

Minutes
Town Board Special Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
November 17, 2015

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Special Meeting of the Town Board of Trustees held Tuesday, November 17, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Neal Schwieterman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present were as follows:

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

Town Staff present were as follows: Town Manager Jane Berry.

A quorum was present and Mayor Schwieterman proceeded with the meeting.

The purpose of the Special Town Board Meeting was to consider and discuss the Town of Paonia proposed Water, Sewer, and Garbage ordinance revisions as well as to discuss the 2016 Town of Paonia Proposed Budget.

Mayor Schwieterman requested that Town Manager Jane Berry provide an overview of the most revisions for the benefit of the public present. Berry highlighted the revisions stating the proposed Water Ordinance provides for: 1) \$6.00 per month base charge (fixed charge) increase for all classes of water customers whether in-Town or out-of-Town, and 2) the volume consumption charges have been recommended to be the same as well for all classes of water customers.

Members of the Town Board discussed the proposed Water Ordinance revisions and posed several questions regarding the same to the Town Manager.

Mayor Schwieterman raised the issue for consideration of special rates for low-income seniors and other citizens who would meet certain guidelines.

Several members of the public addressed questions and concerns to the Town Board concerning the proposed Water Ordinance revisions specifically the dominant issue being the rates structure and their opposition to proposed increases.

The Mayor and Town Board discussed the 2016 Proposed Town Budget on a “page by page” basis covering the details of the General Fund, Water Fund, and portions of the Sanitation Fund. Discussion of the 2016 Proposed Town of Paonia Budget will be continued by the Town Board at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 beginning at 5:30PM and in addition during a Public Hearing during the Regular Town Board Meeting, the same evening beginning at 7:00PM.

No actions and or decisions were taken by the Town Board.

Mayor Schwieterman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

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Jane A. Berry, Town Manager/Town Clerk

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Neal Schwieterman, Mayor