

Town Council Regular Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
November 27, 2012

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, November 27, 2012 was called to order at 7:02 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 Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- None

Visitors

- Wes Perrin requested a status update on the railroad crossing sidewalk repairs. Mayor Schwieterman noted seeing crews working in the subject areas. Trustee Kleinman will call the representative, Kelly Abaray directly. Mr. Perrin will send a citizen e-mail as well. Regarding the street closures, the railroad is completing an internal assessment that is not finished yet.

Unfinished Business

Schwartz Lease – Compliance Review

Trustee Wissbeck noted the farm lease is in order. No action was necessary.

New Business

North Fork Ambulance - Update

No one was present. Council concurred to hold this item in abeyance in case someone arrives later.

North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPR) – Apple Valley Tennis Court Lease

The proposed intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the NFPPR and the Town describes the maintenance agreement for the Apple Valley tennis courts for the next 25 years in the amount of \$2000 annually. This agreement is in anticipation of a possible Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant award to replace the tennis courts, complying with grant requirements. If the grant is not awarded, this agreement may be revisited. GOCO will announce the grant awards on December 11, 2012. Both the NFPPR and the Paonia High School projects are on GOCO's short list. Discussion regarding the school district use of the parks ensued. Trustee Ayers moved to approve the IGA as presented. Trustee Kleinman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Kleinman moved to approve the mayor signing the IGA in the event the GOCO grant is awarded to the NFPPR. Trustee Ayers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Manual

Mayor Schwieterman noted the Human Resource consultant, Dave Knutson, is out of town and had requested that if there were any questions, that the passing of the manual be postponed until Mr. Knutson could be present. The question arose regarding the employee assistance program. Trustee Ayers suggested moving any unused vacation time to sick time. The suggestion will be addressed by the Personnel Committee. Discussion regarding unused time off payouts ensued. Trustee King moved to table this item. Trustee Ayers seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lease Parcels Comments

Mayor Schwieterman stated the BLM had announced on November 17, 2012 that the formal protest period for the proposed oil and gas lease parcels began. The parcel that had Town springs within the boundaries has been removed from the sale, as well as the parcel near Jumbo Mountain. The draft of the BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) is due out in April 2013 for public comment. The previous Council had written a letter protesting certain lease parcels. Concerns noted were traffic, watershed protection, air quality, completion of the RMP, water quality, wildlife, irrigation, health issues and the BLM process in general. Clerk Peterson will draft a letter for Council review.

Additional Business

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Schwieterman reported unless further changes are warranted, the final budget work session was completed tonight.

Public Works: Public Works Director Loberg reported the project at Second Street and Main Avenue is almost complete. Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) will be hanging the Christmas decorations on the light poles in the next couple of weeks. Mayor Schwieterman passed on compliments of the work being completed. Director Loberg indicated a preference to hire on a permanent, full-time person to fill a vacant Public Works position.

Police Report: Chief Leon reported the department addressing intersection safety concerns regarding foliage and signage.

Finance Report: Trustee Wissbeck reported the former bookkeeper would be arraigned on Wednesday, November 28, 2012. Charges include one (1) count of theft using various methods.

Parks Report: Trustees Kleinman and Goold had nothing to report. Clerk Peterson requested clarification from Trustee Goold on his Parks Committee position to accurately reflect in the minutes.

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

Street Report: Trustee King had nothing to report, but thanked Public Works for the street repairs.

Water/Sewer Report: Trustees Ferguson and King had nothing to report.

Personnel Report: Trustee Ferguson had nothing to report.

Minutes:

Corrections noted. Trustee King moved to approve the minutes of November 13, 2012 as amended. Trustees Ferguson and Wissbeck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Disbursements:

Trustee Wissbeck moved to pay the bills ending November 27, 2012. Trustee Ferguson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

North Fork Ambulance - Update

No one was present. Council concurred to remove this item from the agenda.

8:06 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk, Barbara Peterson

Mayor, Neal Schwieterman