



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Spring, CO 81147

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
March 17, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Pagosa Springs Town Council was called to order on March 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Council Member DeGuise, 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. Mark Weiler said a big thank you to Town Council for allowing him the honor of serving on the Planning Commission. Ms. Laura Nehring said there is a lack of signage on the snow routes. She received a ticket on 4th Street, and there is no sign designating 4th Street as a snow route. Ms. Lori Fortney said she also received a parking ticket on 4th Street. She said more signs need to be installed.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes

2. **February Financial Statement and Payments**
3. **Resolution 2026-04, Appointing Regular Planning Commission Member**
4. **Resolution 2026-05, Supporting Ballot Question A**
5. **Resolution 2026-06, Supporting Ballot Issue B**
6. **Appointing Member to Dark Sky Steering Committee**

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

VII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. **Sales Tax Brief**

Sales tax receipts for January show a decline of 10.64% compared to January 2025. This is approximately \$72,000 less than would be split between the General and Capital funds. The first 1% sales tax remittance into the Sewer Infrastructure Facility Fund (SIFF) was received for January collections. The amount of \$177,298 is lower than anticipated, but is expected to grow as vendors properly collect and remit the amount to the Colorado Department of Revenue.

2. **Other Department Reports**

- a. Administration Report
- b. Development Department Reports
- c. Lodging Tax Report
- d. Municipal Court Department Report
- e. Parks and Recreation
- f. Public Works Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 1026, Second Reading, Adopting the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code**

Ordinance 1026 adopts the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code as required by the State of Colorado. This code will be implemented no later than July 1, 2026. Staff believes this code may add 5% to the construction costs.

Council Member Bergon moved to approve second reading of Ordinance 1026 adopting the 2025 Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code, Council Member Martinez seconded. Motion Passed

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Allocation of 2026 Early Childcare and Education Funding**

Town Council allocated \$88,000 in the 2026 budget to assist early childcare and education facilities. Seven organizations requested funding of \$91,434. The council reviewed the applications and provided input on the suggested contribution amounts.

Council Member Martinez moved to allocate a total of \$87,949.85 to the ECE organizations as awarded per the Town Council worksheet on March 17, 2026, Council Member Williams seconded. Motion Passed

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ben Fox said he is the director at Wings Early Childcare. He said a thank you for the Town Council's support. He said there needs to be intentional discussion on how to fund these organizations.

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

Mr. Karl Johnson will be serving as the sewer projects administrator. Mr. Phil Bennett will be serving as the interim Public Works Director. May 28th the Town is hosting the CML regional meeting. April 7th at 5:00 pm will be a work session for Reservoir Hill funding and a master vision for recreation.

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**

This item is tabled until a later date.

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**
3. **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 Love**

Council Member Lindner moved to enter 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, and discussion concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest related to Project Love, Council Member Bergon seconded. Motion Passed

Council entered executive session at 6:30 pm. Mayor Pierce called the meeting back into regular session at 7:51pm.

XIII. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

1. **Council may act in regular session on item(s) discussed in Executive Session**

Council Member Bergon moved to direct staff to move forward as discussed in executive session, Council Member Williams seconded. Motion Passed

XIV. UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 23, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Joint Town-County Work Session
April 9, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Special Town Council Meeting
April 21, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
April 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Joint Town-County Work Session
May 5, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
May 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
May 25, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Joint Town-County Work Session

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pierce adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

**Shari Pierce
Mayor**