

Town Council Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
October 28, 2014

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, October 28, 2014 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Neal Schwieterman, Trustees Eric Goold, Ross King, Amber Kleinman, David Bradford, Charles Stewart and Suzanne Watson; Interim Town Manager Steve Rabe; Public Works Director Travis Loberg; Finance Officer Cindy Jones; Deputy Clerk Corinne Ferguson; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson. Chief Scott Leon and Attorney David Marek was absent.

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

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Bradford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Goold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Mayor Schwieterman thanked Trustee Stewart for running the last meeting. This is the last meeting for Interim Town Manger Rabe, who was thanked for all of his work and help in hiring the new Town Manager, Jane Berry, who starts on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Visitors

None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 2014-04 - Codification

Mayor Schwieterman noted there was a work session this evening. The Board has a draft of changes proposed, which will take some time to review. This is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year.

Colorado Roadless Rules North Fork Coal Exemption – Letter of Support

Mayor Schwieterman noted the original deadline was October 15, however, after speaking with Kathy Welt, there have been some unexpected changes and a letter of support still may have possible benefits. This issue was brought up at the Municipal Quarterly meeting by Ms. Welt regarding a recent court decision that vacated an agreement known as the North Fork Coal Exemption. When Bill Owens was Governor, Colorado wrote its own roadless rules rather than adopt the federal language, which was a nice compromise between addressing environmental concerns and the needs of the mines. The judge in this latest case vacated the Exemption. Ms. Welt is requesting a letter of support to either have the North Fork Coal Exemption reinstated, or to start the process to recreate the Exemption. Discussion regarding wording ensued. Trustee Bradford moved to send the letter of support as written. Trustee Stewart seconded. Motion was brought to a vote and passed with Trustees Goold and Kleinman voting “nay”.

North Fork Airport Advisory Board - Appointment

Mayor Schwieterman appointed Mr. Doug Long to the North Fork Airport advisory board. The position is ex-officio and does not have a vote. Discussion regarding the appointment process ensued. Information regarding the airport, such as the agreement, structure and purpose of the advisory board has been requested, but not received.

New Business

ShadeScapes – Letter of Support Request

Jo Edmundson, Shadescapes Owner, and Trish Thibodo, Delta County Economic Development, were present. Ms. Thibodo indicated that ShadeScapes is submitting a grant request to Rural Development to expand operations. ShadeScapes currently has 12 employees and are hoping to hire an additional 6 people for sales, warehouse and operations. The grant will also be used to purchase a building to be located in either Paonia or Hotchkiss. Ms. Edmondson is looking at buildings currently zoned commercial. Trustee Kleinman moved to approve the letter of support as requested. Trustees Goold and Stewart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Business

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schwieterman noted the next regularly scheduled meeting falls on a national holiday, Veterans Day, and suggested moving the meeting to Wednesday, November 12, 2014. The Board concurred to move the meeting to Wednesday with a budget work session scheduled at 5:30 pm.

The website update is moving forward and the designer would like to obtain input for the look and feel of the site. Trustees Watson and Goold volunteered to help with that project.

The Municipal Quarterly meeting rotates through the county. Next March is Paonia's turn to host and provide lunch. The budget impact is approximately \$500. Mayor Schwieterman provided more details regarding what happens at those meetings and encouraged the rest of the Board to attend.

Attorney Marek will not be available next week for a scheduled parole hearing for Ms. Chesnik. Mayor Schwieterman will be attending via telephone with information provided by Attorney Marek. Discussion regarding how little restitution has been paid to the Town ensued.

Mayor Schwieterman read a letter from Jane Berry thanking the Town.

Town Manager: Manager Rabe submitted a written report and an organizational assessment. The Streets Committee will meet next Monday at 9:30 am to discuss the sidewalk bids. Manager Rabe indicated that he has enjoyed Paonia and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

Public Works: Director Loberg reported the raw waterline is being installed with approximately 1200 feet laid to date.

Police Report: Chief Leon was not available as he was attending mandatory training.

Finance Report: Trustees Stewart and Bradford reviewed the possibility of using lines of credit while grant reimbursements come through and determined the lines of credit would not be worth the time or trouble. No action was taken.

Parks Report: Trustees Watson and Kleinman attended the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Starburst award ceremony for the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPR) completion of the tennis courts at Apple Valley Park.

Personnel Report: Trustees Goold and Kleinman had nothing to report.

Public Safety Report: Trustees Stewart and Goold had nothing to report.

Street Report: Trustee Bradford reported there is a bid opening for the sidewalk project scheduled for Friday, November 7, 2014.

Water/Sewer Report: Trustees King and Watson had nothing to report.

Minutes:

Correction noted. Trustee King moved to accept the minutes of October 14, 2014 as amended. Trustee Stewart seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Bradford moved to pay the bills through October 28, 2014 including the \$18,000 for computer services. Trustee Goold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:52 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk, Barbara Peterson

Mayor, Neal Schwieterman