

Town Council Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
February 26, 2013

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, February 26, 2013 was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Neal Schwieterman, Trustees Brian Ayers, Eric Goold, Amber Kleinman and Larry Wissbeck; Chief Scott Leon, and Public Works Director Travis Loberg. Trustees Corinne Ferguson and Ross King; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson were absent. *(Since Clerk Peterson was unavailable, this meeting was recorded and then typed by Clerk Peterson)*

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

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Wissbeck moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustees Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- Congratulations to Paonia High School wrestling team for winning state two (2) years in a row. Parade starts tomorrow at 2:30 pm. Announcements will be at the Elementary School.

Visitors

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Resolution 2013-04 – Creative Coalition

Karen Goode, noted the Creative Coalition is asking for a resolution in support, and to designate a representative from the Board. The Coalition needs to show community support to apply for full certification. Susie Kaldis highlighted accomplishments including being awarded a district designation with a \$2,000 cash grant, \$3,600 for professional technical assistance, published the creative directory, completed survey of creative practitioners, completed marketing plan and represented the North Fork Valley at conferences. The Coalition also hired a professional coach to help with outreach. The Coalition is considering adding a branding /marketing consultant, which they are currently in process of interviewing. Last month awarded a small steps grant of \$1,000. Upcoming in March, the Coalition has been invited by Western Community Foundation to attend listening tour on Orchard Mesa, which is a precursor to Rural Philanthropy Days. In September, the Creative Coalition will be hosting 15 other districts. Sarah Rodriguez outlined the Coalition's general message, noting the group is focused on using creative aspects in the valley, growing economic opportunities, support and build networking, and celebrate increases in the beautification of public spaces. Alexis Halbert, President of Chamber of Commerce voiced the Chamber's support of the Creative Coalition. Collaboration between the Creative Coalition and Chamber helps not only job creation, but also supports the jobs already here. Mayor Schwieterman noted that several people attended the Hotchkiss meeting. Mayor Schwieterman liked those parts of the application that included food and wine (such as cooking), as art forms. Revolution Brewery has won several awards since their opening. Ms. Halbert explained the difference between the Heart and Soul project and the Creative Coalition designation. Mayor Schwieterman read Resolution 2013-04 for visitor benefit. Discussion ensued to not have a specific person for the appointment, but to keep it general. Trustee Ayers moved to approve Resolution 2013-04 as amended. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

People Emergency Action Team - Update

No one was present.

Additional Business

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Schwieterman reported attending the Friends of Delta County Recycling meeting, noting that further discussion is necessary to keep things improving. The Thompson Divide Coalition had requested to make a presentation last year. The Coalition will be coming back with a changed format to make more inclusive for a public meeting on their proposal, possibly later in March. A thank you was received from Slow Foods Colorado for the Town's donation.

Public Works: Public Works Director Loberg noted the Third Street sewer project is progressing slower than anticipated, and will be crossing the Main intersection tomorrow. Mayor Schwieterman noted that the Town did not do the best job of notifying people, but will do better next time.

Police Report: Chief Leon reported low crime, so increased code enforcement. Working with schools on emergency response plans.

Finance Report: Trustee Wissbeck reported movement of funds in an effort to make safe, profitable investments.

Parks Report: Trustee Kleinman had nothing to report.

Public Safety Report: Trustees Ayers had nothing to report.

Street Report: Trustee Kleinman noted the meeting with the railroad engineer would happen tomorrow morning.

7:39 p.m. Trustee Goold left the meeting.

Water/Sewer Report: Trustees King and Ferguson were not available to report.

Personnel Report: Trustee Wissbeck reported discussions continue regarding the hiring of a Town Manager.

7:44 p.m. Trustee Good resumed his seat.

Minutes:

Corrections noted. Trustee Goold moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013 as amended. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Wissbeck moved to pay the bills ending February 26, 2013. Trustee Goold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:44 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk, Barbara Peterson

Mayor, Neal Schwieterman