

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
November 28, 2023

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Mary Bachran
Mayor Pro-Tem Dave Knutson
Trustee Paige Smith
Trustee John Valentine
Trustee Rick Stelter
Trustee Morgan MacInnis
Trustee Kathy Swartz

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter, to approve the agenda.

Motion carries unanimously.

Announcements

Trustee Valentine arrives at 6:31 pm

November 10, 2023, marked Public Works employee Dennis Reich's 25th year as a full-time Town of Paonia employee!

Paonia Police Department's Investigator Patrick Hinyard has been with the town for 16 years.

Holiday Light contest judges will be the families of Town Administrator Stefen Wynn, Police Chief Matt Laiminger and Deputy Clerk Ruben Santiago . Judging begins December 8th and the announcement of the winner will be at the January 9th meeting.

31st Annual Paonia, Holiday Art Fair announced for Saturday December 2nd.

Public Works is still picking up leaves and will continue to do so as long as possible.

Western Slope Conservation Center received a 1.6 million grant from the Bureau of Land Management for Farmer's Ditch.

Paonia K-8 received a \$50,000 gift from Governor Polis for high science scores!

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Stelter motions for approval of Consent Agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson.

Motion carries unanimously.

Town Administrator Wynn notes payments to Lasting Impressions and Roberts Enterprises were pulled from disbursements for more information.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator Wynn's Departmental Scorecard highlights the conservation trust fund, ADP (Payroll Software) and Caselle integration, audit update, audit portal, possible special meeting after Christmas, CDOT, policy reviews: purchasing and internal controls by March, personnel by June, water companies and agreements, Code re-write grant of \$25,000 awarded, private use of public space compliance, Chase Credit Cards, special events hopefully by May, grant updates, traffic schedule, code enforcement, liens, RFQ and Phase 1 Water improvements.

Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson mentions receipt of letter from the Pitkin Mesa Pipeline Company about PFAS and fire retardant and suggests that on a future agenda, that we have a formal letter given to the Forest Service about usage of fire retardant near the town's springs.

Mayor Pro Tem Knutson asks why there was no RFP for a water attorney. Town Administrator Wynn responds that it would be done at the first of the year.

Actions & Presentations

Consideration of Approval of Resolution 17- 2023 Opting Out Certain Elected and/or Appointed Officials from Workman's Compensation

Town Administrator Wynn gives an overview of Town Employees usage of workers compensation versus unpaid appointed positions or citizen boards.

Trustee Smith notes Workman's Compensation is listed as Workers Compensation. She also asks for clarification if the CIRSA volunteer insurance would cover those not under Workers Compensation.

Trustee Stelter motions to approve Resolution 17-2023, seconded by Trustee MacInnis.

Motion carries unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Amendment to Kelly PC's Contract for Legal Services

Town Administrator Wynn gives overview and discusses increase of \$22/hour, making the hourly rate \$235/hour for Kelly Pcs, Attorney fees.

The Board discusses budgeted amounts and actual costs and appreciation for Town Attorney Cotton-Baez is expressed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Knutson makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Smith, that the Town accepts the amended fee schedule for legal services as presented.

Motion carries unanimously.

Consideration of Approval of Paying Out Prior Sick Leave to Town Employees

Town Administrator Wynn gives an overview of where the Prior Sick Leave came from and explains that paying out the remaining two employees releases the town from liability and sets up everyone at the same level in the new year.

Trustee Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee MacInnis, to approve the payout and transfer of unused sick time for two town employees,

Motion carries unanimously.

Consideration of Acceptance of the Planning Commission's recommendation to accept the right of way transfer from Delta County Schools to the Town of Paonia for the 5th and Grand Alignment Process

Town Administrator Wynn gives overview and asks the board to formally accept the transfer.

Trustee Smith makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter, that the Town accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to accept the right of way transfer from Delta County School District 50 J to the Town of Paonia for the 5th and Grand alignment process.

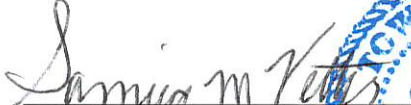
Motion carries unanimously.

Mayor & Trustee Reports

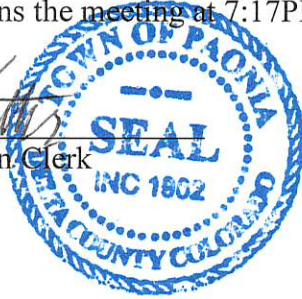
Mayor Brachran asks that we have a formal letter for the Forest Service in one of the board meetings in January.

Adjournment

Mayor Bachran adjourns the meeting at 7:17PM.



Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk





Mary Bachran, Mayor

