

TOWN OF PAONIA



Regular Town Board Meeting, February 8, 2022

**Mayor Bachran
Trustee Knutson
Trustee Budinger
Trustee Johnson
Trustee Meck
Trustee Thompson
Trustee Smith**

February 8, 2022.

Regular Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm

Mayor Mary Bachran called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Paonia to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Bachran asked **Finance Clerk Candy Wuollet** to call the roll.

Finance Clerk Candy Wuollet called the roll and those present were **Mayor Bachran, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck, Trustee Budinger and Trustee Knutson, Trustee Thompson, and Trustee Smith**

Approval of the Agenda:

Trustee Meck moved to approve the agenda, Trustee Smith seconded it. Motion unanimously carries.

Trustee Meck moved to pull #5 from this agenda, Trustee Smith seconded it. Motion unanimously carries.

Announcements:

Mayor Bachran would like to recognize Officer Pat Hinyard of the Paonia Police Department has been promoted to Investigator, he's been operating in this position for quite some time and its finally time we recognized this and gave him his dues. Congratulations to Officer Hinyard.

Visitors and Guest:

Thomas Markle spoke about Robert's Rule of Order, and he had a hand out, but not enough for the public.

Trustee Meck moved we allow Mr. Markle to have 10 minutes to speak, Trustee Knutson seconded it. Motion unanimously carries.

Trustee Thompson moved to let Mr. Markle speak 2 more minutes, Trustee Knutson seconded it. Motion unanimously carries.

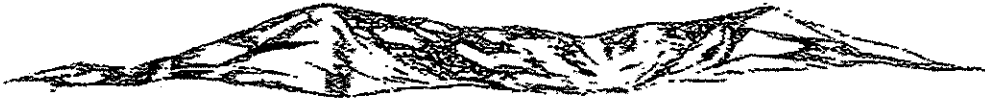
Staff Reports:

Town Administrator Corinne Ferguson report was included and answered question. The main topic discussed in Administrator Ferguson report were the water break, billing notices and what we are doing to make sure we are in compliance on the water systems.

Town Attorney Nerlin no report was provided.

Finance Director Cindy Jones report was included and answered questions.

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Disbursements: Trustee Smith requested information about the 2020 auditor deficiencies be addressed prior to the 2021 audit.

Trustee Smith moved to have the Finance Director tell us how that has been rectified prior to the auditor beginning the work, Trustee Meck seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Knutson moved to approve disbursements as presented, seconded by Trustee Budinger. Motion unanimously passed.

Consent Agenda

Regular Minutes – January 25, 2022
January 11, 2022

Trustee Meck moved to accept consent agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Knutson Motion unanimously passed.

Three corrections were noted by Trustee Meck. Trustee Smith has a comment on the January 11th minutes to have grammar corrections.

Trustee Meck moved to accept the three amendments that were presented by board members to be corrected in the minutes, Trustee Knutson seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business

**Review for possible action-Reline Ordinance 01-2022- Modification of Ordinance 2020-09
Advisory Water Committee:**

Trustee Meck motioned to strike this from the agenda, Trustee Smith seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

Discussion item regarding the Town of Paonia Water and Wastewater Treatment systems:

Greg Rajanowski Environment Health Director with Delta County and Chris Stewart will attend a meeting in the future when there is a hybrid option. In attendance tonight to also answer questions on the water portion or if anything comes up during this part is Brandon Bear with SGM that's our engineer firm and Brianna Greer with SSG the organization that is handling our water and wastewater.

Trustee Knutson moved to take a five (5) minuet break; Trustee Thompson seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Smith moved to schedule a special meeting and work session to allow for further discussion and action to address how to move forward with the needed repairs and upgrades to the water treatment systems, wastewater treatment system and all associated source water and treated water delivery systems and what can staff address and what will require hiring consultants and contractors, Trustee Meck seconded. Motion unanimously approved

Trustee Smith moved to extend the meeting until 9:45, Trustee Knutson seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

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For possible action regarding the application for a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) Tier II grant to support water infrastructure repairs and updates:

Trustee Smith moved that we do not proceed with the DOLA IEAF Tier II grant at this time while waiting to ascertain the status of the lead abatement grant from DOLA, Trustee Johnson seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Smith moved to deny adoption of the MOU between Elaine Brett and the Town of Paonia and instead propose that Trustee Smith collaborate with Mayor Bachran and perform all of the responsibilities/activities enumerated for Elaine Brett, Trustee Meck seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

For possible action regarding the continuation or cancellation of the annual subscription to Archive Social for archiving of the Town of Paonia Facebook Pages:

Trustee Knutson moved to table this item; Trustee Thompson seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Discussion of possible action to approve additional spending on updated electronics and sound system for hybrid meeting capabilities:

Trustee Knutson moved to approve the expenditures; Trustee Budinger seconded it. Motion passed with four (4) aye, and two (2) nay.

Trustee Smith moved to let Mr. Markle have five (5) minutes, Trustee Meck seconded it. Motion passes with five (5) aye, and one (1) nay.

Trustee Thompson moved to extend the meeting ten (10) minutes; Trustee Smith seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Thompson moved for an audit of the IT equipment that has been purchased in recent past so we can have a view of some of the information that is being offered by the public in an official capacity for review by the board, Trustee Meck seconded it. Trustee Thompson rescinds his motion if the information on the expenditures of the IT equipment is in the next packet.

Review for possible action-the cancellation of the regular municipal election via Resolution 03-2022:

Trustee Knutson moved that we adopt resolution 03-2022 a resolution of the Board of Trustees Town of Paonia Colorado cancellation of the April 5, 2022, election, Trustee Budinger seconded it. Motion fails with one (1) aye, and four (4) nays,

Trustee Thompson moved to extend the meeting 10 minutes; Trustee Budinger seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Smith moved to extend meeting to 10:30, seconded by Trustee Budinger. Motion unanimously passed.

Review of and possible action on citizen initiative ordinance regarding increased local accountability, records access, fees associated with CORA requests, and public challenge of staff, Board, and Ordinance actions in municipal court:

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Trustee Budinger moved to extend the meeting to 10:45, Trustee Smith seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Smith moved to table the discussion on this proposed ordinance until the February 22,2022 board meeting, Trustee Meck seconded it. Motion unanimously failed.

Trustee Smith moved to have a public zoom meeting on Tuesday February 15,2022 at 6:00 pm to provide the board the opportunity to discuss the content of the Citizen Initiative Ordinance, Trustee Thompson seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Mayor's Report: Is included and we will pass on this tonight.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports None

Executive Session:

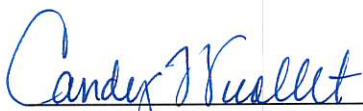
Executive Session for a conference with the Town's Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice, pursuant to CRS 24-5-402(4)(b) legal advice for the Trustees in the case of Pace v Town of Paonia

Trustee Meck moved to table the Executive session to obtain legal advice of Pace Vs Town of Paonia until the February 22,2022 meeting, Trustee Johnson seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Meck amended her motion to say continue not tabled, Trustee Thompson seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 pm.


Candy Wuollet, Finance Clerk




Mary Bachran, Mayor