer Brown advised that the Greeley Advocates may not participate in the event if we don't allow the car bashing with their fundraiser. Trustee Lopez said the advocates can have their fundraiser, asking for donations, but the message of destroying a car may not be the best for the event.

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Katherine Rodriguez seconded to not have a car bashing event at National Night Out.

7 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Bootleggin' Days Update

There will be a wing eating contest put on by Wing Shack. These events will be during the band breaks. Danielle purchased all door prizes on Amazon Prime Day and was able to stay under budget. Star Buds district manager donated an Alexa device for the event. The Board and employees cannot enter to win prizes.

CML Updates

a. Fil Archuleta

Mayor Archuleta recapped his visit to the CML conference. He attended an *Ending Homelessness* seminar. A town in Colorado has a task force that goes out to meet every homeless person and learn their stories. The task force prioritizes veterans and helps them get into housing and assists with any medical and financial problems. The Mayor also attended a *Water Reclamation* seminar that highlighted several municipalities that are replacing greenery in medians with artificial turf to curb water use.

b. Alex Lopez

Trustee Lopez went to several seminars and advised the Board that attitude is everything. There has to be a relationship between the Town and our businesses. Is the Town accommodating the businesses, including parking. To change your attitude is to change the relationship.

c. Katherine Rodriguez

Trustee Rodriguez also said that attitude makes a big difference when entering a meeting or dealing with the public. She said that sometimes everyone needs a "Check up from the neck up" and it's okay to do that. There are all walks of life at the CML conference, from people who are dressed in suits to those dressed very casually, and it's not a big formal affair.

d. Cheryl Campbell

Cheryl went to a General Session where Rob Schaefer spoke. He talked about business after Covid. Customers expect to put in less effort, towns should be more accommodating and always transparent. Successful business equals more connections. With businesses, residents, and customers. She went to a *Succession Planning* seminar and the town needs to have a Schedule of Contracts, Standard Operating Procedures, and continuity plans. She went to an *affordable Homebuying* seminar. Just because our code is written one way doesn't mean it's right. The *Manager's Meeting* she went to brought up generational gaps in the workplace. They went over diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workforce. Police officers are going to be harder to insure in the future according to CIRSA.

Staff Reports

a. Town Administrator

The admin portion of the JAG grant that the Chief applied for was not granted. The Town purchased new desktops for the Administrator, Court Clerk, Front Desk, and Public Works Director. The Town budgeted for devices for the Board and will be purchasing four touch screen devices. The Auditors have requested the Town files for an extension as they will not be finished in time for the July 31st deadline. They are hoping to be finished and on the agenda for a meeting in September. The Budget to Actual is finished and is slightly up. Apptegy is a new service that will combine all the Town's social media pages and create a new ADA compliant website. This will be put into the budget sessions to discuss further options.

b. Police Chief

Vehicle 310 is back in service, costing \$14,304.74. The Chief is applying for a Department of Colorado Justice grant for training. He is also applying for a grant to hire a 6th officer, upon Board approval. This grant will offset the costs for a new officer. The department has a new app that will help officers with their everyday wellness, nutrition, physical fitness, and mental health. Officer Hewell is in Phase 3, she will be finished with training by the end of August. Sergeant Amick and officers Perez and Hewell attended the Weld County Critical Incident Training recently. This training also included buildings clearing and other patrol tactics for officers. The department had an ORI audit. An ORI identifies the department that a case or warrant comes from. They received a 100% on the audit. The Chief received part of the JAG grant and requested more. He should hear back within the week if it will be granted. Colorado Information Sharing Consortium is a system where there is a collaboration between agencies and can help solve crimes faster with a larger network. He is looking into Flock Safety Cameras and working on getting a multi-agency deal.

c. Public Works Director

Brett has been working hard to keep the Japanese Beetles from destroying the rest of the roses in the garden. All of the sound panels have been installed in the Community Center and there is almost no echo in the room. The portable wall panels should be delivered soon. The HVAC systems have been serviced, but the Board Room HVAC is not cooling. Brett will have Greeley Furnace come out to see what can be done. Mike Russo painted the car port and the Community Center. He should be finished this week.

d. Town Attorney

Mr. Godbold advised the Board regarding purchasing land and building homes or apartments for affordable housing. He spoke with Chris La May from DOLA and he said there are a lot of grants and loans that can be applied for. These opportunities can help with manpower, contractors, etc. The Town would need to partner with a housing authority, create their own, or partner with a non-profit. Mr. Lemay is willing to educate the Board on what they can do. A work session will be scheduled for this discussion.

Other Board Issues

Trustee Sorensen asked if there was a possibility the Board could have a work session to discuss the relationship between the Town and its businesses as well as a director of finance if that is necessary. Staff will schedule a work session for a later date.

Announcements

a. National Night Out is Tuesday August 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM

b. The August 1, 2023 Board Meeting has been rescheduled to August 2, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Adjourn

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

Mayor Fil Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 7:08PM.

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