

Minutes
Town Board Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
October 27, 2015

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Trustees held Tuesday, October 27, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Neal Schwieterman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were as follows:

Mayor Neal Schwieterman
Trustee Charles Stewart
Trustee David Bradford
Trustee Ross King
Trustee Suzanne Watson
Trustee Eric Goold

Town Staff present were as follows:

Town Manager/Town Clerk Jane Berry
Deputy Clerk Corinne Ferguson
Finance Officer Cindy Jones
Investigator Neil Ferguson

Deputy Clerk Ferguson determined a quorum was present and Mayor Schwieterman proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Stewart to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

***Paonia High School Update**

Jeremiah Hillman and Marissa Edmundson were present on behalf of the high school student council. The ACT average for Paonia High School continues to be above the State average. AP class enrollment has increased as well as students are now taking classes with Solar Energy International and through the Options Program. The last regular season football game is at home this Friday against Cedaredge. The Junior Varsity football team completed their season undefeated. Volleyball Pink for breast cancer awareness raised over ten thousand (\$10,000.00) in donations for Hope West. The softball team qualified for State. The high school will be hosting a Veteran's Day lunch for veterans who wish to attend on November 8, 2015.

Announcements

None

Visitors

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Consideration to Approve Kristin Chesnik Civil Suit Agreement

Town Attorney Marek provided copies of the Chesnik Civil Suit proposed agreement and gave a brief summation of the civil suit process and mediation. Attorney Marek recommended the Board to approve the Stipulation for Entry of Judgement, known as the civil agreement, as presented.

Trustee Stewart read a prepared statement giving a history of the criminal and civil suits as well as an overview of the deposition findings. Trustee Stewart also recommends the Board approve the proposed

civil suit agreement, noting the agreement does not limit the Town's ability to pursue assets from Ms. Chesnik in the future.

Motion by Trustee Stewart, Supported by Trustee King to approve the stipulation for entry of judgement regarding the Kristin Chesnik Civil Suit. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Consideration of Candidates for Town Boards and Commissions

Town Manager Berry noted that three (3) applications from Barbara Heck, Alexis Halbert, and Craig Bliss have been received expressing interest in filling the vacant Town Board seats. Ms. Heck provided some personal history and other boards served on in the past.

Discussion ensued in support of Ms. Heck as well as the limitations of ex-officio membership from community members who live outside Town limits.

Consideration to Appoint Member(s) to the Planning Commission

Motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee King to appoint Barbara Heck to the Planning Commission. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Consideration to Appoint Member(s) to the Zoning Board of Adjustment

Motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Goold to table discussion until the next regular Board meeting. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Consideration to Approve Town Employee Health Plan for 2016

The existing health plan for 2015 no longer complies with the Affordable Care Act requirements. Several proposals were solicited, with the best option being presented. The proposed plan closely resembles the existing coverages, but increases the deductible. Two (2) Town/Employee contribution options were presented.

Trustee Goold exited at 7:40pm.

Returned at 7:42pm

Discussion ensued regarding the 80/20 or 75/25 contribution options.

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Stewart to adopt Rocky Mountain Range Health Plan with an 80/20 Town/Employee contribution split for 2016. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Consideration to Approve Western Slope Conservation Center (WSSC) Grant Application Letter of Support

Motion by Trustee Goold, Supported by Trustee Watson to approve the WSSC Letter of Support. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Regular Business

Mayor's Report: Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) has announced the Great Outdoors Inspires initiative. Approximately \$75,000.00 in planning grant funds have been awarded to the diverse group for Delta County and Olathe youth. These will help promote and expand outdoors activities for youth.

Town Manager Report: Town Manager Jane Berry reported:

1. Two employee meetings are scheduled for next week.
2. The furnace and hot water heaters are being repaired in Town Hall.
3. The home located on Highway 133 is scheduled for winterization.
4. Approval was granted by the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (WPA) to amend the current 2MG project description to include upgrades to the current distribution system.
5. The Town is now registered in the Colorado Warn program, which can provide neighboring community support in emergencies.

Public Works Department Report: Public Works Director Travis Loberg was not present: Town Manager Berry present:

1. The PNCI concrete floor installation is making good progress.
2. Planning for the 1MG storage tank and facility to be back online by the end of December.
3. The 2MG facility upgrade is ahead of schedule.
4. Multiple waterline breaks are still occurring on out-of-town lines.

Town Manager Berry added that until infrastructure can be updated breaks will continue to be an issue. Town Manager Berry suggests people invest in some type of emergency supply of water.

Discussion ensued regarding water pressure, changes in the 2MG upgrade project, and use of the excess funds toward infrastructure repairs.

Police Department Report: Investigator Neil Ferguson:

1. Officer Patterson has completed her FTO.
2. Attended a Police Liability Seminar. Good experience directed at goal setting. It is the desire of Investigator Ferguson that the Paonia Police Department be visible, available, and community driven.
3. The police department will be hosting a CIRSA led four (4) hour driving class in November. Other departments plan to participate.

Trustee Stewart added he has heard good reports regarding officer involvement and visibility.

Committee/Meeting Reports:

- Finance and Personnel: Nothing to Report.
- Public Works: The Spiegel Agreement will be completed once the schedule portion is finalized. An approved rebar installation addition change order in an amount less than \$1,000.00 will be on the next agenda.
- Governmental Affairs: Nothing to Report.
- Services & Recreation: Met earlier today to discuss multiple items.
- Facilities & Development: The Devaney and Crousen properties will be appraised in preparation for the sale of the properties.
- Public Safety: Nothing to Report. Also has heard only good reports regarding the police department.

Minutes:

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Bradford to approve the Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2015. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Disbursements:

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Bradford to authorize the disbursements through the period of October 27, 2015 as reviewed by the Finance Committee with the Town's Finance Officer. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Schwieterman at 8:50pm

J. Corinne Ferguson

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J. Corinne Ferguson, Deputy Town Clerk

Neal Schwieterman, Mayor

*amended agenda item