

**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**January 10, 2012**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, January 10, 2012 was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Neal Schwieterman, Trustees Corinne Ferguson, Sid Lewis, Blake Kinser, Lucien Pevec, and David Weber; Scott Leon; Travis Loberg; Attorney James Briscoe; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson. Trustee Brian Ayers was absent.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Weber moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Kinser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements**

- Mayor Schwieterman noted the FORE Alliance wanted to recognize citizens who have helped their community with regards to energy efficiency. Mayor Schwieterman noted Trustee Pevec has been nominated for recognition for his efforts in obtaining the solar system for Town Hall.
- Every year the Paonia Elementary students go to the Town Park to rake leaves. Mayor Schwieterman awarded the Paonia Elementary School a certificate of appreciation for The Great Rake of 2011.
- Mayor Schwieterman awarded the Paonia Elementary School the Amazing School Award for excellent performance as the school has been ranked in the top 2% of the state and has received the Colorado Governor's Distinguished Improvement award two (2) consecutive years.

**Paonia High School (PHS) Update**

Anthony Roeber was present. The Student Council representative announced the following:

- Students had a canned food drive for the American Legion food pantry.
- School has installed new carpeting.
- Girls basketball team has only lost one game. The wrestlers took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Warrior tournament and 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Montrose Invitational. All of the boys basketball games have been very close and the sports teams continue to recognize alumni at the home events.
- Winterfest is scheduled for the week of February 4, 2012.
- Prom is scheduled in March.

**Visitors**

- None

**Unfinished Business**

- None

**New Business**

**Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Proposed Lease Parcels – Comment Letter**

A partial draft was submitted just before the meeting. Trustee Weber noted there was a work session on Friday. Parcel 6211 is the only one likely to have gas and is close to a current gas production area, therefore the town should not object to that parcel. After discussion regarding geology, Trustee Weber moved to table this item to the next meeting. Trustee Lewis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2012-01 – Set Posting Place**

Mayor Schwieterman read for visitor benefit designating Town Hall as the official posting place. Trustee Pevec moved to adopt Resolution 2012-01 as presented. Trustee Kinser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2012-02 - Election

Mayor Schwieterman read for visitor benefit allowing the clerk to coordinate the regularly scheduled municipal election with Delta County as a mail ballot election. Trustee Pevec moved to adopt Resolution 2012-02 as presented. Trustee Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Christmas Light Judging - Results

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Mary Jane Poulos - 130 Orchard Avenue; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Lester Page - 115 Meadowbrook Court; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Janelle Hollowman - 218 Onarga Avenue; and Kids Choice - Sharon Baltizar-Brakeem - 422 Main Avenue.

**Additional Business**

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schwieterman reported the front office is currently working with less staff and to please be patient with requests. The Town Auditor has extended the projection of completion for at least another week. Mayor Schwieterman appointed himself to represent the Town at the Delta County Housing Task Force meetings. Delta-Montrose Electric Association, in conjunction with FORE Alliance has BEAT applications available for businesses to obtain energy assessments for low cost in efforts to reduce business overheads. The Riverbank Neighborhood boundary adjustment is still under review as there has not been time to work on it. Tomorrow night is the Bear Ranch land swap public hearing. It is a special meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. here at Town Hall. This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for both proponents and opponents to make a presentation and allow for public comment. There will not be any action taken at the special meeting on the issue.

Public Works: Public Works Director Loberg reported the snow plow has needed repairs, there are a few pending water leaks and the storm sewer issue is nearly resolved. The warranty work at the new water treatment plant should be finished tomorrow.

Police Report: Chief Leon submitted written reports. Chief Leon has been speaking with Principal Palmer regarding juvenile diversion programs at the school.

Finance Committee Report: Trustee Pevec reported there was a meeting regarding investment opportunities for municipalities. Fees are built into the commission on financial returns. A review of the Town's financial situation will determine short and long term investments.

Parks Committee Report: Trustee Lewis had nothing to report. Trustee Pevec was assured by Public Works that the sod for the gazebo is on the spring agenda.

Public Safety Committee Report: Trustee Kinser had nothing to report.

Street Committee Report: Trustee Ferguson had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer Committee Report: Trustee Ferguson noted that on September 27, 2011, the Town approved \$3,500.00 as part of cost sharing with Bone Mesa for work at the Mays Spring. The amount was just shy of what was needed and Trustee Ferguson moved to approve an additional \$5.20. Trustee Weber seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Work sessions regarding the water ordinance started tonight.

Personnel Committee Report: Trustee Kinser had nothing to report. Trustee Weber moved to go into executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). Trustee Kinser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:59 p.m. Meeting recessed.

8:29 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Participants in the executive session included Mayor Schwieterman, Attorney Briscoe, Trustees Lewis, Kinser, Pevec, Weber and Ferguson. No concerns were noted.

Minutes:

Corrections noted. Trustee Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2011 as amended. Trustee Kinser seconded and the motion passed with an abstention from Trustee Lewis.

Disbursements:

Trustee Pevec moved to pay the bills ending January 10, 2012. Trustee Ferguson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor, Neal Schwieterman

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Town Clerk, Barbara J. Peterson