

**Minutes**  
**Town Board Work Session**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**November 03, 2020**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Special Meeting held Tuesday, November 03, 2020, was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Mayor Mary Bachran, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Formal Video Record at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50Dmk1LSAIw>

**Roll Call**

PRESENT

- Mayor Bachran
- Trustee Bear
- Trustee Budinger
- Trustee Knutson
- Trustee Pattison
- Trustee Johnson
- Trustee Meck

**Approval of Agenda**

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Budinger and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented.

Council Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Bear	X			
Trustee Budinger	X			
Trustee Johnson	X			
Trustee Knutson	X			
Trustee Meck	X			
Trustee Pattison	X			
Mayor Bachran				

**Regular Business**

2021 Budget Work Session – Continued:

- The work session discussion ensued regarding a potential rate modification to the water, sewer, trash, and other sections of the budget.

Board & Staff discussion points:

Discussion on the Trash reserve fund spreadsheet. The spreadsheet was in the packet.

- Trustee Pattison read her statement letter. The letter was included in the permanent packet.
- Discussed the Delta County landfill rate increase - this caused an increase in the town's tipping fee.
- Discussed reallocating the payroll from the trash fund to the general fund.
- The salaries are allocated towards what the employees work in the most.
- Trustee Pattison suggested an opt-out option.

Motion by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Johnson and carried with 4 ayes and 2 nays. To set trash rates to \$18 for single trash can user, \$23 for a 2-4 trash can user, \$30 for a heavy user, \$50 for a 2-yard dumpster user, and \$60 for a 3- yard dumpster user.

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Trustee Bear		X		
Trustee Budinger	X			
Trustee Johnson	X			
Trustee Knutson	X			
Trustee Meck	X			
Trustee Pattison		X		
Mayor Bachran				

Discussed the water fund spreadsheet. The spreadsheet was in the packet.

- Discussed the estimated vs the actual water taps.
- Discussed the water base fee charge.
- Discussed multiple items in the water expense spreadsheet.
- Trustee Pattison suggested removing the spring repair line item.
- Trustee Bear and Trustee Pattison are not in favor of raising the water rates.
- The suggestions were to remove multiple expenses from the budget.
- Discussed the cost to produce water for the community is \$2.41 to produce 1000 gallons of water.

Motion by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Meck and carried with 5 ayes and 1 nay. To raise the water base rate across the board by \$2.00 utilize the gallon rate starting at \$2.40 as the new rate schedule.

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Trustee Bear	X			
Trustee Budinger	X			
Trustee Johnson	X			
Trustee Knutson	X			
Trustee Meck	X			
Trustee Pattison		X		
Mayor Bachran				

Discussed the operating cost of the sewer fund spreadsheets. The spreadsheet was in the packet.

- The payroll is allocated as close to the actual.
- Discussed the line item pertaining to debt reserves (3months) and the required amount that should be in there.
- Discussed the water and sewer's combined debt reserve.
- Discussed the sale of the Twin Lake ( old sewer plant) property - these are restricted funds which can only be used for capital improvement of the property.
- Trustee Pattison would like to have the longevity next to the big-ticket items.
- Trustee Pattison suggested moving payroll into the general fund instead of allocating from the water, sewer, and trash fund - Treasure King was not in favor of this suggestion.
- Trustee Bear suggested reclaiming the Twin Lakes property.
- The Mayor suggested applying for the Brownfield Grant to rehabilitate the Twin Lakes property.
- Trustee Bear suggested posting pone any sewer rate increase for the time being.

Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Knutson. The motion was withdrawn by Trustee Bear. To postpone any sewer rate for a max of 3-months into the new year. To gather information on what the reclamation consists of and how long the process will take, and how much money can be freed up and be put back into the reserve from the \$58,000.

- Discussion ensued by Trustee Bear to defer any action on raising the sewer rates.
- Finance Officer stated that direction was needed to be given by the board on where to cut the cost of \$79,000.
- Discussed if the Twin Lakes property money of \$58,000 can be used in the sewer fund in general - the money needs to be used only towards that property - if the property is sold the remaining money gets returned to the lender.
- Trustee Pattison suggested budgeting three-quarters of anticipated sales of sewer taps until March so that the sewer budget conforms.
- Trustee Bear suggested to budget 8 out of town sewer taps so that the sewer budget conforms.

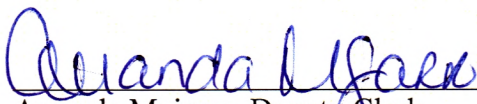
Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Knutson and unanimously carried to budget the sale of 8 sewer taps for 2021 and revisit the rate increase at the end of April 2021 (4 months).

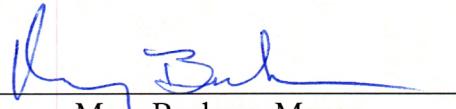
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Trustee Meck	X			
Trustee Pattison	X			
Mayor Bachran				

**Adjournment**

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Bachran at 4:41 pm

  
Amanda Mojarro, Deputy Clerk

  
Mary Bachran, Mayor

