

**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**September 11, 2012**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, September 11, 2012 was called to order at 7:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. 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, Attorney James Briscoe; and Town Clerk Barbara Peterson.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Schwieterman suggested adding NWCC – Letter of Support Request. Trustee Ferguson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Trustee Wissbeck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements**

- There is an airport advisory meeting tomorrow at the Delta County courthouse.
- The Transit Authority meeting will be tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at the Delta County courthouse.
- The Abraham Connection/Delta County Homeless Shelter will be training late shift volunteers on Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Delta United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

**Visitors**

- Sarah Sauter, Western Slope Conservation Center, noted the center has been awarded a three (3) year AmeriCorp Vista position dedicated to the Paonia River Park. Position entails grant writing, volunteer education and Ms. Sauter is also hoping the person hired will revive visioning and planning for the park area. The position needs to be filled by September 20, 2012. Ms. Sauter would like to hire locally, if possible.

**Unfinished Business**

**Comprehensive Plan – Red Pen Campaign**

Clerk Peterson acknowledged the concern regarding the cost of mailing a draft comprehensive plan to every in-town address. Clerk Peterson noted that in discussions with Chief Leon and Trustee Ferguson that high school students need to perform community service before they may graduate. Trustee Ferguson contacted the Paonia High School, specifically Chelsea Milner, Student Council Co-President, who indicated they would get students to volunteer to hand deliver the comprehensive plans to addresses within town limits. Clerk Peterson indicated that with that \$3,500 expense removed, she would be able to remain within budget for the comprehensive plan rollout. No action was taken.

**New Business**

**North Fork River Improvement Association/Western Slope Environmental Resource Council  
Conservation Center (NWCC) River Park – Letter of Support Request**

Sarah Sauter is requesting a letter of support for funding from the Colorado State Parks for trail building at the Paonia River Park. This is separate from the Memorandum of Understanding with Minnesota Canal and Pipeline. This reapplication for funding would only provide for trail building and design. Trustee King moved to approve the letter of support for the 2012 trail grant. Trustee Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**BMW Rally – Date Change Request**

Renee Atchley presented a request from the BMW Rally to change the dates of the rally at the Town Park from July 17-22, 2013 to July 24-29, 2013. The request does give an additional week for the park to recover between Cherry Days and the rally. Trustee Wissbeck moved to approve the date change as requested. Trustee King seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**NWCC – Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Letter of Support Request**

Sarah Sauter indicated this letter of support is being requested for a GOCO Work Crew grant. This request does not compete with any other GOCO grant submission that the Board has already supported and requires no matching funds. Trustee King moved to approve the letter of support as requested. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Additional Business**

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Schwieterman reported the town receiving the direct distribution for mineral leasing and severance tax amounting to \$6,000 more than budgeted and may receive additional funds in December. Mayor Schwieterman and Trustee Ayers attended the CML regional meeting in Ouray. CML will be opposing Amendment 64 due to similar implementation issues with medical marijuana. Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will not be able to maintain at current funding levels and warned people to expect some funding mechanism requests for 2013. One-third of the state legislature is being termed out. Information for an all day workshop in Denver was received regarding small community funding opportunities. Gunnison County shared information regarding properties that want to utilize municipal services that are not able to be annexed for a voluntary assessment as a source of municipal revenue until annexation is possible.

**Public Works:** Public Works Director Loberg reported Third Street storm sewer lining commences tomorrow. Work has started on the Apple Valley bathrooms and Elam is scheduled for September 17, 2012 to patch Third Street/Rio Grande Avenue.

**Police Report:** Chief Leon submitted a written report. Chief Leon will be helping in a school safety audit the latter part of October with Paonia High School.

**Finance Report:** Trustee Ayers and Wissbeck continue to review accounts payables and payroll. Trustee Wissbeck would like to recommend paying off the interim-financing loan to save taxpayers the \$500 a month in interest. The payoff will not result in a cash flow problem. A budget work session was scheduled for September 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission meeting.

**Parks Report:** Trustee Kleinman reported meeting with the Ellen Hansen Smith Center volunteers to try and devise a more permanent administrative plan for in the next eighteen (18) months.

**Public Safety Report:** Trustees Ayers had nothing to report.

**Street Report:** Trustees King had nothing to report.

**Water/Sewer Report:** Trustees Ferguson reported receiving a request from Bone Mesa for additional work at the Mays Spring. Previous Board has authorized a specific amount, so if Bone Mesa would like more work done, a request would need to be brought to the Board for further review and approval. Public Works Director Loberg reported that Mountain Peaks is working on the remote meter repeater for the Mays Spring.

**Personnel Report:** Trustee Wissbeck indicated he did not receive the latest draft of the personnel manual. Clerk Peterson noted it was sent via e-mail late this afternoon. Trustee Ferguson reported reviewing retirement funds. Discussion regarding trash service ensued regarding the impact on the Parks Maintenance contract.

**Minutes:**

Corrections noted. Trustee Ferguson moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2012 as amended. Trustee King seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Wissbeck moved to pay the bills ending September 11, 2012. Trustee Ayers seconded. Trustee King stated he will not be approving disbursements until the disbursements are published on a monthly basis, every dime is reviewed by Trustee King and he receives the cash flow analysis. Discussion also noted the membership fee for Pitkin Mesa Pipeline is the waterline for the wastewater treatment plant. Motion was brought to a vote and passed with Trustee King voting “nay”.

7:57 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

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Town Clerk, Barbara Peterson

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Mayor, Neal Schwieterman