

Town Council Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
June 11, 2013

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, June 11, 2013 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Mayor Pro-Tem Corinne Ferguson, Trustees Amber Kleinman, Brian Ayers, Eric Goold, Ross King, and Larry Wissbeck; Chief Scott Leon; Public Works Director Travis Loberg; Finance Officer Cindy Jones; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson. Mayor Neal Schwieterman was absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ferguson determined a quorum was present and proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Ferguson noted there was a request to table the Employee Retirement Plan, as the final documents are not ready, and recommended striking from the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Ferguson also suggested the Jackson – Minor Subdivision Request be tabled at the applicant’s request. Trustee King moved to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- None

Visitors

Cindy Davis, resident on Main Avenue, asked if the access of Third Street would be closed at any time during the street repair. Public Works Director Loberg reported there will be access to the side streets at all times, just via one-lane of traffic.

Doug Long, President of the Pan American Homeowners Association (HOA), questioned why the building permit for a Pan American property had not been rescinded. Clerk Peterson heard that the issue was being addressed through mediation and had heard from the property owner that it was resolved. Mr. Long indicated the posts were still in place and the property owner reneged. The HOA has not approved the fence in question.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Paradise Theatre – Liquor License Renewal Request

Regna Jones was present. The Paradise Theatre is requesting of a tavern liquor license for the property located at 215 Grand Avenue. Ms. Jones indicated the theater is for sale, but that she will be signing a six-month lease with a six-month renewal option for the interim. Amy DeLuca has been the Artistic Director and a group of community leaders “Friends of the Paradise” will act as an advisory group to help with the transition. The lease is still being negotiated and will be delivered to the Clerk’s office by Thursday. Ms. Jones has spoken with the Department of Revenue, Liquor Enforcement Division to obtain verbal approval. The current lease expires June 30, 2013. The intent is to keep the doors open while finding a buyer. Trustee King applauded the efforts and moved to approve the liquor license renewal as presented contingent upon receipt of the lease with the renewal option. Trustee Wissbeck seconded. Discussion regarding events at the theatre ensued. Motion was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Paonia Chamber of Commerce – Colorado Bicycle Tour

Frederick Zimmer, Chamber Treasurer, was present. The Chamber of Commerce is requesting use of the Town Park, located at 700 Fourth Street for a special event, including the sale of alcohol on June 25, 2013. The Colorado Bike Tour starts in Gunnison, traveling over to the Black Canyon, overnight here in Paonia and return to Gunnison via Kebler Pass. The Chamber will have vendors at the Town Park with local wine, beer, and music, providing fundraising opportunities. Chief Leon had no

comments. Discussion regarding internet availability ensued. Volunteers will be on hand to clean up the park after the event. Trustee King moved to approve the park request as presented. Trustee Ayers seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Activities will stop at 6:00 p.m. and by 7:00 p.m. people will be out of the park to direct people to scheduled music at the Library and to eat in local restaurants. Trustee Kleinman moved to approve the special event liquor license as presented. Trustee Goold seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Business

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schwieterman was not available to report.

Public Works: Public Works Director Loberg reported the Third Street repairs are going well. Concrete pouring will start this week. Because of a leak over the weekend, Trustee King asked what kind of staffing levels the Town has on weekends. Director Loberg indicated there is one (1) person on-call. If people need to call a leak in, they contact Delta Dispatch. Jason Ross, a visitor, asked if new sidewalks were going to be installed going out to the liquor store past the bridge. Director Loberg indicated not this project. Trustee Ayers noted a large pothole on Third Street where it intersects with Niagara Avenue. Director Loberg to assess and repair the pothole.

Police Report: Chief Leon reported no major crimes. Chief Leon has been working on the emergency community plan for major incidents. Chief Leon requested meeting with a committee to help address complaints regarding bands and loud music. Trustees Goold, Ayers and Kleinman all agreed to meet with Chief Leon.

Finance Report: Trustee Wissbeck reported the Finance Committee will be having a meeting with the auditor for a preview of the 2012 audit. Since Trustee Ayers is not available on Monday, Trustee King has agreed to be proxy. Council will have a full audit presentation at the meeting on June 25, 2013.

Parks Report: Trustee Kleinman had nothing to report.

Public Safety Report: Trustees Ayers had nothing to report.

Street Report: Trustee Kleinman had nothing to report.

Water/Sewer Report: Trustee King requested standard operating pressure amounts. Director Loberg indicated that it depends on where you are located. Some leaks are created by the pressurization of the lines, and some lines need more pressure in order to deliver water to houses located on hills.

Personnel Report: Trustee Wissbeck reported a full-time position is available in Public Works. Applications have been submitted and someone should be hired in a reasonable amount of time.

Minutes:

Corrections noted. Trustee King moved to accept the minutes of May 28, 2013 as amended. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Wissbeck moved to pay the bills ending June 11, 2013. Trustee Ayers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7:44 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk, Barbara Peterson

Mayor, Neal Schwieterman