

Town Council Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
January 8, 2013

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, January 8, 2013 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, Ross King, Eric Goold, Amber Kleinman and Larry Wissbeck; Chief Scott Leon, Public Works Director Travis Loberg; 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. Trustees Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- Mayor Schwieterman noted the Town has a new microphone/sound system in place for the Town meetings.

Visitors

- None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Flying Fork Café – Liquor License Renewal

The Flying Fork Café is requesting a renewal of the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor license for the property located at 101 Third Street. Chief Leon indicated no problems. Trustee King moved to approve the renewal as presented. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mountain Harvest Festival (MHF) – Update

Sarah Bishop, President Pro-Tem; Bill Bishop, Treasurer Emeritus, and Margot Richardson, Director were present. Ms. Bishop thanked Council for all the support given to the festival. The MHF helps to fund local educational scholarships, including the Howard Berkman Fund. Ms. Richardson felt the festival was very successful with many visitors coming from all over. Farmers, ranchers, and the culturally creative participated this past year. There was a fashion show; bike, wine, farm tours and the Fido Follies incorporated canines. This festival brings the arts alive and gets people engaged. Mr. Bishop submitted a written report on how the festival contributed to the local economy. Council thanked MHF and would like to see all the festivals provide updates.

Christmas Lighting – Results

Mayor Schwieterman thanked his wife, Liane, daughter Katya and Clerk Peterson for proving the judging. The winners are as follows: First Place – 56 Cedar Drive - \$50.00; Second Place – 107 Dorris Avenue- \$25.00; Third Place – 40467 Mathews Lane - \$10.00; and Kids Choice/Honorable Mention – 510 Fifth Street.

Resolution 2013-01 – Set Posting Place

Mayor Schwieterman read for visitor benefit designating Town Hall as the official posting place. Trustee King moved to adopt Resolution 2013-01 as presented. Trustee Ferguson seconded. During discussion it was suggested that staff post it on the internet. Mayor Schwieterman noted it does get sent out to those who have signed up for e-mail notifications from the Town. Motion was brought to a voted and passed unanimously.

Additional Business

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Schwieterman reported discussion regarding further definition of Jumbo access has occurred. The glitch is that part of the land in discussion is in a conservation easement. Any agreement will come to Council before acceptance. Mayor Schwieterman will be attending a meeting at the Paonia

River Park on January 24, 2013 to review all the projects and making sure everyone is on the same page. If anyone is interested, the meeting will be held at the Western Slope Conservation Center office located at 204 Poplar Avenue. Trustees Goold and Kleinman expressed interest, so the meeting will be posted at Town Hall. The FORE Alliance dues is able to be held in abeyance. The group was formed in response to energy grants that were available through the Governor's Energy Office. This department at the state level is no longer there. Tri-State Power has changed its billing structure to Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) and has lost the ability to pursue energy savings due to the new structure at Tri-State. There will be a Delta County Economic Development (DCED) meeting on January 24, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta.

Public Works: Public Works Director Loberg reported working on freezing meters and water breaks. The eight-inch (8") line going to Lamborn Mesa is scheduled to be repaired tomorrow. The Third Street pipe is coming next week and work should commence the week after. Third Street from Grand Avenue to Niagara Avenue will be closed for three (3) days and then from Main Avenue to the library will have one (1) lane traffic for an additional three (3) days. Detour routes will be marked.

Police Report: Chief Leon noted no major crimes over the holidays. The department is enforcing snow removal on sidewalks have issued tickets for non-compliance. Chief Leon will be attending a school district meeting to begin updating the emergency response plan for the schools.

Finance Report: Trustee Wissbeck reported reviewing and making sure the bills were paid until the end of the year. Trustee Wissbeck plans to attend the Chesnik court hearing scheduled for January 16, 2013. The committee has begun the process of reviewing journal entries. Finance Officer Jones has made significant progress in getting the financials in order. Trustee Wissbeck noted it may not be cost effective to get years 2010 and before in order.

Parks Report: Trustee Goold reported the committee has made no changes on the Parks maintenance contract and request for proposal will be sent out to the media. The committee plans to regroup with the Teen Center board.

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

Street Report: Trustees King and Kleinman met with the Union Pacific Railroad representative, Kelly Abaray. Ms. Abaray will be submitting a concept paper with differing aspects of each closure and cost estimates for the Town. Chief Leon and Public Works Director Loberg were also present at the railroad meeting. Mayor Schwieterman reminded everyone that the Board of Trustees will not take any action without a public hearing to note citizen opinions. Trustee King noted receiving a petition from Delta Avenue residents supporting the Delta Avenue closure. It was noted the Public Utilities Commission is the final authority on the railroad closings.

Water/Sewer Report: Trustee King reported easements for the Lamborn Mesa project on the Minnesota Domestic Pipeline were ready.

Personnel Report: Trustee Ferguson had nothing to report.

Minutes:

Corrections noted. Trustee Wissbeck moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012 as amended. Trustee Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Wissbeck moved to pay the bills ending January 8, 2013. Trustee Ayers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee King noted the Pitkin Mesa Pipeline letter and the Paonia Chamber of Commerce Annual Report were informational items included in the packets.

7:45 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk, Barbara Peterson

Mayor, Neal Schwieterman