

Town Council Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
April 10, 2012

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, April 10, 2012 was called to order at 7:11 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Neal Schwieterman, Trustees Corinne Ferguson, Lucien Pevec, and Blake Kinser; Scott Leon, Travis Loberg; Attorney James Briscoe; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson. Trustees Brian Ayers, David Weber and Sid Lewis were absent.

Mayor Schwieterman determined a quorum was not present and noted that no action will be taken on agenda items for this Council.

Additional Business

Personnel Committee Report: Trustee Kinser reported the cleaning contract formalizing the service has been reviewed by staff. An amount of \$650.00 per month was agreed upon. Trustee Kinser recommended that the contract be formally adopted by the new Council.

Ordinance 2012-03 – Water Rates

Trustee Ferguson noted this draft version does not include comments that were submitted today. Trustee Kinser had no additional comments.

Mayor Schwieterman gave Trustees Kinser and Pevec Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the community along with gift certificates in the amount of \$25 each for Homestead Market.

Council – Oaths

Clerk Peterson swore in Mayor Neal Schwieterman and Trustees Eric Goold, Amber Kleinman, and Larry Wissbeck. Newly elected Trustee Ross King will be sworn in upon return to Town.

Roll Call

Those present were Mayor Neal Schwieterman, Trustees Corinne Ferguson, Amber Kleinman, Eric Goold, and Larry Wissbeck; Scott Leon, Travis Loberg; Attorney James Briscoe; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson. Trustees Brian Ayers and Ross King were absent.

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

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Schwieterman suggested that minutes of January 26, 2012 be stricken from the agenda and the minutes from March 13, 2012 be changed to March 27, 2012. Trustee Ferguson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Wissbeck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- None

Visitors

- None

Paonia High School (PHS) Update

- No one was present.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2012-03 – Water Rates

Trustee Ferguson has been leading the discussions and noted a new draft will be available for the next meeting. Trustee Ferguson moved to table this until the next meeting. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Business

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schwieterman reported the Western Slope Conservation Center has been working on the river park and is nearing completion of the handicap accessible viewing platform. Mayor Schwieterman provided a brief history of the river park and noted it is the intent to eventually turn the park over to the town. Invasive plant species are slated to be addressed this year along the river corridor. Delta County has a recycling facility at the transfer station located between Hotchkiss and Paonia. Double J Disposal is also going to start a pilot recycling program on their property and is assisting with recycling for Cherry Days. Double J may be able to offer curbside recycling as early as this summer. The new service will trigger discussions regarding trash service at budget time. Mayor Schwieterman met with staffers from Senators Udall and Bennett. The staffers assured that concerns regarding the oil and gas leases are being reviewed by the Senators and they were on a site visit to better understand the valley and the impacts the industry may have on the area. Mayor Schwieterman announced the Kids Vote Abstract, noting the Town is trying to keep our children civically active. Mayor Schwieterman spoke with Ellen Smith at the Teen Center regarding hunters being able to fill water jugs. Ms. Smith indicated that service is available along with showers at the Teen Center. The Delta County Economic Development (DCED) annual meeting is being held on April 12, 2012 if any Trustees are available to attend. Attorney Briscoe has been working on the proposed sale of land from Josie West. Attorney Briscoe noted the discussion is about purchasing a portion of three (3) lots in the alley behind Town Hall. Attorney Briscoe met with Wilmore and Company regarding the boundary lines. A realtor's market value opinion was estimated at \$18,000. Ms. West was hoping to sell the parcel for \$30,000 and is not interested in selling it at \$18,000. The proposed sale was withdrawn. Mayor Schwieterman noted the Clerk will be looking into setting up Town e-mail accounts for Trustees and will report back to Council. The Building Official, Chad Gartman, was residential certified last week. The Town of Hotchkiss had advertised for a certified Building Official, was unsuccessful, and has requested to share Paonia's Building Official. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been proposed. Trustee Wissbeck moved to accept the MOU as presented. Trustee Goold seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Schwieterman appointed Trustee Ferguson as Mayor Pro-Tem. The Delta County Housing Authority has requested a letter of support for the residential rehab program. The Town annually designates \$250 each for up to three (3) units. Trustee Goold moved to send the letter of support. Trustee Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Works: Public Works Director Loberg reported street cleaning has begun. The grading of the alleys is nearly complete. There are three (3) pending leaks to be repaired this week.

Police Report: Chief Leon welcomed the new Council members. Chief Leon reported hosting an Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) bank training with the local banks that went very well. Driving under the influence (DUI) training is in progress for the officers, and should be completed by the end of May.

Finance Committee Report: No one was available to report.

Parks Committee Report: No one was available to report.

Public Safety Committee Report: No one was available to report.

Street Committee Report: Trustee Ferguson reported TerraVision, who is doing an energy audit for the Town, has also agreed to review the streetlights in order to get the street light survey completed.

Water/Sewer Committee Report: Trustee Ferguson reported continuing work on the proposed water ordinance.

Minutes:

Corrections submitted. Trustee Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of March 27, 2012 as amended. Trustee Wissbeck seconded and the motion passed with Trustees Kleinman, Goold and Wissbeck abstaining.

Disbursements:

Mayor Schwieterman reviewed the bills. Trustee Ferguson moved to pay the bills ending April 10, 2012. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

American Legion – Special Event Liquor License

Larry Ertenberg was present. The American Legion is requesting permission to use the park and have a special event liquor license at the BMW Rally held on July 12 through July 15, 2012. Chief Leon indicated no problems. It was noted the Beemers have been very generous to non-profit agencies. After brief discussion, Trustee Wissbeck moved to approve the request as presented. Trustee Goold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Paradise Theatre – Liquor License Renewal

No one on behalf of the Paradise Theatre was present. Chief Leon indicated no problems. A question regarding alcohol and children shows arose. Attorney Briscoe noted the application needs a lease extension. Trustee Ferguson moved to table this item until the next meeting. Trustee Wissbeck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mayor Schwieterman read for visitor benefit designating April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Proclamation – Paonia Eagle Wrestling Day

Mayor Schwieterman read for visitor benefit proclaiming April 19, 2012 as Paonia Eagle Wrestling Appreciation Day.

Proclamation – Arbor Day

Mayor Schwieterman read for visitor benefit proclaiming April 20, 2012 as Arbor Day.

8:13 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor, Neal Schwieterman

Town Clerk, Barbara J. Peterson