

TOWN OF PAONIA
214 GRAND AVENUE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024, 6:00 PM
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Smith calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Smith

Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine

Trustee Stelter

Trustee Swartz

Trustee Czech

Trustee Hunter

Trustee Heck

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Swartz makes a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Actions & Presentations

Public Hearing-

A public hearing to inform citizens and solicit public input regarding the Capital Improvement Plan Phase I Project Needs Assessment.

Mayor Smith opens the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM.

Representatives from RESPEC (James Starnes, Doug Schwenke, and BJ Elkins) introduce themselves. Town Administrator Wynn starts the presentation.

Phase 1 Projects Discussed:

1. Relining of the 2-million-gallon Lambert water storage tank – replace deteriorated food-grade wax lining with long-lasting coating; temporary storage tank to be installed to maintain service during work.
2. Western Loop replacement – replace approximately two miles of aging 9–10" steel distribution line with 12" PVC to improve reliability, capacity, and alignment within public rights-of-way.
3. Raw water metering and spring box rehabilitation – install remote meters at critical junctions in the mountain spring collection system to improve monitoring, operations, and long-term water rights management.
4. Funding - estimated to cost up to \$10 million, funded through existing and potential grants, possible \$2 million principal forgiveness, and loans with repayment plans supported by incremental water rate increases over five years.

Public comment:

J. Kenney, an out-of-town resident, speaks toward accessibility of project drawings, technical and non-technical specifications, and inquired as to plans for the Arch Coal taps.

J. Poulos, an out-of-town resident and president of the Stewart Ditch Water company, speaks toward temporary tank size & costs.

An unidentified out-of-town resident speaks to the water rate increases planned for the next five (5) years.

C. Kendall, an out-of-town resident, speaks to rate increases planned and support outside town residents provide the town.

E. Brett, with Hawks Haven Water Company, questions how charges for billing are achieved.

A. Windsor, from the Lamborn Water system, questions loan amounts, inclusion of water companies for next phases, and creation of a regional water district.

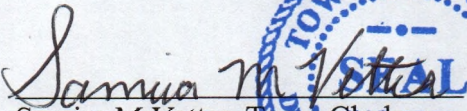
Board discussion: The Board discussed upcoming Phases 2 and 3 to address additional water system needs, noted that the hydrogeologic study findings will be presented January 14, 2025, acknowledged that the state will decide on up to \$2 million in loan forgiveness about four months after the January application, and agreed to retain any forgiven funds as reserves for future infrastructure improvements.

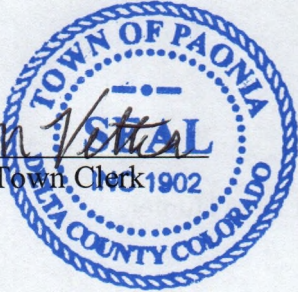
Mayor Smith closes the public hearing at 7:47 PM.

No action is taken.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourns the meeting at 7:47 PM.


Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk



Paige Smith, Mayor