



IGNACIO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 12, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Abel F. Atencio Community Room, 570 Goddard Avenue
and via Remote Public Meeting

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Craig called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM by leading in the pledge of allegiance.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Clark Craig, Mayor Pro Tem Alison deKay, Trustee Audrey Atencio (arrived 6:15 PM), Trustee Joseph Atencio, Trustee Tom Atencio, Trustee Jordan Bulwan, Trustee Jeremy Schulz

Absent:

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Craig asked if there were any changes to the agenda from the Board Members or staff; he called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Action: Trustee Bulwan moved to approve the agenda as amended; Mayor Pro Tem deKay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Craig read the Public Comment Policy and opened the floor for Public Comments.

Ms. Jennifer Collins, Republic Services, Four Corners Municipal Representative. Expressed appreciation for the loyal customer that the Town of Ignacio has been.

Mayor Craig asked if there were any other Public Comments; there were none. He closed the Public Comment section of the meeting.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2025

B. April 2025 Accounting Reports

Mayor Craig asked if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items; there were none. Mayor Craig called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem deKay moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Trustee Bulwan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Police Department

Chief Crume gave a brief report of current activities in the department. Trustee Tom Atencio asked if Chief had heard about any potential cut-backs on funding from the State; he had not. Mayor Craig stated that he sits on the Gaming Commission and forwarded some information to Chief regarding the Gaming Grant.

B. Public Works

Mr. Mickey reported that he has received a couple of acceptable bids on the Phase VA Gas Pipeline Replacement Project; hopes to kick off the project within two weeks. Phase VA will be behind the grocery store, CR 320, CR 320A and a portion of Candelaria Drive. Phase VB will Maple, Piedra, Arboles, and a part of Romero Streets.

Storm Drain Project Update: Bypass pump is set; will break ground tomorrow; all permits and locates are completed; equipment is here. Will break ground tomorrow and hope to get a manhole set to begin working on concrete pipe in the State Right of Way. This is also a phased project; will work until these funds run out and apply for more.

C. Clerk / Treasurer

Ms. Dunton asked who all would attend CML Spring District Meeting; Trustee Tom Atencio was the only one who is able to attend.

Monday, May 26, Town Hall offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Next Town Board Meeting will be Monday, June 9.

D. Town Manager

Mr. Garcia stated that he is joining the meeting from Boston where he is attending his daughter's doctoral graduation.

Solid Waste/Recycling Request for Proposal; Jennifer is a representative from Republic Services that we have worked with under the current contract. Ms. Dunton put the RFP together; there were four responses with varying pricing. Republic was the least expensive of them all, as has been the case since Mr. Garcia started with the Town of Ignacio 10 years ago. We will move forward with a new contract with Republic; will work with Mr. Liberman to update the contract. Recycling is a new component in our contract with them; they have offered a tiered rate for 50-100 customers, and 100+ customers. Mr. Garcia asked Board input on whether they thought we should do optional or required recycling. Mayor stated that if this is a decision item it might need to be on our next agenda; however, if Mr. Garcia simply wants input, his answer would be that it should not be required. Various Board Members concurred.

Revitalizing Main Street Grant will be ending with this grant cycle; Mr. Garcia submitted a grant application focusing on pedestrian lighting on Goddard and crosswalk improvements on the corner of Pioneer and Goddard, which is the busiest intersection in Town. Application is in; he will inform the Board later regarding the grant award.

E. Attorney

Mr. Liberman stated that he has been working on the Water Rights Application Due Diligence; publication made and paid; affidavit of publication filed with the Court; Status Conference set for July 11 at 9 AM (routine part of the process); plans to file a proposed decree prior to that status conference similar to a previous one that was approved during the last diligence period.

Mayor Craig dismissed staff that were able to leave.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Rock Creek Housing Update

Mr. Garcia stated that he will address this topic at the Ignacio Housing Authority Board Meeting. Mayor Craig stated that work is continuing and there is a lot of activity up at Rock Creek.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dancing Spirit Special Event Permit Application – Public Hearing and Action

Ms. Dunton stated that Kasey Correia has requested a Special Event Permit for June 21, 3-7 PM. This meeting has been noticed as a Public Hearing; notice was given in the newspaper and posted on the establishment. Ms. Dunton reviewed the process for the Public Hearing and Action.

Mayor Craig invited Ms. Correia to speak. She introduced herself as the Executive Direction of Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts at 465 Goddard Avenue. Now that Dancing Spirit has their own location, this event will take the place of the annual Fill Your Plate event that used to happen at Fox Fire Farms each year. The DS Board suggested that there be alcohol for sale at the event to bolster the fundraising efforts of the event. Ms. Correia talked about proper fencing and event details, expressing excitement about the event.

Mayor Craig asked if there were any questions from the Board; various questions were asked and answered. One Board Member commented that it is nice to be able to have the event in Town. Mayor Craig echoed that sentiment and stated that he enjoys it when anyone uses the building that Kasey had dreamed of for so many years.

Trustee Tom Atencio requested that the Town Attorney respond to his concern about the fact that this establishment does not have a permanent liquor license and if granting this license puts the Town in a liability situation. Mayor Craig stated that this is no different than any other Special Event Permit that a local non-profit applies for; he called on Attorney Liberman to respond to Trustee Tom Atencio's concerns.

Attorney Liberman stated that Mayor Craig is correct; as a Local Licensing Authority the Town has the right to approve or deny a Special Event Permit Application. All liability is on the permittee, not the Town.

Mayor Craig opened the Public Hearing at 6:29:52; there were no public comments. Mayor Craig closed the Public Hearing at 6:30:12.

Mayor Craig asked the Board if they had any more questions or comments. Trustee Bulwan asked about attendance at previous year's events; Ms. Correia stated that the most they have had is about 75 people.

There were no more comments from the Board. Mayor Craig called for a motion.

Action: Trustee Schulz moved to approve the Special Event Permit for Dancing Spirit; Trustee Tom Atencio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Mayor Craig stated that he was able to give the Small Business Week Proclamation to the approximately 400 in attendance at the Summit last week.

Trustee Joseph stated that IHS Baseball is going to regionals.

Mayor Pro Tem deKay added that 6 students are going to State Track Meet.

Mayor Craig stated that graduation will be on May 24; Mayor Pro Tem deKay will represent the Town and honor the students as they walk across the stage.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM. Mayor Craig stated that there will be a Work Session immediately following the Town Board Meeting and that will be followed by the Ignacio Housing Authority Board Meeting. The next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting will be on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Abel F. Atencio Community Room and via Remote Public Meeting.

Clark Craig, Mayor

Date

Attest: Tuggy Dunton, Town Clerk