

**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**April 9, 2013**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, April 9, 2013 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Pro-Tem Corinne Ferguson, Trustees Brian Ayers, Ross King, Amber Kleinman and Larry Wissbeck; Public Works Director Travis Loberg; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson. Mayor Neal Schwieterman and Trustee Eric Goold were absent.

Mayor Pro-tem Ferguson determined a quorum was present and proceeded with the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Kleinman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee King seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Paonia High School (PHS)**

Mandy Bushta and Ty Coats reported the Spring play is tonight and tomorrow with Spring break next week. PHS hosted a writer's workshop today where authors came, spoke and provided different activities for students. Track, tennis and baseball seasons have started. The Rangely fundraiser game raised \$1500. ACT's will be held on April 26, 2013 for Juniors. Students are starting a seatbelt safety awareness program.

**Announcements**

- None

**Visitors**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**People's Emergency Action Team - Update**

Kalvin Evans was present. Mr. Evans apologized for not showing up earlier and thanked the Board for their patience. PEAT was formed in response to a roundtable discussion on how to support emergency service personnel. Mr. Evans indicated this is a group of people with a background in emergency preparedness who are attempting to provide a list of resources for emergency personnel in case of an emergency. This information is to augment existing plans at the Town and County. The group is not asking for funding at this time and is operating under the Fire Corp umbrella.

**Western Slope Conservation Center (WSCC) – Proposed Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
North Fork Valley (NFV) Alternative**

Sarah Sauter, WSCC, and Jim Ramey from Citizens for a Healthy Community (CHC), were present. A group of stakeholders have been working on this alternative for more than a year. WSCC and CHC have collected over 500 signatures in support of the proposed plan and will be submitted to the BLM as part of the public comment period of the BLM's draft Resource Management Plan (RMP), which is slated for Spring 2013. WSCC and CHC are requesting a letter of support from the Board. The proposed alternative is a resource based plan that identifies what is of value in the NFV and strives to protect those values using management zones. The management zones use the same methodology as the BLM uses in the RMP. The alternative only covers the NFV, not the entire BLM field office management area. Steve Gulick read a letter of support on behalf of Creek Vista Homeowners Association. Because the BLM RMP will be available for public comment shortly, and because the methodology is the same, there is a very good chance the BLM will give the alternative plan appropriate consideration. Trustee Kleinman moved to approve and sign the letter of support as presented. Trustee Wissbeck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Additional Business**

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Schwieterman was not available to report.

**Public Works:** Public Works Director Loberg reported Spring clean-up days have been scheduled for May 13 through May 17, and again on June 17 through June 21, 2013. This was not coordinated with Delta County's free trash day because the County has not determined what day will be free trash day. Public Works is attempting to control the dust on Third Street by watering down the dirt. Director Loberg is working on an estimate for paving costs on Third Street.

**Police Report:** Chief Leon submitted a written report. The department has joined in the seatbelt coalition. Current observations noted younger drivers are wearing more seatbelts than older adults.

**Finance Report:** Trustee Wissbeck reported the auditor has been in the office once and will be back next week to complete field work.

**Parks Report:** Trustee Kleinman reported meeting with the Teen Center Committee regarding the BMW Rally. The Rally Master is making requests the Teen Center Committee are not comfortable accepting. The Committee has requested that the Town write a letter to help facilitate the conversation. Ms. Rene Atchley noted that she has been involved with the rally for the past 16 years and had taken over when Ellen Smith passed away. The Rally Master had contacted Ms. Atchley a few months ago and is proposing a strictly business proposal, not believing that the volunteers actually perform much of the work necessary to make the rally happen. The Beemers are asking to bring in outside catering, thusly removing as aspect for youth groups fundraising. The BMW club has provided donations in the past, with the monies being earmarked for specific projects. The American Legion has indicated they will not be providing the beer garden this year. After discussion, the Board recommended that the Parks Committee sign the letter to continue the conversation. Clerk Peterson reported the tennis courts renovation will take approximately eight (8) to ten (10) weeks to complete. During concrete pouring, Apple Valley Park will be closed completely for a couple of days.

**Public Safety Report:** Trustees Ayers had nothing to report.

**Street Report:** Trustee King requested an estimate on the Third Street repairs. Cindy Jones, Finance Officer, indicated final costs will not be available until the bills are paid. Director Loberg noted there are two more connections to be completed. Trustee Ferguson received notice from the street lighting analysis vendor. A local resource to open CAD files will be utilized as the Town does not have that capability.

**Water/Sewer Report:** Trustee King reported attending the pre-application meeting with the Colorado Water Resource and Power Development Authority regarding funding for the two-million gallon (2MG) water treatment facility. The Town will be requesting for 5.4 million dollars through principal forgiveness, low-interest loan and a leveraged loan, including matching \$500,000 pledged from the Town. The project may require phasing. This is the last year Paonia will be eligible for "disadvantaged community" status and is desirable to capitalize on that status.

**Personnel Report:** Trustee Wissbeck reported negotiations continue regarding the hiring of a Town Manager. Trustees Gould and Ferguson plan to submit a proposal upon the Mayor's return. Department Heads are serving without contracts and the new Town Manager will negotiate those contracts. The Town currently contributes to employee retirement funds. The Committee has been reviewing other proposals in addition to Dreyfus. It was noted the fund is currently out of compliance and fines may be assessed. Trustee Wissbeck moved to adopt Mutual of Omaha as the retirement fund provider. Trustee Kleinman seconded. During discussion Trustee Ayers requested more time to do research. Trustee Kleinman moved to amend the motion to table this item pending further information. Trustee King seconded. The amended motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously. The main motion was brought to a vote and failed due to a tie. Trustees Wissbeck and Kleinman voted "aye" and Trustees Ayers and King voted "nay".

### **Minutes:**

Corrections noted. Trustee Wissbeck moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2013 as amended. Trustee King seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Wissbeck moved to approve the minutes of March 29, 2013 as presented. Trustee King seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Wissbeck moved to pay the bills ending April 9, 2013. Trustee Ayers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Town Clerk, Barbara Peterson

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Mayor, Neal Schwieterman