

Minutes
Town Board Special Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
November 10, 2015

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of Trustees held Tuesday, November 10, 2015 was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Neal Schwieterman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were as follows:

Mayor Neal Schwieterman
Trustee David Bradford
Trustee Eric Goold
Trustee Ross King
Trustee Amber Kleinman
Trustee Charles Stewart
Trustee Suzanne Watson entered the meeting at 6:06PM

Town Staff present were as follows: Town Manager Jane Berry, Finance Officer Cindy Jones, Deputy Town Clerk Corinne Ferguson, and Travis Loberg, Public Works Director.

A quorum was present and Mayor Schwieterman proceeded with the meeting.

The purpose of the Special Town Board Meeting was to discuss the Town of Paonia proposed Water, Sewer, and Garbage ordinance updates and to provide the Town Manager with direction as to revisions to the proposed ordinances.

Trustee King recapped the November 5, 2015 Special Meeting specifically the public input and comments, the Town to conduct a Rate Study in early 2016, and also his awareness the Staff is conducting an internal audit of the water and sewer utility accounts. Trustee King also expressed his appreciation to Town Manager Berry for taking the initiative based upon last week's public comments to provide the Town Board with revisions to the water ordinance.

Town Manager Jane Berry has provided the Town Board with a revised version of the proposed Water Ordinance. The revision provides for a \$6.00 per month base charge (fixed charge) increase for all classes of water customers whether in-Town or out-of-Town. The volume consumption charges have also been recommended to be the same as well for all classes of water customers.

Members of the Town Board discussed the proposed Water Ordinance revisions and posed several questions regarding the same to the Town Manager. Trustee Watson expressed concerns over the emergency method of adoption being considered for the ordinance amendments. Trustee Watson suggested consideration in the rate structures for low-income residents.

Trustee Stewart supported comments by Trustee King as to the Town Board's necessity to proceed with adopting a revised rate structure as it pertains to the 2016 Town Budget, therefore the necessity to provide the Town Manager with direction from the Town Board.

Trustee Bradford conducted an analysis and comparison of other municipally owned Water and Sewer utilities in the North Fork Valley/Delta County which was provided the Town Board.

Trustee Kleinman suggested less than double digit increases to reduce pushback especially from water customers.

Town Manager Berry provided the Town Board with copies of a letter from local Real Estate Broker Mike Jackson concerning water issues.

No actions and or decisions were taken by the Town Board.

Mayor Schwieterman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

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Jane A. Berry, Town Manager/Town Clerk

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Neal Schwieterman, Mayor