

Minutes
Town Board Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
February 9, 2016

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of Trustees held Tuesday, February 9, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Stewart, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were as follows:

Trustee Charles Stewart
Trustee David Bradford
Trustee Ross King
Trustee Amber Kleinman
Trustee Eric Goold
Trustee Suzanne Watson

Mayor Neal Schwieterman was absent.

Town Staff present were as follows:

Town Manager/Town Clerk Jane Berry
Deputy Clerk Corinne Ferguson
Investigator Neil Ferguson

Public Works Director Travis Loberg was absent.

A quorum was present and Mayor Pro-Tem Stewart proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Goold to approve the agenda. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Announcements

Mesa County Sheriff Deputy Derek Geer was shot in the line of duty and passed away. Please keep Deputy Geer's family and all officers in thoughts and prayers.

Visitors

Bill Brunner– 608 Second Street – Mr. Brunner provided a handout to the Board regarding his interpretation of sections of the Land Development Regulations (LDR) requirements, specific to sidewalks, gutters, and infrastructure costs and installation.

Discussion ensued regarding the time constraints for visitors who wish to speak and the process to be placed on the agenda.

Dawn Ullrey – 42124 Lamborn Mesa Road – Ms. Ullrey provided a handout to the Board regarding the impacts of retail marijuana and an e-mail from Sheriff McKee regarding the impacts Delta County is aware of.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Consideration to Approve Water and Sewer Rate Studies by Cruz and Associates, Inc.

A proposal was provided from Cruz and Associates Inc. Trustee King stated the Board committed to the community to hire a consultant to complete a rate study for the Town water and sewer charges. To expedite the process the Public Works Committee recommends accepting the proposal from Cruz and Associates Inc. at a cost of \$4,200.00 for each study.

Board discussion ensued regarding Mr. Cruz's expertise in his field, previous involvement with the

Town while employed with the Water and Power Authority (WPA), the timeline for completion, and the extent of detail to be provided within the completed study.

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Bradford to approve the water and sewer rate study proposal provided by Cruz and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$4,200.00. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Regular Business

Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Stewart had nothing to report.

Town Manager Report: Town Manager Jane Berry reported:

1. Requested committees schedule meetings to plan for upcoming 2016 projects
2. No study session set for prior to February 23, 2016 meeting
3. The Town received notice of the Arch Coal bankruptcy filing and will discuss any Town involvement with Town Attorney Marek
4. The Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum for municipal office candidates Thursday March 10, 2016 at 7pm in the Town Hall Community Room
5. Building Official Chad Gartman submitted his resignation effective February 12, 2016

Public Works Department Report: Public Works Director Travis Loberg was absent:

Town Manager Berry reported:

1. The 2MG plant is near completion
2. Public Works Committee has a meeting scheduled with Bone Mesa Water on February 22nd
3. Snow and ice removal from gutters and roadways continue
4. Pot hole patching will resume next week

Police Department Report: Sergeant Neil Ferguson reported:

1. In conjunction with Montrose County the Paonia Police Department conducted a walk-through with a drug task force dog at the Paonia High School
2. A juvenile diversion program has been established for municipal court
3. A municipal court community service is in the planning stages
4. The Police Department can now place outstanding judgements against drivers licenses for unpaid fines
5. A decrease in parking issues has been noted since parking tickets were issued over the last few weeks

Trustee Bradford commended Sergeant Ferguson and the police department for their good work and efforts. Discussion ensued regarding school bus drop-off locations near Town Park.

Committee/Meeting Reports:

- Finance and Personnel: Nothing to report
- Public Works: Sidewalk reconstruction for 2016 is under discussion – a handout was provided for review

Executive Session

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Kleinman to convene into executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) specific to the Spiegel Industrial contract. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Goold to convene into executive session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) specific to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Town Manager grant. Motion carried with five (5) ayes and one (1) nay from Trustee Watson.

The Town Board entered into Executive Session at 8:05 PM.

The Town Board reconvened the Regular Meeting Session at 9:58 PM.

Participants in the Executive Session were Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Stewart, Trustee Bradford, Trustee King, Trustee Kleinman, and Trustee Watson, Town Manager Berry, and Town Attorney David Marek. No concerns were noted.

- Governmental Affairs: Nothing to report.
- Services & Recreation: A meeting was held February 8th. Trash service analysis, sidewalk repair options, a policy for naming Town facilities, and tree board recommendations were discussed.
- Facilities & Development: Planning to schedule a meeting with town Manager Berry to discuss a letter regarding the creation of and letter of support for a jumbo bike trail.
- Public Safety: Nothing to report

Minutes:

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Goold to approve the Town Board Regular Meeting Minutes as amended for January 26, 2016. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Goold to approve the Town Board Special Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2016. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Disbursements:

Motion by Trustee King, Supported by Trustee Bradford to authorize the disbursements through the period of February 9, 2016 as reviewed by the Finance Committee with the Town's Finance Officer. Motion carried with six (6) ayes and zero (0) nays.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Stewart at 10:14PM

J. Corinne Ferguson, Deputy Town Clerk

Charles Stewart, Mayor Pro-Tem