

**Minutes**  
**Town Board Regular Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**November 24, 2015**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Trustees held Tuesday, November 24, 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 Amber Kleinman  
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  
Public Works Director Travis Loberg

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Announcements**

Blue leaf bags are available at Town Hall.

**Public Hearing: 2016 Proposed Town of Paonia Budget**

Bill Brunner – 219 Orchard Avenue – questioned the Town meter replacement schedule and the proposed capital outlay costs regarding meter purchases. Town Manager Berry explained that the capital outlay funds are budgeted for other items as well, including fire hydrants.

Patricia Walsh-Oenick – 41918 O Road – questioned the decision to decrease Public Works staffing levels and use outside contractors. Town Manager Berry stated the Town has always used outside contractors when needed and the Public Works department is in need of more licensed water operators and less laborers.

The Public Hearing ended at 7:33pm.

**Visitors**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Consideration to Approve 2016 Parks and Maintenance Contract**

Mikel Altenhofen was present. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommend extending the existing parks maintenance contract with Mikel Altenhofen. The proposed contract reflects no modifications other than the dates. The contract was reviewed by Town attorney Marek.

Motion by Trustee Bradford, Supported by Trustee Stewart to approve the 2016 Parks Maintenance Contract with Mikel Altenhofen. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

#### 2016 Town of Paonia Proposed Budget - Discussion

Water: Discussion ensued regarding the proposed monetary and verbiage changes in Water Ordinance 2014-05. Majority direction given to Town Manager Berry to address the rate increases only at this time. Rates will be re-evaluated following a rate study in 2016. Work sessions to be scheduled over the next month regarding proposed verbiage changes and set as an agenda item for the Board meeting scheduled on January 12, 2016.

Sewer: Discussion ensued regarding out-of-town sewer connections. Majority direction given to Town Manager Berry to proceed with suggested changes.

Garbage: Discussion ensued regarding garbage services, costs to update collection truck and garbage totes. Majority direction given to Town Manager Berry to proceed with suggested changes.

#### Regular Business

Mayor's Report: Mayor Neal Schwieterman reported:

1. The Supplemental draft Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is available for review regarding the reinstatement of the North Fork Coal Mining Area exception of the Colorado Roadless Rule. Board consensus given in support of the Preferred Alternative as listed in the SEIS.
- Liane Mattson, Katya Schwieterman, Corinne Ferguson and children volunteered to be the annual Christmas light judges.
- A joint Town/County low cost safety improvement plan for the school crossing at the 5<sup>th</sup> and Grand Avenue intersection is underway.

Town Manager Report: Town Manager Jane Berry reported:

1. A holiday tree lighting event is scheduled for Poulos Park on December 4, 2015 at 7pm.
2. The new contract for the flow-gauge station will be on the next agenda.
3. The Town auction is tentatively scheduled for December 19, 2015.
4. Finance Officer Cindy Jones and Deputy Clerk Corinne Ferguson attended the Clerks and CGFOA Conference November 16, 2015 to November 20, 2015.

Trustee Stewart exited the meeting at 8:17pm.

Trustee Stewart returned at 8:19pm.

Public Works Department Report: Public Works Director Travis Loberg reported:

1. The concrete pour at the 1MG storage tank is complete.
2. The 2MG project is progressing well.
3. Staff continues to patch potholes throughout Town.

Police Department Report: Investigator Neil Ferguson:

1. Estimates for a repair to a damaged patrol truck have been requested.
2. Hays Drug owners sent thanks for Town/Police Department assistance regarding the burglary case.
3. The Police Department has registered in the 1033 Governmental Program where the Town can request surplus items from the military free of charge.
4. The first POST reimbursement request for police training was approved.
5. The Defensive Driving course led by CIRSA was successful. The Hotchkiss Marshal's Officers participated as well.

Committee/Meeting Reports:

- Finance and Personnel: Nothing additional to report.
- Public Works: The committee met with Special Counsel Aaron Clay regarding the Beaver Dam Ditch water rights. Attorney Clay leads a water rights class each spring at the Delta-Montrose Vo-Tech in Delta should anyone want to attend.
- Governmental Affairs: The committee continues to look forward to a viable proposal regarding the broadband project. The Town needs to begin obtaining current agreements with water companies.

- Services & Recreation: The Town Parks were toured with several areas noted for improvement in the near future. Discussion continues regarding Derek Holt's Eagle Project.
- Facilities & Development: Nothing to report.
- Public Safety: Nothing to report.

Minutes:

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Goold to approve the Town Board Special Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2015. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Kleinman to approve the Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes for November 10 2015 as amended. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Goold to approve the Town Board Special Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2015. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Goold to approve the Town Board Special Meeting Minutes for November 17, 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 8:45pm

*J. Corinne Ferguson*

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J. Corinne Ferguson, Deputy Town Clerk

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Neal Schwieterman, Mayor