Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
December 10, 2024
Meeting Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwVJHaW0eas

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Roll Call
PRESENT
Mayor Paige Smith
Mayor Pro-Tem John Valentine (arrives 6:33PM)
Trustee Rick Stelter
Trustee Kathy Swartz
Trustee Walter Czech
Trustee Lucy Hunter
Trustee Mike Heck (arrives at 6:31PM)

Approval of Agenda
Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter to approve the agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Announcements
Trustee Swartz reads "Appreciations."

Mayor Smith announces a vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Applications and Letters of interest due to the Town Clerk by January 8th at 4:30 pm.

Public Comment

L. Bissel: comments on ADU's & STR

S. Watson: comments on Chapter 16 of the Paonia Municipal Code.

M. Lawson: comments on STR ordinance.

Consent Agenda
Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Swartz, to approve the consent agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator Wynn goes over budget to actuals.

Police Chief Laiminger goes over highlights for the Police Department and holiday fire prevention tips.

Actions & Presentations

Public Hearing

Consideration of Approval of Final Plat of the (minor) Subdivision on the Property at 841 HWY 133 owned by West Elk Land and Hops LLC.

The Mayor opens the public hearing at 6:56 pm.

Clerk Vetter confirms proper notification.

There are no disclosures of conflict.

Town Administrator Wynn reminds the Board of Trustees of the conditions set for approval and confirms that they have been met.

David Warren, applicant representative of West Elk Land and Hops LLC, offers to answer questions.

Public Comment:

Peter Kaplansky, Price Road: comments in support

Board questions:

Trustee Heck asks about the well capacity and floodplain studies.

Trustee Stelter asks about water capacity and fire prevention and fire department needs.

The Mayor closes the public hearing at 7:09 pm.

Board Deliberation:

Trustee Smith comments that she is in support of approving the final plat since conditions have been met.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Heck to approve the final Plat of the (minor) Subdivision of the property at 841 HWY 133 owned by West Elk Land and Hops LLC, with the addition of the surveyor's signature.

The motion carries unanimously.

Public Hearing-

Consideration of Acceptance of Resolution 17-2024, Approving the FY-2025 Proposed Budget and Mill Levy

Mayor Smith opens the public hearing at 7:11pm.

Clerk Vetter confirms proper notification.

Town Administrator Wynn presents the FY-2025 Proposed Budget and Mill Levy.

Board Questions:

Trustee Hunter points out typos in transmittal letter and Resolution corrections needed.

Trustee Swartz asks questions about potential grants in Fiscal Year 2025, roof repair, and promised contributions.

Town Administrator Wynn and Mary Bachran, grant writer, give updates on the grants that the Town has a higher chance of getting and how they will be included in the budget if awarded.

Public Comment:

Mary Bachran, Box Elder, is sworn in and comments on the thoroughness of the budget

Shirley Yeaman, out of town, is sworn in and comments on Short Term Rental license revenue and its use.

Board questions:

Trustee Czech comments on the thoroughness of the budget.

Trustee Stelter makes comments about the water usage revenues and compliments the budget process.

Town Administrator Wynn explains that Short Term Rental License revenues will be used to cover compliance software and staff time.

Mayor Smith closes the public hearing at 8:25PM

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Swartz to approve Resolution 17-2024 with the following changes: Section 1, estimated expenditures for the Water utility fund $6,84,200; and for the Wastewater Utility Fund $815,150 and a final total of $ 12,883,750.

The motion carries unanimously.

Action Item #1 - Consideration of Appointing Applicants to the Three Vacant Tree Board Seats.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, to appoint Haynie, Hottinger and Wells to the Tree Board.

The motion carries unanimously.

Action Item #2: Reapplication for the Water SMART Grant to Meter Lee's Park Trailer Court

Trustee Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter, to reapply for the Water SMART grant to meter Lee's Park Trailer Court.

The motion carries unanimously.

Action Item #3 - Consideration and Approval of a Grant Submittal to CPDHE for up to $25,000 for SCADA System Upgrades

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter, to approve submitting a grant to CDPHE for up to $25,000 for SCADA System upgrades.

The motion carries unanimously.

Action Item # 4 - Consideration of Adopting Ordinance 2024-06 Enacting an Electronic Communication's & Device Security Policy.

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter to adopt Ordinance 2024-06 Enacting an Electronic Communication and Device Security Policy.

The motion carries unanimously.

Action Item #5 - Consideration of Approval of Ordinance 2024-04 Amending Chapter 2, Articles 2, 6, 7, & 8 Boards, Committees and Commissions Meeting Operations and Conduct.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter, to approve Ordinance 2024-04 Amending Chapter 2, Articles 2, 6, 7 & 8 Boards, Committees and Commissions Meeting Operations and Conduct.

The motion carries unanimously.

Action Item 6 - Consideration of Approval to Cancel Second Board Meeting of December. Trustee Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Hunter to Cancel the second regular Board meeting of December.

The motion carries unanimously.

Action Item #7: Consideration of Resolution 2024-18 Utility Water Rates

Trustee Stelter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Heck to approve Resolution 2024-18 Utility Water Rates.

The motion carries unanimously.

Mayor & Trustee Reports
None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 9:08 pm.

TOWN OF PAONIA SEAL INC 1902 DELTA COUNTY COLORADO

Ruben Santiago, Deputy Clerk	Paige Smith, Mayor