

Town Council Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
October 25, 2011

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, October 25, 2011 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Neal Schwieterman, Trustees Corinne Ferguson, Brian Ayers, Sid Lewis, Lucien Pevec and David Weber, Scott Leon and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson. Trustee Blake Kinser was absent.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Announcements

- The WIC (Women, Infant and Children) program will no longer be held in Paonia due to budget cuts.

Paonia High School (PHS) Update

Sarah Rushing and Jessica Altman were present. The student Council representatives announced the following:

- Junior High football and volleyball are finished for the year. The 8th grade football took 3rd in the county, and the 7th graders took 2nd in the county.
- High school girls volleyball is seeded first going into districts.
- High school football had the last regularly scheduled home game against Rangely.
- Basketball and wrestling practices start on November 11, 2011.
- The marching band nearly made it to state final competition.
- The school play production of “They Came from Somewhere” will be shown on November 21 and 22, 2011 at the Paonia High School.
- Homecoming events were a success. The 1959 State football champions were honored during half-time.
- Both boys and girls cross country qualified for state competition.
- The softball team had a good season with one player qualifying for state.
- Soccer team goes to state on Thursday.
- Kids vote results. The Junior and Senior high school voted on the Paonia ballot voting in Barry Singleton, Mike Mason and Shelly Clement for the School Board, voting down Proposition 103, the Paonia sidewalk proposal and both North Fork Mosquito Abatement issues.

Visitors

- None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2011-04 – Sewer Rates

This item was tabled pending further information.

New Business

Delta County Economic Development (DCED) – Update/Funding Request

Brad Harding and Sarah Carlquist were present. Mr. Harding provided Council with an update on projects in Delta County such as the Forest Service where seventy (70) jobs were retained as well as Delta Timber and the Vocational College. Mr. Harding noted that budget cuts have impacted DCED’s budget, necessitating board members working and only providing a director’s salary. DCED is requesting \$1,000 in support funds from Paonia.

Resolution 2011-08 – Accepting Upper Reynolds Spring Rehabilitation Project

Mayor Schwieterman read Resolution 2011-08 accepting Directed Technologies Drilling, Inc. developing a horizontal water well for the Upper Reynolds Spring Rehabilitation Project for visitor benefit. Public Works has signed off on the project. Trustee Lewis moved to adopt Resolution 2011-08 as presented. Trustee Pevec seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Business

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schwieterman reported receiving a letter from KVNF withdrawing their funding request. Ross King is still moving forward on sign recommendations in the Grand Avenue transition area, but is not ready to report anything yet. Mayor Schwieterman read a letter from Ed Marston regarding a dog issue that thanks the town for support and was pleased with courteous employees.

Public Works: Public Works Director Leon reported most of the asphalt work is complete. The pan at the corner of North Fork and Box Elder Avenues will be replaced tomorrow. Travis Loberg is finishing the Spore Spring project. The One-Million Gallon (IMG) water treatment plant parts are still on their way. The water leak by the bus barn was repaired and there are two (2) more breaks that are still pending.

Police Report: Chief Leon reported no major crimes.

Finance Committee Report: Trustee Pevec had nothing to report. Trustee Weber questioned the status of the investment policy as the interest income has dropped significantly and it has been a year since the initial policy request. Trustee Pevec noted that locating investments that yield a higher return that the Town is allowed to invest is very difficult. The auditor is sending information that may help. There are free avenues for advice including the Department of Local Affairs (DoLA), and the Colorado Municipal League (CML).

Parks Committee Report: Trustee Lewis had nothing to report. Football season has been extended and the park contractor is working on a pro-rated basis for the extra work in the fall.

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

Street Committee Report: Trustee Ferguson had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer Committee Report: Trustee Weber noted the committee will be meeting regarding modeling for water and sewer rates.

Personnel Committee Report: Trustee Weber had nothing to report.

Minutes:

Corrections noted. Trustee Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 2011 as amended. Trustee Lewis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Pevec moved to pay the bills ending October 25, 2011. Trustee Ferguson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8:53 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor, Neal Schwieterman

Town Clerk, Barbara J. Peterson