

Minutes
Regular Town Board Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
April 08, 2025

Meeting Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkmVUy-cdqs>

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Public Participation: Must raise hand and be recognized by the Mayor, come to the podium and state your name and the street on which you live. Time limit is 3 minutes, one time per item. Direct all comments to the Mayor. No responses will be made by staff or Board during the meeting. No derogatory or demeaning statements or public displays. Please be respectful.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Paige Smith
Trustee John Valentine (Zoom)
Trustee Rick Stelter
Mayor Pro-Tem Kathy Swartz
Trustee Walter Czech
Trustee Lucy Hunter
Trustee Mike Heck

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the second proclamation for Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month, seconded by Trustee Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Announcements

Proclamation for Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month

Proclamation for National Donate Life Month.

Mayor Smith announces the winners from NFSIS and PK-8 5th grades of the Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Jessi Rochel on behalf of the Chris Klug Foundation thanks the Town for the Proclamation for Organ Donation.

Public Comment

Any topic not included under Actions & Presentations; 3-minute time limit.

Public Comment:

Madeline (No last name given): comments on STR's

P. Jackson: comments on protests and autism

Consent Agenda

Trustee Hunter makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the March 25, 2025 minutes for corrections, seconded by Trustee Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Staff Reports

Administrator Wynn presents a quarterly update that includes large projects, grants received and good news.

Sargeant Henderson presents the Police Chief's Staff Report

Actions & Presentations

Public comments must be related to the agenda item, 3-minute time limit.

Item #1- Consideration of Approval of Purchase for Playground Chips for Town, Lee's and Apple Valley Parks.

Public Comment:

A Member of the Community: Question about Lee's Park

Trustee Stelter makes a motion to accept Pioneer Sands quote for \$15,114.00, seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #2 - Consideration of Quotes to Repair and Update Electrical at Town Park

Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz makes a motion to accept the Quote from A.B. Electric for a not to exceed amount of \$6763.38, seconded by Trustee Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #3 - Consideration of Approval of Using a Sole Source Vendor for the Temporary Water Tank.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, to direct staff to proceed with the proposed sole source contractor due to meeting the requirements needed to be sole source, seconded by Trustee Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion for a five minute recess, seconded by Trustee Stelter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Meeting resumes at 7:35 PM

Item #4 - Consideration of Directing Staff on Enforcing Section 16-11-20, 16-11-30, and 16-1-100 of the Paonia Municipal Code.

Topics covered: enforceability, rentals less than 30 days, lawyers interpretation of current code, discussion on next steps, forward progress needed, enforcing will cause more problems right now, Work session w/ public comment, moratorium on str enforcement for the short term, opponents have offered to bring something forward, rewrite STR ordinance

Public Comment:

S. Yeamans: comments in favor of working together with the Town to find a solution.

P. Gentzler: comments in favor of the open table approach

S. Watson: comments on home occupations and codes not enforced and needing updated.

Madeline: comments on community involvement

J. Yeamans: comments from prepared statement

Discussion: moratorium on renting of rooms in an owner-occupied house, six-month time frame, Comprehensive Plan needs to be approved, current Code rewrite,

Trustee Hunter makes a motion due to the ambiguity in the Paonia Municipal Code, to instruct staff to not enforce the section of the Code that deals with the renting of rooms, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz.

Trustee Hunter and Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz withdraw their motion and second to clarify the motion.

Trustee Hunter makes a motion that due to ambiguity in the Paonia municipal code instruct staff to not enforce the regulation of any rental of homes or rooms in home for less than a month, as a moratorium for six months starting today, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swartz.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #5 - Consideration of Services Agreement with Butler Snow, Bond Counsel for CWRPDA Loan

Trustee Stelter makes a motion to engage the services of Butler Snow for bond counsel in the amount not to exceed \$20,000, seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously.

Item #6 - Consideration of Agreement with MHAC for ADA Transition Plan and Evaluation

Trustee Stelter makes a motion to approve the services agreement with MHAC in an amount not to exceed \$33,500, seconded by Trustee Czech.

The motion carries unanimously

Item #7 - Consideration of Letter to the BLM RE: Supplemental Environmental Analysis - Dual Operator 5-Pad Proposal EA and Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan EIS

Executive Director for the Citizens for Healthy Communities, Natasha Leger is present to answer questions.

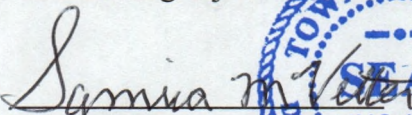
Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter to approve sending the letter provided in the packet to BLM on behalf of the Town of Paonia, seconded by Trustee Stelter.

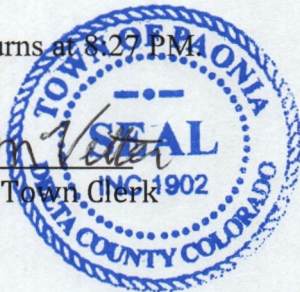
The motion carries unanimously.

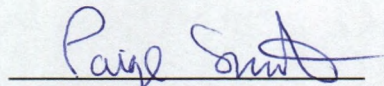
Mayor & Trustee Reports

Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 8:29 PM.


Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk




Paige Smith, Mayor