

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
February 26, 2019

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Charles Stewart
Mayor Pro-Tem Chelsea Bookout
Trustee Mary Bachran
Trustee William Bear
Trustee Karen Budinger
Trustee Samira Hart
Trustee Dave Knutson

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Stewart provided an overview regarding the water emergency declaration last week as well as the water company shut-down due to low tanks. Mayor Stewart recommended to amend the agenda to move the Administrator and Public Works report to follow approval of agenda to allow for updating and public questions.

Motion to amend the agenda as presented. Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Seconded by Trustee Hart. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart, Trustee Knutson.

Motion to approve the amended motion made by Trustee Bear, supported by Trustee Hart. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart, Trustee Knutson.

1. Administrator's Report

Administrator Knight provided an overview of the water issues occurring for the water users on the Town of Paonia waterlines and a rough timeline of events, including the implementation of a system-wide boil order, the locating and repairing of major and minor waterline breaks, water testing, and the rescinding of the boil order.

Administrator Knight noted several entities and individuals who have offered assistance to the Town and residents, as well as the team work of staff to address the issues.

Administrator Knight also offered the reasoning behind the decision to shut-down the out-of-town water companies. A public information meeting will be held Thursday night at 6pm with a staff update to the community on the situation and circumstances of the water issue.

2. Public Works Report

Public Works Director Loberg expounded on the technical side of the water events including a description of detecting, isolating, and repairing of leaks. Town has purchased a leak detection device to allow Town to search and isolate water leaks. The amount of water coming in to the tanks is substantially lower than previous weeks. Two crews are on call to assist with detected leak repairs, so we can address multiple leaks at once.

Discussion ensued regarding usual water production, conservation, spring-line repairs, and KVNF coverage.

Trustee Bear asked if out-of-town meters have been checked to isolate leaks. There have not been any indicators of leaks on customer side. Believes the leaks are on main lines to meters or main trunk lines.

Mayor Stewart added that the decision to turn off out-of-town water was to avoid a critical situation again as of last week.

Discussion ensued regarding water production requirements and drought conditions.

Natasha Leger - questioned the differences between what occurred last weeks to this week and how the Town plans to obtain and provide raw water.

Thomas Markle - strongly consider changing billing structure for how services are provided to town to decrease infrastructure charge and increase use charges.

Kristina Smith - asked for an explanation of the water system.

Mike Lehman - questioned why we can't shut Town off at night and restore out-of-town during the night. - Admin Knight explained the necessity to then place on boil order.

Patricia Oienick - works at the school kitchen, the boil water order did require a large amount of dumped water which is counterproductive to conservation.

Lorinda Lehman - questioned why the Town can't turn on water for a few hours.

Discussion ensued regarding the difficulties with turning on and recharging water company systems.

Kris Stewart - provided additional information regarding the County assistance to the Town.

Announcements

3. Announcements
None.

Recognition of Visitors & Guests

Susie Kaldis - Announced that the S2C community meeting will be at Town Hall tomorrow evening at 6:30 and asked if the meeting should be cancelled.

Administrator Knight stated the S2C team have done a lot of work and believes the meeting should go on.

Natasha Leger - on behalf of CHC - provided information regarding the opportunity to address legislative changes for oil and gas in the near future.

Energy Tech approved for the Remote Area Medical clinic for the first weekend in August.

Consent Agenda

None.

Mayor's Report

4. None.

Staff Reports

Police Department Report

5. Oath of Office – Officer Andrew Vassel was welcomed and received his oath of office. The two new patrol vehicles have decals and will be outfitted soon. School Resource Officer Taffine Patterson is doing well and has been well-received at the schools. Training continues.

Town Treasurer Report

6. None.

Disbursements

7. Disbursements

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Seconded by Trustee Hart to approve disbursements as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart, Trustee Knutson.

Unfinished Business

8. Personnel Handbook Sections 202 & 209 Amendment – Access to Personnel Files and Medical Information Privacy

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Seconded by Trustee Hart to table to next Board meeting. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart, Trustee Knutson.

New Business

9. Delta County Sheriff – Back the Badge Sales Tax Presentation

Delta County Sheriff Mark Taylor was present to discuss the county-wide effort regarding the Back the Badge public safety initiative. Sheriff Taylor provided information regarding the changes facing law enforcement in general.

A slide show presentation ensued.

Opened for Board questions - Chief Ferguson stated a main priority is to retain officers and to provide relief to the Town general fund.

Discussion ensued regarding what will be taxed and how the Town will address potential shortfalls and additional information that could be provided to help support the effort.

10. Blue Sage Center for the Arts – Letter of Support

Debra Muzikar – a Blue Sage representative provided information regarding the Laura Jane Musser grant letter of support request.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Bachran to approve the letter of support as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart, Trustee Knutson.

11. Public Hearing: 401 Vista Drive Home Occupancy

Trustee Knutson recused himself from the dais and joined the public to present his request for the home occupancy application.

Public Hearing opened at 8:43pm

Administrator Knight presented the staff and planning commission recommendation for approval.

Mr. Knutson provided information regarding the necessity for his home-based business.

No public comment.

Closed hearing at 8:48pm.

Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Hart to approve the Home-Based Occupancy application for Mr. Knutson at 401 Vista Drive as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart.

12. Resolution 2019-07 Retail Liquor Delivery

Mayor Stewart provided information regarding the state allowance for liquor licensed stores to offer delivery. The Town has no approval or input authority, but the Town can add a requirement to provide a copy of the State issued license to the Town. Motion made by Trustee Bear, Seconded by Trustee Hart to approve Resolution 2019-07 Retail Liquor Delivery as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart Voting Nay: Trustee Knutson.

13. CDOT – Title 6 Non-Discrimination Plan

Mayor Stewart provided an overview of the CDOT/USDOT federal assistance requirement to enact a non-discrimination plan that is in line with the Town non-discrimination resolution.

Trustee Knutson requested sexual preference and gender identity be added. Trustee Bachran requested religion be added.

Mayor Stewart noted the Federal statute states what classes are protected.

Trustee Hart recommended the Board refer to the Town attorney to review and weigh in. Administrator Knight noted he believes as long as the minimum standards are met the Town could create additional policy standards.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Bachran to amend the Non-Discrimination Plan as discussed. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart, Trustee Knutson.

Motion made by Trustee Knutson, Seconded by Trustee Bachran to approve the on-Discrimination Plan as amended. Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart, Trustee Knutson.

Committee Reports

Finance & Personnel

Reviewed disbursements. Nothing additional.

Public Works/Utilities/Facilities

Met the 19th to discuss a variety of issues including the water issue, waterline extension, 1MG tank lining, the 2MG tank lining, funding, a pressure analysis, playground equipment funding, teen center roof, and safe routes to school plan.

Governmental Affairs/Public Safety

Met and discussed the building code update and scheduling a listening session for April 16th from 6 to 730pm. Met with NFSIS regarding a plastic bag ban presentation for a potential ordinance to give to the Board.

Space to Create

Received grant funds for a Vista Volunteer application. A potential candidate is Evan Bolt, currently volunteering at Town during the S2C application period.

Tree Board

Tamie Meck has announced her resignation. Several people have reached out with interest and will come to Town to present at a later date.

Adjournment

Motion made by Trustee Hart, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Bookout, Trustee Bachran, Trustee Bear, Trustee Budinger, Trustee Hart, Trustee Knutson

J. Corinne Ferguson, Town Clerk

Charles Stewart, Mayor