

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
June 25, 2024

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Smith calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Paige Smith

Mayor Pro-Tem John Valentine

Trustee Rick Stelter

Trustee Kathy Swartz

Trustee Bill Brunner

Trustee Walter Czech

Trustee Lucy Hunter

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter, to approve the agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Announcements

Trustee Swartz reads off community appreciations.

Western Slope Conservation Center is leading a hike to springs on Thursday.

Public Comment

S. Patterson: comments on voice to text on Zoom.

M. Nierenberger: comments on tribalism.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter to approve the consent agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator Wynn goes over fund balances for end of 2023, audit update, eligibility survey and sales tax.

Actions & Presentations

Public Hearing

Consideration of Approval of Granting a New Tavern Liquor License to Fiona's Bartique LLC for the premises located at 130 Grand Avenue, Paonia, CO 81428.

Public Hearing begins at 6:59 pm

Trustee Stelter recuses himself due to a conflict of interest.

Town Clerk Vetter gives the Staff presentation

Rene Verduin gives a presentation of her plans for the cocktail lounge and community impact.

Public Comment:

Mary Bachran: swears to tell the truth, comments in favor.

Lori Hunter: swears to tell the truth, comments in favor.

Marsha Brezonick: swears to tell the truth, comments in favor.

Karen Goodwin: swears to tell the truth, comments in favor.

David Marek: swears to tell the truth, comments in favor.

There are no objections to evidence that is entered.

Trustee Hunter: asks Police Chief if he sees any issues.

Trustee Czech: asks about the conditions asked for in the approval.

Public Hearing ends at 7:16 pm

Trustee Hunter comments in favor.

Trustee Swartz comments in favor.

Trustee Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Czech to conditionally grant a Tavern Liquor License to Fiona's Bartique LLC for the premises located at 130 Grand Avenue once their final building inspection and a walk-through by the Town Clerk has been completed.

The motion carries unanimously.

Agenda Item #1: Consideration of Approval of Special Event Permit and Liquor License for the Cherry Days Parade and Festival - Bob Bushta

Bob Bushta presents the event to the Board of Trustees.

Public Comment:

M. Bachran: comments in support

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter, to approve the Special Event permit and Liquor License for the Cherry Days Parade and Festival with all fees waived except for the Liquor License fees.

The motion carries unanimously.

Agenda Item #2: Consideration of Approval of Special Event Permit and Liquor License for the Top O' the Rockies BMW Rally - Bob Bushta

Clerk Vetter explains the On-Premise permit and Chief Laiminger weighs in on the Police Department's thoughts.

Public Comment:

M. Bachran: comments in favor

Trustee Czech makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, to approve the Special Event permit and Liquor License for the Top O' the Rockies BMW Rally will all fees waived except for the Liquor License and On-Premise permit fees.

The motion carries unanimously.

The Mayor takes the opportunity to introduce the new Town Attorney, Clay Buchner.

Consideration of Approval of the DWRF Town of Paonia Design & Engineering Draft Loan

Public Comment:

M. Bachran: comments in favor.

Trustees ask questions about design engineering costs.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Swartz to approve the DWRF Town of Paonia Design & Engineering Draft Loan.

The motion carries unanimously.

Setting a Joint Special Meeting with the Board of Trustees and Planning Commission to Review the Master Plan Draft

The Board is asked to answer the poll for best dates and times.

Mayor & Trustee Reports

Public Safety Committee Report

Police Chief Laiminger, Trustee Hunter and Trustee Czech present their findings on parking on the 100 & 200 block of Grand.

Public Comment:

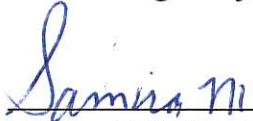
M. Bachran: comments on data collected.

Board discusses time limits, snow removal, overnight parking, parking programs, next steps, enforcement, other considerations, proactivity, solutions to existing problems and planning for the future, equitable solution, parking fund, walkability.

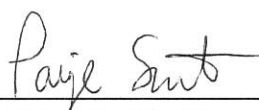
The Board requests this to come back for discussion at the second meeting of July.

Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 7:58 pm



Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk



Paige Smith, Mayor