

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
September 08, 2020

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The Regular Board Meeting held Tuesday, September 08, 2020, was called to order at 6:32 PM by Mayor Mary Bachran, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Formal Record Video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UZkOZqUzU4>

Roll Call

PRESENT

- Mayor Mary Bachran
- Trustee William Bear
- Trustee Dave Knutson
- Trustee Michelle Pattison
- Trustee Mick Johnson
- Trustee Meck

ABSENT

- Trustee Karen Budinger

Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approval:

Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Knutson and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

Announcements

Announcements:

Trustee Budinger arrived at 6:33pm.

Mayor Bachran announced that the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests were selected to provide the U.S Capital with the Christmas Tree and will be passing through the Town of Paonia November 12, 2020.

Recognition of Visitors & Guests

4. Visitors & Guests:

Shop Safe Shop Local Salute:

Mayor Bachran presented a certificate to businesses who have followed state guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic were as follows:

- SK Bikes
- High Country Printing.

Public Comment:

Suzanne Watson suggested printing the agenda differently when there are other meetings or work sessions on it.

Staff Reports

5. Administrator's Report:

- Updated on COVID-19
- (SIPA) new website launching end of September
- In discussion with Western Slope Conservation Center regarding river park trails extension.
- Meeting with the Forest Service regarding the tree inventory.
- Board room meeting setup.
- A community member suggested that the Town look into a different type of mask one that is better suited to talk out of. Currently the masks that are used by the board and staff are handmade or medical masks and the public has a challenging time understanding what they are saying.

Public Works report:

- Spot paving repairs on Samuel Wade Rd.
- Street paving under completion.
- Preparing parks for winter.
- Maintaining healthy water levels in the water tanks.
- A spring line needs to be repaired.
- Scheduling the meter installation with the school.
- Fall cleanup is scheduled the week of September 14th.
- Reported on several other projects.

Police Report:

- Applied for the Vale grant for victims advocacy program in conjunction with other municipalities and grant received was for \$8,800.
- Police officers are being called out continuously on domestic violence and this keeps them from patrolling the streets and enforcing traffic law.
- Community member concerned with ATV's speeding – the Chief will look into the matter.

Attorney Report:

- A memorandum from the Attorney regarding an outline of the Marijuana ballot initiative was in the packet.
- Paonia Ditch Company, Police Department Matters - boarding for dogs, and Board training.

Motion made by Trustee Budinger, Seconded by Trustee Meck and unanimously carried to schedule an Attorney's work session for September 29th, 2020, at 6:00pm. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

Motion amended made by Trustee Budinger, Seconded by Trustee Meck. To hold the Attorney's work session in person. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

Mayor Bachran				
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Disbursements

6. Treasurer’s Report

Reviewed payroll and disbursements and continue to work on the 2021 budget. Memorandum of deferring payroll tax due to COVID-19 from the Secretary of State was in the packet.

7. Disbursements

- Trustee Pattison suggested creating a spreadsheet showing the annual vendors.
- Disbursements documents were included in the packet.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Bear, and unanimously carried to approve disbursements as presented. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

8. Staff Retirement Plan Review and Update

Discussion ensued in regard to transferring from Mutual of Omaha to Empower Retirement. Documents were included in the packet.

Board & Staff discussion points:

- Concerns with shifting to a new company that is unknown.
- The Board had several questions regarding the new company.
- Finance Officer Cindy Jones stated that a representative from Empower Retirement can be virtually scheduled to meet.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Bear and unanimously carried to table this item until the next meeting. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

Regular Business

9. Ordinance 2020-09 Creation of Water Advisory Committee

Discussion ensued regarding the second reading of the Ordinance 2020-09 Creation of Water Advisory Committee.

- Trustee Meck questioned the additions of amendment of staggered terms.

Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Meck and unanimously carried to approve Ordinance 2020-09 Creation of Water Advisory Committee with the addition of

amendments of staggered terms. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

Council Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Bear	X			
Trustee Knutson	X			
Trustee Pattison	X			
Trustee Johnson	X			
Trustee Meck	X			
Trustee Budinger	X			
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10. Western Slope Conservation Center – Draft Letter Regarding Sunset Roadless Area

Ben Katz Western Slope Conservation Center presented the board with documents regarding the Sunset Roadless Area. And requested the Board to submit a letter to the state to continue the stop-work order that is in place.

- Representative Weston Norris from the West Elk mine spoke regarding the sunset roadless area stop-work order. Talked about the process of coal mining, methane gas draining, and the reclamation process.
- Documents provided from the Western Slope Conservation Center were in the packet.
- Documents provided from Representative Weston Norris from the West Elk mine were included in the packet.

Public points of discussion:

- There were 3 Board members and 6 community members in support of the letter.
- There were 2 Board members and 4 community members not in support of the letter.
- Discussion ensued on the court ruling on the mine’s extension into protected road less area.
- Discussion ensued on the letter of support requested from the Western Slope Conservation Center to stop the mine from extending into road less land.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Meck and carried with 1 nay and 5 ayes to table this item until the next meeting to review the materials that were presented by Mr. Weston Norris from the West Elk mine. Voting Yea: Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck
Voting Nay: Trustee Bear.

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

11. Town Response Letter to Draft Delta County Land Use Regulations

Discussion ensued on the drafted letter by Mayor Bachran. The drafted letter was in the packet.

Board & Staff discussion points:

- Trustee Meck and Johnson were concerned with control of the areas surrounding the Town.
- Trustee Bear concerned with the community that is unable to participate in voting for the Board of Trustees.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Budinger and carried with 1 nay and 5 ayes to approve the draft letter to the Delta County Land Use Regulations. Voting Yea: Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck. Voting Nay: Trustee Bear.

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

12. Paonia Bulk Water System Upgrade

Discussion ensued regarding the bulk water station. Public Works Director Travis Loberg presented the Board with two quotes that were included in the packet.

Board & Staff discussion points:

- Public Works Loberg recommended the retro fit system - Town will continue to maintenance the system as we currently have done with the current system.
- The retro fit system is alike the Hotchkiss's bulk water system - the system is pin operated.

Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Johnson and unanimously carried to purchase a new bulk water system. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

13. Waiving of Late Fees and Disconnections

Discussion ensued regarding the continuance of waiving of late fees and disconnections.

- A PDF spreadsheet showing current delinquent account and recommendation by the Town Administrator were included in the packet.

Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Knutson and unanimously carried to cease continuing waiving of late fees starting in October 2020 and start to reclaim monies owed. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

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14. Paonia Streetlight Review Checklist Procedures

Discussion ensued regarding the Paonia Streetlight review checklist procedures. The checklist was in the packet.

Board & Staff discussion points:

- Trustee Johnson suggested the individuals who want the streetlight off should absorb the cost associated with turning it off.
- Trustee Pattison was in favor of the checklist presented.

Public Comments:

- Suggestions from the public were to look at the streetlights at night.
- Sara a schoolteacher was not in favor of having the citizens absorb the cost to turn off the streetlight and would like for the checklist to be public.
- A petition to have streetlights turned off was signed by citizens - regarding lights that have been off for years.
- Roger Brail is in favor of turning of the streetlights petitioned to be turned off.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Meck and unanimously carried to adopt the streetlight checklist and report the decisions after observing the streetlight at the next meeting. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

Motion amended made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Meck and unanimously carried to strike the word "majority" out under decision-making process. Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

15. Town Administrator 3-Month Evaluation

Discussion ensued regarding the Town Administrator's 3-Month Evaluation.

Board & Staff discussion points:

- Trustee Knutson spoke about the plan process.
- Schedule an executive meeting.
- Mayor Bachran enunciated that Indigo Autumn appreciates how informative the Town Administrator has been.
- Citizens that have comments regarding the Town Administrator need to be sent to the Mayor.

Consent Agenda

16. Regular Minutes:
08/11/2020

Regular August 18th, 2020, minutes were amended - correction was on the time and date of the Board retreat set for October 2nd, 2020, 2:30-4:00 pm Board only and from 4:00-5:30 pm Board and Staff only.

Motion made by Trustee Budinger, Seconded by Trustee Bear and unanimously carried to accept consent agenda as amended.

Voting Yea: Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Meck.

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

Mayor's Report

17. Mayor's Report

- Mayor Bachran stated that she is working with Delta County Health Department in recognizing businesses who have complied with the State Governor's orders.

Committee Reports

18. Finance & Personnel report:

- Committee will be meeting September 09, 2020.

Governmental Affairs & Public Safety report:

- The committees' met August 26, 2020 with no public attendees.
- Discussed budget items.
- Committee will be meeting September 09, 2020.
- The Let's Talk Building was a success - will be presenting notes to the board at the next meeting.

Public Works-Utilities-Facilities report:

- Nothing to report.

Space to Create report:

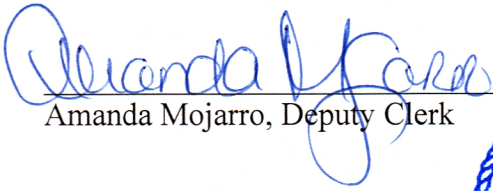
- Nothing to report:

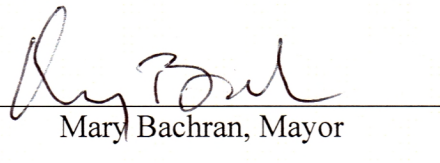
Tree Board report:

- The committee will be meeting October 06, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Town Park.
- A tree was planted at the Paonia Elementary School in honor of a child's parent who has departed and will be in contact with the Paonia Elementary School regarding planting more trees in honor of parents who have departed.

Adjournment

19. Adjournment


Amanda Mojarro, Deputy Clerk


Mary Bachran, Mayor

