

**Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**March 09, 2021**

**Record of Proceedings:**

**Work Session 5:30PM**

PRESENT  
William Bear  
Karen Budinger  
Mary Bachran  
Michelle Pattison  
Mick Johnson  
Dave Knutson  
Tamie Meck

**Western Slope Consulting Parks Recreation and Trails Master Plan Update**

A presentation for the process of the Parks Recreation and Trails master plan, known as Paonia in Motion, was provided by Western Slope Consulting partners Matt and Davis Farrar.

Work Session adjourned at 6:15PM.

The Regular Meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, was called to order at 6:30PM by Mayor Mary Bachran, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Formal Video Record at: <https://youtu.be/uphMrEXU4kM>

**Roll Call**

PRESENT  
William Bear  
Karen Budinger  
Mary Bachran  
Michelle Pattison  
Mick Johnson  
Dave Knutson  
Tamie Meck

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion made and seconded for the approval of 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				

**Announcements**

Information Provided regarding the Friday COVID-19 Vaccine Event in Hotchkiss.

**Recognition of Visitors & Guests**

None.

**Staff Reports**

Department Head written reports included in the packet.  
Administrator's Report:

- Options for continued remote participation

- School district consolidation
  - Effect on small communities when a school closes
- One Delta County
- November coordinated election schedule
- Joint building official benefits to communities
- Community request for staff to wear masks correctly when meeting in-person

Public Works Report:

- Starting RFP process for street projects – which streets included
- Washout at Twin Lakes remediated
- Water leak on O Road – on old line
- Data logging at WWTP – influent, effluent, temperatures, and scale monitoring
- Open public works position
- When exit interviews are conducted
- Any potential impact at sewer plant by neighboring property work

Police Report:

- Assisting Hotchkiss Marshals office with coverage while short-staffed
- The agreement will be included in the next packet for Board information
- Received all parts for new vehicle wiring

Attorney Report:

- Apologies for late adds to the packet
- Encouraged review of other options with meeting schedule
- Meeting with Delta County regarding the North Fork Airport
- Installation of cell tower on P Hill – waiting for information
- Initiating process for DMEA franchise agreement update

Finance Report:

Open for questions. None presented.

**Disbursements**

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer King noted review of payroll and disbursements. Recommendation for approval provided.

Motion made by Trustee Budinger, seconded by Knutson to approve disbursements 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				

**Pickin in the Park – Rob Miller**

Rob Miller provided an optimistic update for moving forward with Pickin in the Park for August. He is in communication the health department to keep up to date on all changes and requirements for outdoor events.

**Western Slope Conservation Center – Letter of Support for wildfire mitigation and watershed restoration, and improvement of wildlife corridors across the state**

Ben Katz with WSCC presented the draft letter of support requesting the Board approve the Town signing on to support State Conservation Investment to the Board.

- Options recommended by the Governmental Affairs committee

Other community comments were:

- Sections of applicable building code
- Water tap moratorium language
- Process for review at the commission meeting and the Board meeting level

**Decommissioned ½ Million Water Storage Tank**

Administrator Ferguson provided an update regarding remediation measures to remove tin and other unsafe attachments as well as requested the Board take no action while alternative funding is investigated.

**Advisory Water Committee – Establishing Priorities**

As Advisory Water Committee Board representative and Chair Trustee Meck asked the Board for comments and/or questions regarding the provided priority list as determined by the majority of the advisory water committee members.

Thomas Markle, member of the advisory water committee, provided an overview of the process to create the list of priorities.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- How listed items relate to each other
- Grant funding options

**GAPS Follow-Up - Food Truck Regulations – Discussion/Direction**

Trustee Pattison provided an overview of the recommendations provided. Topics for Board discussion ensued regarding:

- Fees
- Property taxes
- Public discussion with stakeholders
- General regulations vs. special events regulations
- COVID-19 impact on brick-and-mortar businesses
- Food Truck impacts on other businesses

Community comments provided were:

- Food trucks on private property vs. use of Town property specific to fees
- limiting the number of food trucks on Town property

**Consent Agenda**

Corrections noted.

Community requests acknowledgment in minutes when suggestions are provided.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Budinger to approve consent agenda as amended.

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				

**Mayor’s Report**

Written report provided in the packet.

Some concern was noted with speed limits and diverted traffic due to upcoming CDOT Little

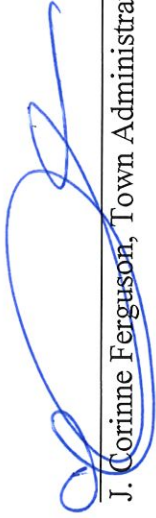
Blue Canyon project.

**Committee Reports**

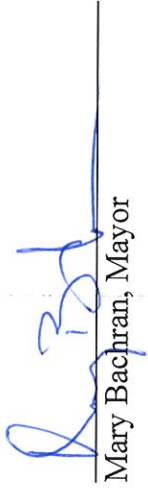
Finance and Personnel - noted meeting topics for tomorrow at 9:30am  
Governmental Affairs and Public Safety – Correction – Meeting was held March 8<sup>th</sup>. Finalized Short Term Rental survey for April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Public Works Utilities Facilities - met today, most items discussed during the public meeting. The school water meter is under the asphalt and is delayed until school is out or asphalt is available. Manual meters will begin installation later in spring.  
Tree Board - Meeting Monday at 5:00PM. Several items including Arbor Day events for 2021 will be on the agenda.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Bachran adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm.



J. Corinne Ferguson, Town Administrator/Clerk



Mary Bachran, Mayor

