

**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**February 11, 2014**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, February 11, 2014 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Neal Schwieterman, Trustees Brian Ayers, Eric Goold, Ross King, Amber Kleinman and Sarah Sauter; Attorney David Marek; Chief Scott Leon; Public Works Director Travis Loberg; Finance Officer Cindy Jones; Deputy Clerk Corinne Ferguson and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Schwieterman suggested removing the minutes from the agenda, as they are not available. Trustee King moved to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Goold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements**

Candidate packets are available at Town Hall. There is a candidate informational meeting tentatively scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on March 4, 2014. Trustee Ayers noted that day would also be primary caucus day.

**Visitors**

Steve Seminer understands that the Parks Maintenance contract will be awarded tonight. Although Mr. Seminer did not submit a resume, he did offer his 25 years of expertise pro bono.

Richard Schmidt thanked the Board for providing the Third Street engineering presentation.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**Paradise Theatre – Kickstarter Campaign**

Elaine Brett informed the Board about a crowd-funding campaign for the Paradise Theatre. In eight (8) days, over \$15,000 has been raised for the digital conversion. It is wonderful to see this community come together to enjoy this facility. If people are interested, they may go to kickstarter.com and search for the Paradise Theatre. Ms. Brett noted that efforts are being made to make the Paradise Theatre community owned, and more information will be coming later. An offer has been proposed, and accepted, to purchase the building located at 215 Grand Avenue.

**Parks Maintenance – Contract Award**

Trustee Goold noted that four (4) candidates were interviewed by himself, Trustee Kleinman, Public Works Director Loberg and Clerk Peterson. The bid tally was provided in the packet. The contract is now year-round, and after all considerations, Trustee Goold moved to award the contract to Mikel Altenhofen. Trustee Kleinman seconded. During discussion, Trustee Goold noted that the football field was discussed. Trustee Goold was writing for a local paper and attended many of the football games, and not one bad comment was heard. There were many games played on that field this year due to playoffs. Trustee Goold also noted that the 4 interviewees all came in under budget, testifying to the quality of applicants. All the candidates were good and were thanked for their submittals. Motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

**Beaver Dam Ditch Water Rights – Application for Change of Use**

Mayor Schwieterman explained that the Town is attempting to change the Beaver Dam Ditch water right into a municipal water right. This change of use does not change priority, but rather the amount of priority. Changing the classification of a water right from agricultural use to municipal use lowers the amount because agricultural uses are only used part of the year, whereas municipal use is year round. This application, if approved by the Board will then be submitted to the State for final approval. Trustee King moved to approve the change of use as presented. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 2014-03 – Western Slope Conservation GOCO Grant Support**

Trustee Sauter recused herself. The Town and Western Slope Conservation Center (WSSC) jointly own the river park. WSSC has invested approximately \$750,000 to date and is again asking for a partnership with the Town. WSSC would like to submit a \$45,000 grant request to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to develop landscaping and irrigation for the river park. Public Works Director Loberg has volunteered “in-kind” time and labor on behalf of the Town. Low maintenance is a priority and WSSC is hoping to use the area as an outdoor classroom. The accompanying intergovernmental agreement and Memorandum of Understanding do not need to be approved tonight, but the documents were submitted so the Board would have a draft. Attorney Marek has reviewed the documents. Trustee King moved to approve Resolution 2014-03 as presented. Trustee Kleinman seconded. It is understood that this park will eventually become a Town park and more discussion will be coming in the next couple of years. WSSC will be providing the cash match. This grant request is for funds to improve the portion of the park that the Town owns. Motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

**Additional Business**

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Schwieterman read a letter of resignation from Trustee Wissbeck effective February 1, 2014. The timing is such that the Board does not need to appoint a replacement. Mr. Wissbeck will remain the Planning and Zoning Chairman.

The Development and Review (D&R) Committee met on February 6, 2014 to address a minor subdivision/condominium at 136 Grand Avenue. As all seemed in order, the request was approved. Richard Schmidt voiced concerns regarding parking, lack of information in the packet such as comments from the Fire Department and Building Official. Although an agreement seems to exist with the adjacent property owner, Mr. Schmidt feels this should go to Planning and Zoning to have the agreement formalized before an approval is given. Because the agreement is between the two (2) property owners, the Town considers it a civil matter. After discussion, the Board provided consensus that the D&R approval is fine.

Last Saturday, Senator Schwartz and Representative Hamner hosted a meeting at the Vo-Tec, bringing forth agencies that may be able to help regarding the recent mine layoffs. The Department of Local Affairs has potential ways to help the Town, the Small Business Development Center has potential ways to help small businesses and there are avenues for miners to obtain either re-training or other educational opportunities.

The Upper North Fork Area Planning Committee advised the Town that the current appointment expired on January 13, 2014. Clerk Peterson spoke with Larry Wissbeck who indicated a desire to continue representing the Town at those meetings. Mayor Schwieterman reappointed Larry Wissbeck to the Upper North Fork Area Planning Committee.

**Public Works:** Director Loberg reported attending a water conference in Colorado Springs. Many positive comments were heard on how the Public Works crew handled this last snowfall in Director Loberg’s absence.

**Police Report:** Chief Leon submitted a written report.

**Finance Report:** Trustee Ayers had nothing to report. Mayor Schwieterman noted that in Trustee Wissbeck’s absence, Trustee King has stepped up on the Personnel Committee and requested the continuation thereof. Because Mayor Schwieterman is already a signer on the bank accounts, he has stood in for Trustee Wissbeck on the Finance Committee.

**Parks Report:** Trustees Kleinman and Goold completed the Parks Maintenance contract interviews and reiterated the appreciation of time and effort of all the applicants.

**Public Safety Report:** Trustee Goold spoke of various concerns at the last meeting. Chief Leon has done his best to address those concerns and Trustee Goold appreciated the patience. Trustee Goold handed out thirty-six (36) surveys to local businesses and will report if there is anything to report. There is nothing secret about the survey other than it is anonymous. Mayor Schwieterman reminded Trustee Goold that the results and any information regarding the survey would need to be archived at Town Hall. The purpose was for Trustee Goold to self-educate, get specific numbers to be informed and help determine the future of the Police Department. Trustee Sauter noted that she was not privy to the survey, does not recognize, nor support that endeavor.

**Street Report:** Trustees King noted the productive meeting regarding Third Street engineering and thanked those who attended.

Water/Sewer Report: Trustees King asked if the Town had received a report on the One-Million Gallon water tank roof. Mayor Schwieterman indicated not yet.

Personnel Report: Trustee Sauter reported completing five (5) interviews for the Town Manager position. Three (3) more interviews have been scheduled. The screening committee is anticipating submitting three to five candidates for the Board to consider.

Minutes:  
Not available.

Disbursements:  
Trustee Ayers moved to pay the bills through February 11, 2014. Trustee King seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8:14 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Town Clerk, Barbara Peterson

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Mayor, Neal Schwieterman