

**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**June 12, 2012**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, June 12, 2012 was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Neal Schwieterman, Trustees Corinne Ferguson, Brian Ayers, Ross King, Eric Goold, Amber Kleinman, and Larry Wissbeck; Travis Loberg; Attorney James Briscoe; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Announcements**

- Penny Sutton of The Little Friends School wrote a letter of appreciation and thanking Parks Maintenance contractor, Mikel Altenhofen.

**Visitors**

- None

**Paonia High School (PHS) Update**

- No one was present.

**Unfinished Business**

- None

**New Business**

**American Legion – Special Event Liquor License Amendment**

Larry Ertenberg was present. The original special event liquor license request was approved for July 12-15, 2012. The American Legion is requesting to change the dates to July 11-14, 2012 to coincide with the BMW Rally due to a clerical error. The times on the application shall remain the same.

7:04 p.m. Trustee Ayers arrived.

Trustee King moved to approve the change in dates as requested. Trustee Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**KVNF/Pickin' in the Park – Free Summer Concert Series Park Request**

Rob Miller was present. Pickin' in the Park is requesting the use of the Town Park for every Thursday in August for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual free summer concert series. KVNF will be the sponsoring non-profit agency for the sale of local beer and wine. After discussion regarding the popularity of the events, Trustee King moved to approve the park request as presented. Trustee Kleinman seconded. During discussion it was noted that any electrical requests needed to be coordinated with the Public Works Director. Motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

**KVNF/Pickin' in the Park – Free Summer Concert Series Special Event Liquor License Request**

Trustee Kleinman moved to approve the special event liquor license request as presented. Trustee Goold seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Mountain Harvest Festival – Park Request**

Margot Richardson was present. Ms. Richardson noted the Mountain Harvest Festival (MHF) is requesting a Saturday night street closure on the 200 block of Grand Avenue for the hours between 6:00 p.m. and Midnight to allow people to walk between music venues without having to worry about traffic. MHF is also requesting to utilize the Town Park for the festival for four (4) days starting

### Mountain Harvest Festival – Park Request continued

Thursday, September 28 and continuing to September 30, 2012, a special event liquor license for the same time period and permission to use the Community Center for a music venue and to be able to have a percussion parade that starts on Grand Avenue proceeding to Fourth Street, and then ending up at the Town Park. MHF is also requesting the fees be waived for the street closure, community center and the park deposit. It was noted that a football game will be held the same weekend at the park. MHF agreed to stop serving alcohol at 6:00 p.m. the same night as the football game to minimize impacts and alleviate concerns regarding students and alcohol. After discussion, Trustee Kleinman moved to allow the street closure request as presented for September 29, 2012. Trustee Ayers seconded and the motion passed unanimously. MHF amended the park request to exclude Thursday and start on Friday. Trustee Goold moved to approve the park request as amended. Trustee Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Mountain Harvest Festival – Special Event Liquor License Request

MHV amended the hours on the special event liquor license application. Trustee Wissbeck moved to approve the MHF special event liquor license request as amended. Trustee King seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee King moved to allow the waiver of Town fees for the street closures, the park deposit and the Community Center room rental in the amount of \$175.00. Trustee Wissbeck seconded and the motion passed with Trustee Goold voting “nay”.

### Proclamation – Poppy Weeks

Mayor Schwieterman read for visitor benefit proclaiming May 25 through May 31, 2012 as Poppy Week.

### Proclamation – Ellen (Hansen) Smith Center

Mayor Schwieterman read for visitor benefit to proclaim renaming the Teen Center the Ellen (Hansen) Smith Center.

### Paonia Public Library – Landscaping Request

Mayor Schwieterman provided background on the land and what lots the Town owns as well as the stipulation in the license agreement with the library regarding no permanent structures on said lots. Annette Choszczyk and Steve Wasilkowich were present. The Paonia Public Library is requesting permission to add a 13'x22' wooden shade structure that would rest on concrete piers. The Paonia Rotary Club is designing and building the structure at no cost to the library. Misty Mountain will reconstruct the irrigation to accommodate the new structure. Mr. Wasilkowich has had conversations with the Building Official regarding applicable building code requirements. Oxbow has donated the funds for seating. After discussion, Trustee King moved to grant an exception to the Paonia Public Library license agreement to allow the proposed shade structure. Trustee Ayers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### North Fork Valley Heart and Soul - Update

Alexis Halbert provided the Board with activities the project is participating in order to obtain information, as well as how the Orton Foundation provides funding to small, rural communities. The values of the communities of Paonia, Hotchkiss, and Crawford are very important and the collaboration between the three (3) communities is starting to bring existing resources together. Ms. Halbert noted the project is in its second phase, starting six (6) months of events and compiling social, natural and infrastructure mapping valley wide. The information gathered will specifically help Paonia in its comprehensive planning process, Hotchkiss is looking for downtown improvements and Crawford is yet to be determined. Delta County Economic Development (DCED) is the fiscal sponsoring agency for the Heart and Soul project.

### Delta County Homeless Shelter (The Abraham House)- Update

Kami Collins was present. Ms. Collins noted this past season had a significant number of guests from Paonia. The shelter had more than eight (8) times the number of nights used than the previous year. Over 7400 volunteer hours have been logged. Over the summer, sack lunches are given out every Saturday at Westminster Hall located at 135 West Fourth Street in Delta for those in need. If anyone is available to volunteer, please contact Ms. Collins. The shelter hotline number is 773-8290. The shelter is also looking for donations for a new building as well as a volunteer grant writer. There is an Art and Wine benefit on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at The Garden Center located at 1970 South Main in Delta.

### Western Slope Conservation Center (WSCC) – River Park Update

Sarah Sauter, WSCC Director and Willy Kistler of the Minnesota Ditch and Reservoir Company were present. WSCC is trying to accomplish a project to restore the river to two (2) channels. Mr. Kistler explained that the Minnesota Ditch was awarded grant monies from the Bureau of Reclamation and part of the contract is to mitigate habitat loss. The Minnesota Ditch is looking to partner with WSCC to utilize those funds in the amount of \$166,000 in the North Fork River. At some point, it is expected

Western Slope Conservation Center (WSSC) – River Park Update continued

that the Town will assume complete ownership of the river park and there is a stipulation of the funding that someone needs to take responsibility for the next fifty (50) years of maintaining the park. Several projects like this one and mitigating invasive plant species are dovetailing. After discussion, it was decided to have the Parks liaisons review the memorandum of understanding between Minnesota Ditch, WSSC and the Town and then send to legal for review.

**Additional Business**

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Schwieterman noted a letter from Cablevision indicating a rate surcharge increase.

Public Works: Public Works Director Loberg reported leak repairs are just about caught up. Public Works is getting the parks ready. It was noted the leaks have been dispersed and not localized in one area.

Police Report: Chief Leon had submitted a written report. The juvenile remediation program with the Paonia High School is moving forward. There has been a significant increase in call load over the last year. The Ride the Rockies went smoothly with no issues. The Police Department is adequately prepared for the special events this year.

Finance Report: Trustee Wissbeck noted the Town is still waiting for the 2010 audit. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) investigator has been here a couple of times. It should take a week or two to turn around the audit and then it is expected the 2011 audit will be completed by the end of July. Trustee Wissbeck continues to review the bills.

Parks Report: Trustee Kleinman reported the Parks liaisons are meeting this week with staff.

Public Safety Report: Trustee Ayers had nothing to report.

Street Report: Trustee King reported meeting with the petitioner regarding a property on First Street to come to Council for a decision. Trustee King thanked Public Works Director Loberg for a tour of the water and sewer facilities.

Water/Sewer Report: Trustee Ferguson reported work is expected to commence tomorrow regarding the McGavin annexation agreement.

Personnel Report: Trustee Ferguson reported receiving the first draft of the updated Personnel manual. Trustee Ayers noted an Airport meeting where a taxiway extension was discussed.

Minutes:

Corrections submitted. Trustee Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012 as amended. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Wissbeck reviewed and moved to pay the bills ending June 12, 2012. Trustee Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8:59 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor, Neal Schwieterman

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Town Clerk, Barbara J. Peterson