

Town of Garden City Minutes

November 21, 2023

Regular Meeting

Mayor Fil Archuleta and trustees Tim Costello, Alex Lopez, Leigh Sorensen, Katherine Rodriguez, and Gary Sorensen were present. Trustee Sam Parsons was absent. Staff present: Town Administrator Cheryl Campbell; Police Chief Jeremy Black; Deputy Town Clerk Lindsay Shoemaker; Public Works Director Brett Bloom; Town Attorney James Godbold.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes from November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Approve Treasurer's Report for October 2023
- c. Approve Bills Paid
- d. Approve Bills To Be Paid
- e. Approve Employers Council Invoice in the amount of \$7700.00

Tim Costello moved, and Alex Lopez seconded to approve the Consent Agenda items a. – e.
6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Public Not on the Agenda Invited to be Heard

There was none.

Budget Hearing

Mayor Fil Archuleta adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:32 pm.
Town Administrator Cheryl Campbell gave a report of the 2024 Budget.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Fil Archuleta adjourned the Budget Hearing at 5:34pm and reopened the Regular Meeting.

Adopt Resolution No. 16-2023 A Resolution Of The Town Of Garden City Making A Determination That The April 2, 2024 Regular Municipal Election Shall Be Conducted By Mail Ballot

Tim Costello moved, and Alex Lopez seconded to adopt. Resolution No. 16-2023 A Resolution Of The Town Of Garden City Making A Determination That The April 2, 2024 Regular Municipal Election Shall Be Conducted By Mail Ballot.

Trustee Tim Costello, yes. Trustee Katherine Rodriguez, yes. Trustee Gary Sorensen, yes. Mayor Fil Archuleta, yes. Trustee Alex Lopez, yes. Trustee Leigh Sorensen, yes.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Resolution No. 16-2023 adopted.

Approve \$500.00 Donation to The Christmas Giving Program With Evans Chamber

This was decided at the last meeting.

Tim Costello moved, and Leigh Sorensen seconded to approve the \$500.00 donation to the Christmas Giving Program with Evans Chamber.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Discuss Liquor License Issue For 618 25th Street

Alex Lopez moved, and Leigh Sorensen seconded to issue a notice and set a revocation hearing for December 19th 2023, time to be determined, for El Baile LLC DBA El Bandido Nite Club 618 25th Street.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Consider a 1% Sales Tax Increase Ballot Issue for the April 2, 2023 Election

This issue was discussed at the work session.

Alex Lopez moved, and Leigh Sorensen seconded to approve a 1% sales tax increase ballot issue on the April 2, 2024 election.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Approve Authorization for Chief Black to apply for an EMIAF grant from DOLA for matching funds for architectural plans for A Police Department building expansion

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Tim Costello seconded to authorize Chief Black to apply for the EMIAF grant from DOLA for matching funds for a police department building expansion.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Consider Enacting a Curfew for the Park and Community Center

Alex Lopez moved, and Tim Costello seconded to enact a curfew from 10PM to 7AM for the park and the Community Center.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Consider Unemployment Insurance

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Katherine Rodriguez seconded to continue this item to the next regular meeting.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Consider Fleet Credit Account with Quick Trip FleetMaster

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Alex Lopez seconded to open a fleet credit account with Quick Trip FleetMaster.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Approve Quote from Garza and Sons for 8th Avenue Planter Repair

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Gary Sorensen seconded to approve the Garza and Sons quote for repairing three planters on 8th Avenue in the amount of \$5950.00. The mayor abstained from the vote.

5 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

a. Town Administrator

Deputy Clerk Lindsay Shoemaker gave a report on the business survey that was sent out a few months ago. The Board would like to put a luncheon together in the new year. This will be on an agenda in 2024. Cheryl gave her report. Proposition HH failed but Governor Polis had two bills passed that will effect property taxes. The Weld County Assessor's Office will be delayed in sending the certification that is needed for the Town to be able to certify the 2024 budget. The Board elected to have two regular Board meetings in December, with the final budget adoption on December 19th.

b. Police Chief

Greeley Police Department has enacted a no tolerance policy towards the homeless camps. This will push them into our area. We have a camping ban and officers will be moving people along. Patrol cars should be delivered next week. The audit with the State of Colorado went well, there are a few things dealing with reporting metrics that the Chief will change going forward. Officer Brown is back on full-time.

c. Public Works Director

Xcel Energy will be out to repair streetlights in the next week. The wall in the Community Center will be built in mid-January. There is no final bid yet, but it will be presented to the Board as soon as possible.

d. Town Attorney

Mr. Godbold had nothing to report.

Consider Property Purchase by the Town – May be an executive session

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Tim Costello seconded to go into executive session per CRS 24-6-402(4)(a) for the purpose of the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried at 6:20PM.

The time is now 6:45PM, and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive session were Trustees Tim Costello, Alex Lopez, Leigh Sorensen, Katherine Rodriguez, Gary Sorensen and myself, Mayor Fil Archuleta. Also present were Attorney James Godbold and Town Administrator Cheryl Campbell. For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record.

Seeing none, the next agenda item is Other Board Issues.

Other Board Issues

The Board elected to have an item on the next agenda regarding a pay increase for the trustees and mayor.

Leigh Sorensen moved, and Tim Costello seconded to scheduled meetings in December for the 5th and the 19th and cancel the 12th meeting.

6 Aye. 0 Nay. Motion carried.

Announcements

- a. Town Hall will be closed Thursday November 23, 2023 in observance of Thanksgiving
- b. Christmas Party is Friday December 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm at Cattleman's Steak House
- c. The December Board meeting will be held on Tuesday December 5th and Tuesday December 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Adjourn

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

Mayor Fil Archuleta adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm

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