



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Spring, CO 81147

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
February 3, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Pagosa Springs Town Council was called to order on February 3, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Pierce, Council Member Bergon, Council Member DeGuise, Council Member Lindner, Council Member Martinez, and Council Member Williams

COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member deGraaf

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. DISCLOSURES AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eddie Archuleta said there are sidewalk problems that need to be cleaned off. He said he wants the protesters on the highway in front of the library.

Mr. Bill Hudson said he is interested in thought experiments. He said the tourism board is made up of entities that make money from tourism. He said the IGA with the County has conflicts of interest on the tourism board.

Ms. Sharon Carter said she is interested in the discussion of the expansion of Reservoir Hill Park. She said she would like to have parks uptown and put a wilderness park in the 100 acres at Hwy 160 and North Pagosa Blvd.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
2. **Highway Safety Improvement Project Grant for N. Pagosa Blvd Reconstruction**
3. **Appointing Members to the Building Code Board of Appeals**
4. **Appointments to Committees and Boards**
5. **Appointing Member to the Pagosa Springs Area Tourism Board**

Council Member Bergon moved to approve the consent agenda, Council Member Williams seconded. Motion Passed

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 1024, Second Reading, Submitting to the registered electors of ballot question to amend Article 6, Section 6.6 of the Home Rule Charter to modify the maximum fine and maximum jail sentence for violations of Town Ordinances and Regulations**

Ordinance 1024 cleans up language in the Town Charter to shift the responsibility of setting the maximum fine and maximum jail sentence for violations of town ordinances and regulations to Town Council. This item will appear on the ballot for the April 7, 2026, municipal election.

Council Member Deguise moved to approve ordinance 1024, second reading, submitting to the registered electors of ballot question to amend Article 6, Section 6.6 of the Home Rule Charter to modify the maximum fine and maximum jail sentence for violations of Town ordinances and regulations, Council Member Williams seconded. Motion passed.

2. **Ordinance 1025, Second Reading, Ballot Measure authorizing a CWCB \$3 million loan for flood recovery efforts**

Ordinance 1025 allows the Town to apply for a \$3 million loan through the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) to assist in the two-mile downtown river corridor flood recovery. It will appear on the ballot for the April 7, 2026, municipal election. Development Director Dickhoff said this loan does not have to be borrowed until it is actually needed, which will give the Town time to assess the needs of the river recovery. Grants will continue to be sought and search for opportunities to pay for the flood issues. The ballot language allows for options but safety is the number one concern. Staff is working with the engineering team to work on those safety issues, and will work with river guides for any issues they may be aware of.

Council Member Bergon moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1025, an ordinance of the Town of Pagosa Springs submitting to the registered electors at the April 7, 2026, regular town election a ballot question authorizing the town to incur debt in the form of a loan from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to fund disaster recovery from the October 2025 San Juan River flood, Council Member DeGuise seconded. Motion Passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reservoir Hill Park Potential Expansion Fundraising

This it has been tabled until the mid-February meeting.

2. Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code

The Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code must be adopted by April 1, 2026 to focus will be on defensible space review, landscaping materials, exterior structure placement (fencing, decks, etc.) and variances from the CWRC. The Building Division's Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code primary focus will be on building permit application review, plan review to ensure compliance with approved building materials, and ensuring that required inspections are completed. Staff provided an update on this new code and will bring the information back to the Town Council for adoption.

3. Resolution 2026-02, Establishing a Dark Sky Steering Committee

Resolution 2026-02 establishing a temporary dark sky advisory steering committee. The members do not need to be appointed by resolution but a vote by town council. The Town Council would like the County to also get onboard with dark sky.

Council Member Bergon moved to approve Resolution 2026-02, establishing a temporary dark sky advisory steering committee for the purpose of pursuing dark sky community designation, with the change that the members will be appointed by vote and not resolution, Council Member Lindner seconde. Motion Passed.

4. Appointing Members to Dark Sky Steering Committee

Resolution 2026-02 established the dark sky steering committee. Four interested parties have submitted their interest in serving on the committee to assist the Town in achieving the International Dark Sky Certification.

Council Member DeGuise moved to appoint Kelon Crawford, Pat Hasenbuhler, Dena Laterza, Michelle Juneau and Aaron McCracken as regular members of the dark sky advisory steering committee, Council Member Lindner seconded. Motion Passed.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

X. MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Bergon said she and staff attended CAST and said she has renewed energy to work on the items for our community. Council Member DeGuise said he would like to see an

effort in shoveling snow. Council Member Martinez said he met with the Southern Ute Tribe regarding the naming of the new park at Bob's LP. He said the name should include Spanish and Southern Ute consideration. He said the Utes said there used to be a Pfiefer Park / Rotary Park, which was removed, and said the Utes cared about the park. Mayor Pierce said she attended a postmaster general meeting and said this community is very lucky to have carrier routes. She said she told them to hire more employees and more control for the local postmasters.

Town Manager Harris said other communities have several funding options and is looking at funding for housing. There will be the pile of debris removed across from Town Hall. The current trail easement will have rubble installed to allow for equipment to get in to remove that debris. Three nomination petitions were received by the deadline from Shari Pierce, Mayor, Madeline Bergon and Gary Williams, Town Council seats.

XI. UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
March 3, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
March 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
March 23, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Joint Town Council and County Commissioners Work Session
April 8, 2026 at 5:00pm: Special Town Council Meeting
April 21, 2026 at 5:00pm: Regular Council Meeting

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b): For the purpose of a conference with the Town's legal counsel regarding specific legal questions pertaining to the September 10, 2025, Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town and Archuleta County regarding the Tourism Advisory Board.**
- 2. Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a): Discussion concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest related to Project 102.**

Council Member DeGuise moved to enter executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of a conference with the Town's legal counsel regarding specific legal questions pertaining to the September 10, 2025, intergovernmental agreement between the Town and Archuleta County regarding the tourism advisory board, and executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a) for discussion concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real personal or other property interest related to Project 102, Council Member seconded. Motion Passed.

Council entered executive session at 6:49 pm. Mayor Pierce called the meeting back in regular session at 8:22 pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pierce adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Shari Pierce
Mayor