# TOWN OF ARRIBA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Monday, October 10, 2022

Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804

<u>Call to Order</u> Mayor Marilyn Lightsey called the meeting to order at 6:00. Trustees in attendance included Troy McCue, Kayle Amen, Alex Flores, and Ashlee Smithburg. Marie Daniel and Bob Rush were absent.

Employees in attendance included Josie Hart. Mike Becker was absent.

<u>Public Audience</u> Ted Grundmeier, Marcella Flores, and Lincoln County Deputy Hutton. Ted Grundmeier said the Town is looking great, Mike Becker does a good job maintaining the tree pile.

<u>Approval of Agenda</u> Clerk Hart asked that an executive session be added to discuss the Vick cases. Trustee McCue moved to add an Executive Session at the end of the meeting and to approve the Agenda as amended. Trustee Amen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the September 12 regular meeting as written. Trustee Flores seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

# Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable

Trustee McCue moved to approve the receivables and payables for September. Trustee Smithburg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Approval of Bills

Trustee McCue moved to approve the October bills for payment. Trustee Flores seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Proposed Rate Increases and changes</u> Trustee McCue moved to adopt Resolution 2022-3 that will increase the stock water rate to \$7 per one thousand gallons effective January 1, 2023, Resolution 2022-4 that will increase the CDOT Rest Area sewer rate to \$1,400 effective January 1, 2023, and Resolution 2022-5 that will change the in-town and out-of-town water rates effective January 1,2023. Trustee Flores seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Proposed Zoning Ordinance</u> Clerk Hart said she submitted the proposed changes to the attorney, he has not returned the draft yet. The Board did not schedule another work session at this time.

<u>Wastewater Repairs</u> Clerk Hart said the project has been approved by the State, she has not heard anything from Element on what the next step is. The Board instructed Clerk Hart to reach out to Element.

<u>Proposed Tiny Home Ordinance</u> Clerk Hart said she made the changes according to what was discussed at the last meeting. There is a hearing for this proposed ordinance scheduled for Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

2022 Budget / 2023 Budget The Board reviewed the proposed 2022 amended budget and the proposed 2023 budget Clerk Hart prepared
The Board scheduled a budget hearing for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Monthly Sewer Fee There was discussion on when a property that is under construction should be charged the monthly sewer fee. Clerk Hart said she starts charging the property owner as soon as the building/house is connected to the sewer system. Mayor Lightsey disagreed with this as her building is connected to the sewer system but there are no toilets or sinks in the building yet so there's no way to even use the sewer system. The Board agreed that the monthly sewer fee should start being charged when the building/house is connected to the Town's sewer system.

<u>Proposed Firearm Ordinance</u> Clerk Hart said the attorney had looked over the original draft ordinance and made some changes to it. Ted Grundmeier questioned the definition section and why those words were used to define firearms as they did not seem correct. He also suggested listing the caliber size of the pellet guns. Clerk Hart said she would talk to the attorney about it.

Front Street Ditch Issue The Board discussed how a resident has dug a ditch in front of his house because he was worried about the poor drainage issue there and that water would leak into his house. The way the ditch was dug out could potentially be a hazard to pedestrian and vehicles. The Board agreed that there is a drainage issue on that side of the street that needs addressed. The Board agreed that Mike Becker should survey the grade of the ditch and see if the Town can remedy the issue. It was suggested that the Town give the resident sand to fill bags to place on the sidewalk in front of his house. Clerk Hart said she would talk to the resident about the concerns of the Board.

# Maintenance Report none.

<u>Clerks Report</u> Clerk Hart said she had talked to GMS about the cost of the out of town wells line project, GMS feels confident that the town can get 90% of the cost covered by grants but did suggest the Town wait to start the project until the wastewater project is well under way.

Clerk Hart said that if the Board would like to require plumbing inspections the Town should talk to the Attorney about current laws and requirements as she hasn't been able to find any clear information on this issue.

Clerk Hart asked if the Town wants to hold a Christmas event again this year, the Board agreed it should be held on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Clerk Hart said she would find someone to play Santa, and she would order the supplies and candy.

Treasurer's Report looked good.

Trustees Report none.

LCEDC Report Troy McCue gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

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Mayors Report Mayor Lightsey had nothing to report.

Executive Session Trustee McCue moved to go into executive session to discuss the Vick cases. Trustee Flores seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Public audience was excused, Deputy Hutton was asked to stay. The Board went into executive session at 6:53. The Board ended executive session at 7:08.

Adjournment Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:

Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

Approved by the Board on: 11-14-27

Town of Arriba Board of Trustees Public Hearing 5:30pm and Regular Meeting 6:00pm Monday, October 10, 2022

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#### Lincoln County Economic Development Director's Report October 10, 2022

#### Items of interest include:

- We are continuing our participation and support of a Limon Main Street program.
   Mary Andersen stepped down as leader of the effort, gave Raejean all material. We are seeking more Limon business participation with a reorganization meeting set for this Wednesday, 10/12.
- Looking forward to Roadmap to Resiliency final report, due very soon. Next is housing resources and a local housing needs assessment to be performed by Ayers and Associates. Have been exploring HB 1271 resources to support rural housing projects. The four COG counties (Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson and Lincoln) are working as one region during the process.
- Raejean and I are working on new employment laws programming to offer to area businesses. State has a 10/27 webinar that we would like to host in group formats.
- Had lunch meeting last week with Conexon Fiber and learned that Limon is ready to be "lit up" once a needed connection is made across I-70, awaiting either CDOT or federal approval.
- Keeping active SBDC office hours, consulting with many local businesses and potential startups. This past two week saw good progress on a couple of clients' projects. Latest commercial lead is a small manufacturer that services the restaurant industry.
- 6. GrantCorps with CRC is our latest focus on grant-writing capacity, as new higher local match costs (double since 6/15) has created need to revisit this grant writing capacity individual. Attended a 10/3 training session on what CRC offers through their new offering in grant-writing, and awaiting their reply to interest form submitted. BIPOC concern.
- Continuing our support of Centro (Jamie Giellis) on Roundhouse and Tower funding progress. Commissioners approved a \$250k grant application to SHF for a Phase 1 for interior restoration. Still studying, along with RPI, future historical tax credit funding.
- Bethel Community Center hosted their grand opening and dedication yesterday to a crowd of about 75. 10+ foundations were recognized, thousands of hours of volunteerism and in-kind donations for a project in excess of \$500k.
- 9. Karval was awarded CDBG funds for water infrastructure investment, and they are setting up enterprise accounting at the county level for life of the project. Touched base at fair and blueprints for a 30' by 50' addition to the community building for pantry and other meeting needs are in place.
- 10. We continue to field questions and points of progress with the Arriba Wind Farm. We anxiously await word from Taylor Henderson on key steps to move forward.
- 11. Helping out with Genoa Tower as a guest board member. Bad news last night of breakin at the tower.
- Hosted Most Endangered Places tour on 9/17, and visited the Roundhouse, The Garage, Wonder View Tower, and Bethel Community Center.