

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
July 11, 2023

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Roll Call

PRESENT

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

Correspondence Received

The Board asked questions about Stewert Mesa Ditch having a private irrigation line in the Town's storm drain.

Approval of Agenda

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

Announcements

Mayor Pro-Tem Markle clarifies comments made during the July 11, 2023 Work Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Markle makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Simth to direct the Mayor to produce a letter that demonstrates her understanding of the rights of citizen and Trustees to speak without being censored.

Discussion includes; subject being more appropriate for the Town Attorney, First Amendment, proper use of Points of Order, not censoring speech because of disagreement of the opinion, limits of free speech, laws of the land, meeting decorum vs legal liability, personality clashes and understanding the law.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Markle

Voting Nay: Trustee Knutson, Trustee Smith, Trustee Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee MacInnis

The motion fails.

The Town did receive the second installment of the "Revitalizing Main Streets" gran. The 5th & Grand project now has \$1,010,592.00.

Public Comment

S. Watson: asks questions about Zoom display names and comments about building inspector costs.

C. Patterson: comments about ClearGov and Caselle.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee MacInnis to approve the consent agenda.

Trustee Smith makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Knutson, to move disbursements from the consent agenda.

Police Chief Laiminger offers some suggestions for the placement of both permanent and temporary handicapped parking.

Trustee Knutson makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Stelter to direct staff to make appropriate arrangements for handicapped parking at Town Park.

Motion carries unanimously.

Trustee Knutson makes a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Markle, to designate Town Administrator Wynn as the Town's ADA coordinator.

Motion carries unanimously.

3. Discussion and decisions on parking at the top of Pan American and Vista Drive - Trustee Stelter & Trustee Knutson

Trustee Knutson makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Stelter, to move this discussion to the next regular meeting.

Motion carries unanimously.

4. Consider a mid-block Pedestrian crosswalk on Grand Avenue - Trustee Knutson & Trustee Stelter

Trustee Knutson explains why they feel there is a need to add a midblock crosswalk on Grand Avenue

Public Comment:

S. Watson: worries that it will be a safety issue for out-of-town visitors and cause confusion.

S. Patterson: wonders if moving the handicapped spaces to the end of blocks would be better.

The Board moves to look at Grand Avenue where the crosswalk is being suggested.

The meeting resumes and Board discussion includes parking loss, safety issues & visibility.

Town Administrator Wynn as the ADA coordinator wouldn't recommend the current plan with angled parking and would like to gather more information.

Trustee Knutson makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Stelter to table this item.

Motion carries unanimously.

5. Ratifying Health Insurance Employer Contributions

Trustee Knutson apologizes for adding confusion about this topic at the last meeting and explains since then he has had the opportunity to see what other municipalities are currently paying in contributions and it has changed his opinion on the subject.

Lorraine Trotter, Professional Management Solutions, is in attendance by Zoom to give an overview of the Town's financial situation based on past revenue growth, expenditure and liability information and fund balances.

Interim Administrator Klusmire explains that she is still recommending the plan she put forth at the last meeting and explains the cost difference between what the Board voted on at the last meeting and the plan she is recommending.

Town Attorney Cotten-Baez explains some potential liability issues with the situation and gives his recommendation on how to move forward.

Board discussion includes new technology and standards of participation for remote meetings.

Mayor Pro-Tem Markle makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Stelter, to accept Resolution 11-2023 Remote Meetings and Participation.

Motion passes unanimously.

10. Opportunity to attend Colorado Growing Water Smart Workshop in October

Trustee Knutson makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter, to have Trustee Smith and Trustee Valentine work with staff to develop a team proposal.

Motion carries unanimously.

11. Approval of award of bid to K&D Construction (low bidder) for replacement of Dorris Avenue sewer line and authorize Town Administrator to negotiate final contract.

Trustee Smith makes a motion, seconded by Trustee MacInnis to approve awarding of bid to K&D Construction for replacement of Dorris Avenue sewer line and authorize Town Administrator to negotiate final contract.

Motion carries unanimously.

12. Consideration and approval of granting Accountant/Deputy Clerk Amanda Mojarro view only electronic access to Town bank accounts.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Markle to approve granting Accountant/Deputy Clerk Amanda Mojarro view only, electronic access to Town bank accounts.

Motion carries unanimously.

13. Consideration and approval to write an EIAF grant to DOLA for \$1,000,000 to help fund the relining of the 2-million-gallon tank

Trustee MacInnis makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Stelter, to approve the Mayor writing an EIAF grant to DOLA for \$1,000,000 to help fund the relining of the 2-million-gallon tank.

Motion carries unanimously.

14. Consideration and Approval to write a grant of up to \$6500 to the Colorado State Internet Portal Authority for expert help on the audio-visual system in Town Hall.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee MacInnis to approve the Mayor writing a grant of up to \$6500.00 to the Colorado State Internet Portal Authority for help on the audio-visual system in Town Hall.

Public comment:

S. Watson: questions about timestamping meeting video and linking to agenda items.

Motion carries unanimously.

15. Consideration and Approval of River District Grant Agreement

Trustee Smith makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter, to approve the Mayor signing the River District Grant agreement.

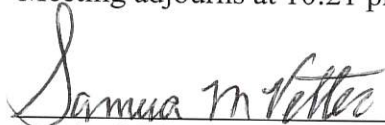
Motion carries unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Markle makes a motion, Seconded by Trustee Stelter. To enter into

Motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 10:21 pm


Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk




Mary Bachran, Mayor