

TOWN OF PAONIA



Regular & Special Town Board Meeting, August 10, 2021
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

August 10, 2021,

Special Meeting Minutes

5:00 pm

Mayor Mary Bachran called the Special Meeting of the Town of Paonia to order at 5:00 pm. A formal audio recording of the Work Session and Regular Meeting link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpzoAvwAI0Q>

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Mary Bachran asked Deputy Clerk Amanda Mojarro to call the roll.

Deputy Clerk Mojarro was not in the room and Town Administrator Ferguson called the roll and those present were Mayor Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Johnson and Trustee Meck.

Board Meeting Structure:

Board members spoke about the meeting structure. Topic discussed were the public comment period.

Trustee Knutson moved to direct staff to prepare a written summary of decision and make it available to the public and post it on the agenda for the next meeting. New structure for meetings - Public comment period under recognition of visitors, staff reports, treasurer's report, disbursements, and consent agenda. public comment period under unfinished business. Public comment period under new business, then a short public comment period at the end of meeting on anything discussed or approved during the meeting, seconded by Trustee Pattison. Motion carried with five (5) ayes and one (1) nay.

Committee Structure Roles & Responsibilities:

Board member discussed the committees' roles and responsibilities. Topic of discussion were how to conduct public comment during the meeting, the role and responsibilities of each committee, and the mayor's role and responsibilities.

Each committee is to write out what their role and responsibilities are, and Mayor Bachran will write out what her role and responsibilities. The summary of Mayor and Committee members will be in the next meeting packet.

The Works Session was Adjourned at 6:15 pm by Mayor Bachran.

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Deputy Clerk Mojarro called the roll and those present were **Mayor Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Pattison, Trustee Knutson, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Johnson and Trustee Meck.**

1. Approval of the Agenda:

Trustee Bear moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Budinger. Motion unanimously passed.

2. Announcements:

Trustee Pattison moved to add review of committee and mayor role and organizational structure, seconded by Trustee Meck. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Knutson amended the main motion to set a special meeting August 24th at 5:00 pm, seconded by Trustee Budinger. Motion unanimously passed.

Drought Update and Town Water Information

An update was given on the current water and drought by Public Works Director Loberg. Discussion was to add any known water use to the chart.

Visitors and Guest:

Mayor Bachran read the decorum statement to Citizens and asked Citizens for comments on Items not on the tonight's Agenda.

No comments were made.

Staff Reports:

Town Administrator Corinne Ferguson report was included and answered Board and public questions on items in her report.

Trustee Pattison moved to add striping of Main Street and Second Street to the street striping, seconded by Trustee Meck. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Works Director Travis Loberg report was included and answered the Board and public questions on items in his report.

Paonia Chief Ferguson police blotter was included. Chief was absent from meeting.

Finance Officer Cindy Jones answered question about the report and documents included.

Town Attorney Nerlin report was included and answered Board and public questions.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer King was absent from the meeting. Finance Officer Jones was available to answer questions.

Trustee Knutson moved to ask staff for a full accounting of the water, sewer, and trash reserves, seconded by Trustee Bear. Motion unanimously passed.

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Trustee Knutson made corrections to the minutes to correct his time off.
Public member Suzanne Watson stated that minutes need to reflect the ADA compliance.

Trustee Knutson moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections, seconded by Trustee Budinger.
Motion unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business

First Reading – Ordinance 2021-06 Municipal Code Modification of Chapter 06 Article 01 – Alcoholic Beverages Licensing and Distance from Public Schools: A review of the ordinance which modifies it to reduce the distance restriction to 350 feet and allows for issuance of bed and breakfast permits.

- Trustee Bear moved to approve the First Reading – Ordinance 2021-06 Municipal Code Modification of Chapter 06 Article 01 – Alcoholic Beverages Licensing and Distance from Public Schools, seconded by Trustee Budinger. Motion unanimously passed.

North Fork Airport Liaison Member Appointment: Administrator Ferguson provided an update regarding the member appointment. Board members moved forward to discuss the North Fork Airport Liaison member appointment. No appointment was made.

Trustee Pattison moved to not appoint a liaison member with the County Commissioners until further discussion is made, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Motion passed with one (1) nay and five (5) ayes.

Trustee Pattison moved to appoint a Board member to serve on the Advisory Board, seconded by Trustee Knutson. Motion unanimously passed.

Trustee Knutson moved to appoint Mayor Bachran to the Advisory Committee, seconded by Trustee Budinger. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business

The Learning Council – Grant Application Letter of Support: Member of The Learning Council, Alicia Michaelson presented the Board with a request of a letter of support. Documents were included regarding the request.

Trustee Knutson moved to approve The Learning Council letter of support, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Motion unanimously passed.

Citizens For a Healthy Community (CHC) State Redistricting: Member of Citizen for a Healthy Community, Natasha Leger presented to the Board a request to submit a letter to the redistricting and County Commissioners to keep the water shed intact. Draft letter and documents regarding this item were included. Board members were concerned and discussed the “gerrymandering” language in the letter.

Trustee Knutson moved to approve the letter with replacing “gerrymandering” language, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Motion unanimously passed.

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- Town Attorney Nerlin suggested to discuss the issue after the legal matter between the parties is resolved.

Trustee Meck moved to take a 5-minute recess, seconded by Trustee Knutson. Motion unanimously passed.

Five (5) minute recess at 8:14 pm
Returned to open meeting at 8:21pm

Trustee Knutson moved to not discuss this item due to legal ramifications, seconded by Trustee Budinger. Motion passed with two (2) nays and four (4) ayes.

Trustee Pattison moved to amend the motion to table discussion and request written detail of the process and how it was done, seconded by Trustee Knutson. Motion unanimously passed.

First Reading of Ordinance 2021-07 Amendment to Provisions of Town Code Regarding Purchase and Possession of Marijuana: The first reading of the ordinance is to address the rescinding of the prohibition of marijuana sales and taxation in the Town of Paonia.

Trustee Budinger moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-07 Amendment to Provisions of Town Code Regarding Purchase and Possession of Marijuana, seconded by Trustee Johnson. Motion unanimously passed.

Board Review of Debt Reserve Requirements and Fund Balances: Board discussed the spreadsheet included regarding the updated debt reserve spreadsheet.

Trustee Knutson moved to table until the meeting of August 24th and include to the current balance of the reserve balance of water, sewer, and trash, seconded by Trustee Bear. Motion unanimously passed.

Board Review Provided by Governmental Affairs and Public Safety – Short Term Rental Survey Results: Trustee Pattison recused herself from the discussion due to conflict of interest. Trustee Johnson moved to provide the Board with an update of the survey.

- The Board direction was to direct the Town Attorney to gather Ordinances on short term rental (STR) from other communities.

Mayor's Report

- Report was included.

Committee Reports

Finance and Personal: Trustee Knutson asked Mayor Bachran to sit in for Treasurer King due to his absence for the checking signing.

Governmental Affairs and Public Safety: reported on multiple projects.

Public Works and Facilities: reported on multiple projects.

Tree Board: reported on multiple projects.

Advisory Water Committee: meeting Wednesday at 5:00 pm at Town Hall in the community room

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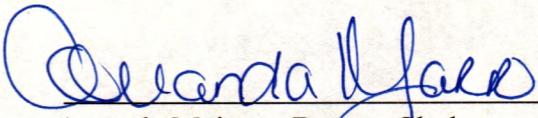


North Fork Airport Liaison Member Appointment: This item was brought back to the table to address the County's request to have the appointed member be a user of the Airport.

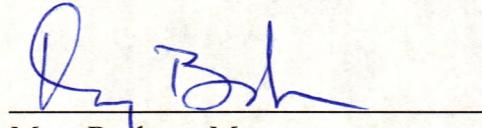
Trustee Pattison moved to check with the County to see if they are comfortable with the Board's motion to appoint the Mayor to the Advisory Board, seconded by Trustee Knuston. Motion unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.


Amanda Mojarro, Deputy Clerk




Mary Bachran, Mayor