

**Town of Carbonado**  
**Regular Session of the Town Council**  
**Monday, October 10, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was opened on October 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Vesey.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Councilmember David Rodway, JJ Sandin, Tom Argo, Clint Emry and Terry Carter.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Strydar Argo, Willis McNabb, Joe Mills, Dailene Argo and Kaleb Murphy.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Vesey led those in attendance of the council meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Vesey opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m. regarding Ordinance No. 519, requesting the highest lawful levy for 2023. No citizen comments were made. Mayor Vesey closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance No. 519, requesting the highest lawful levy for 2023 at 6:32 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Vesey opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. regarding Ordinance No. 520, establishing the amount of EMS tax levy necessary to meet the estimated authorized taxes to support expenses for the year 2023.

Citizens comments: Strydar Argo stated that they need money and gear and this is how they get it. Mayor Vesey closed the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance No. 520, establishing the amount of EMS tax levy necessary to meet the estimated authorized taxes to support expenses for the year 2023 at 6:32 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of the October 10, 2022, Agenda.

Approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2022, Council meeting.

Approval of Claim Warrants 17671 THRU 17695, Columbia Bank SEPTEMBER 2022, SEPTEMBER 2022 DOR and USDA Sewer Loan 03, 9/15/2022 in the amount of \$93,890.34.

Approval of Payroll Warrants 17648 THRU 17655 and 17657-17670, Direct Deposit Run 9/15/2022 and Direct Deposit Run 10/3/2022 in the amount of \$28,366.58.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandin and carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 518 – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 515 TO ADD A PERMITTING REQUIREMENT**

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 518, amending Ordinance No. 515 to add provision 6.01.045, animal control ordinance, to add a permitting requirement.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Sandin to approve Ordinance No. 518, amending Ordinance No. 515 to add provision 6.01.045, animal control ordinance, to add a permitting requirement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 519 – REQUESTING HIGHEST LAWFUL LEVY FOR 2023**

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 519, requesting highest lawful levy for 2023.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Argo to approve Ordinance No. 519, requesting highest lawful levy for 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandin and carried 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 520 – ESTABLISHING EMS TAX LEVY FOR 2023**

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 520, establishing the amount of EMS tax levy necessary to meet the estimated authorized taxes to support expenses for the year 2023.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Emry to approve Ordinance No. 520, establishing the amount of EMS tax levy necessary to meet the estimated authorized taxes to support expenses for the year 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 5-0.

**NEW TOWN BUSINESS:**

**MILLS BUILDING PERMIT & WATER SERVICE PERMIT EXTENSION**

Joe Mills, formally requested from Council, a one time, six-month extension for his water permit.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Argo to approve a one-time, six-month extension for Mr. Mills for his water permit. The one-time, 6-month extension will begin on November 10, 2022, and will end at midnight on May 10,

2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodway and carried 5-0.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 9, UTILITY REPLACEMENT SCHEDULES A THROUGH E, G & O**

Mayor Vesey asked for a motion to approve Change Order No. 9, for the Utility Replacement Schedules A through E project, in the amount of \$19,050.33.

**Council Action:** A motion was made by Councilmember Argo to approve Change Order No. 9, for the Utility Replacement Schedules A through E project, in the amount of \$19,050.33. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandin and carried 5-0.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BUCKLEY FOR POLICE SERVICES**

Mayor Vesey informed Council of the new interlocal agreement with Buckley for Police Services. He stated that the cost of those services will go up 7.5% for 2023. If Council has no objections to the agreement, there will be a resolution presented to Council at the November meeting.

**ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2023 BUDGET**

Dailene Argo recommended to council that the roof replacement at the fire hall should come out of the towns Capital Improvement Funds instead of the Fire Departments. She also stated that the town didn't budget for scholarships for 2022 and there have been a few scholarships awarded. She stated that the sewer fund is doing good and doesn't expect a rate increase for 2023 however, the water fund is slowly losing money. She recommends that the council raise the base water rate and the consumption rate for 2023. Lastly, she asked council if they would like to have a workshop regarding revenues and expenditures to further understand where the comes from and where the money can be spent. Council would like to hold a workshop on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2023 BUDGET**

Mayor Vesey reviewed his statement from the last council meeting that he will be giving a 4% raise to all employees for the cost of living and he would like to raise the maximum wage and salary schedule for Public Works Lead to \$35 an hour and the Utilities/Maintenance worker to \$30 an hour for the 2023 budget. He would also like the council to consider paying 50% of medical insurance for employee's families if the employee chooses the High Deductible Health Plan.

**REPORTS:**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Vesey updated the council on the HVAC system for the water plant that they approved at the last meeting. He is awaiting a bid. Councilmember Argo asked if the town has applied for any grants through PSE to help the money go further. Mayor Vesey stated that he would have the town look into that.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Kaleb Murphy stated that the Aerator project should begin on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mayor Vesey also stated that the last he had heard on the Generator Project, was that it would be here some time in December this year.

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Sandi Carlson informed council that the rate increase for health care will be 4.5% and there will be no increase in dental.

**COUNCIL**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Willis McNabb would like to know when Scarcella will be fixing his side sewer. He stated that he has a giant hole in his yard where sewage is leaking and he's had nothing but issues with Scarcella since the project began. Mayor Vesey apologized, stating that he thought it had already been taken care of but will call G&O first thing in the morning and have someone call him asap.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next regular scheduled council meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Action:** Councilmember Emry made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 6:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Argo and carried 5-0.



Sandi Carlson, Clerk-Treasurer



Kevin Vesey, Mayor