



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting
April 1, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Pagosa Town Council was called to order on April 1, 2025, 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 San Juan Alley needs a speed hump to slow people down and a school speed sign needs to be added close to the school along the alley. Staff said the parking along US 160 up from the library will be signed and no overnight parking will be posted.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of the March 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Proclaiming April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month**
- 3. Presentation of a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

Council Member Lindner moved to approve the consent agenda, Council Member Williams seconded.

Carried.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Pagosa Springs Vision 2050 Report

The Pagosa Springs Vision 2050 summary report details the vision set forth by the Town Council and Department Heads. The vision statement *We are an engaged community with access to natural spaces, opportunities for sustainable growth and respect for our heritage.* Priority goals for Vision 2050 include cultural infrastructure, downtown center, involved residents, necessary infrastructure, and planned growth. Community challenges were economic and financial, growth and development, housing and population, and workforce and social challenges. Community strengths were natural beauty, high quality of life, and authenticity.

Council Member Bergon moved to accept and adopt the Pagosa Springs Vision Plan 2050, Council Member DeGuise seconded.

Carried.

2. An update regarding the Property Purchase at 1040 E. Hwy 160

Town Development Director, James Dickhoff, provided an update on the property purchase at 1040 E

Hwy 160 known as the East Gateway River Park Project or Bob's LP. The Town was awarded two grants from GOCO and LWCF totaling \$882,098. This along with \$80k in Town and County conservation trust funds will be used for the purchase of the land at \$740,000 and \$222,098 for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and permitting with CDOT and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), as well as phase one site improvements that include site cleanup, refinement of park improvement designs, parking area enhancements, and the installation of a boat ramp for public river access. Closing is scheduled for April 21st and then staff can submit reimbursement requests to GOCO and LWCF.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Communications Survey Report

The Town conducted a community survey to get feedback from residents about the Town's current communication efforts. Ms. Kristen Knoll with Slate Communications said the communication preferences are through the Town's website and the Town and Visit Pagosa Facebook pages, and the local Pagosa Sun newspaper. Residents want information on community events, council updates, public safety alerts, and development activities. Suggestions include text message notifications, expanding local media efforts, and in-person engagement. Staff will continue to work for options to get the information out to the public how they would like to have it delivered.

2. Resolution 2025-08, Authorizing Reimbursement to Town for Costs Incurred Prior to Issuance of Certificates of Participation

Resolution 2025-08 allows the Town to reimburse itself from bond proceeds for the costs incurred for the US 160 Downtown rehabilitation project before bonds are issued.

Council Member Williams moved to approve Resolution 2025-08, to reimburse the Town from proceeds for costs incurred prior to issuance of bonds, Council Member DeGuise seconded.

Carried.

3. Main Street Reconstruction Project Improvements Pricing

The CDOT Hwy 160 reconstruction contractor is WW Clyde. The Town requested a bid for additional improvements associated with the project. The proposed improvements include side streets, sewer connections, geothermal crossings, light fixtures, and tree installation. The improvements proposed from WW Clyde is over \$5.7 million plus a 15% contingency of \$1 million. The agreement with CDOT approved at the last meeting is just over \$1 million. The total costs including contingency for this project and all improvements would be \$7.7 million. WW Clyde's estimates include surveying, traffic control, and their team completing the excavation and installation. Davis Engineering may assist with additional engineering items that are included in the representative costs.

Council Member DeGuise moved to approve the work items for WW Clyde to items 1, 2, 3, and non-priority items, and authorizing the Town Manager to execute a contract, Council Member Williams seconded.

Carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Bill Hudson said fire hydrants are put in by PAWSD and paid for by the developer. He said the PPOS is building a playground and park that will be open to the public and the Town Council should help contribute to the new park.

X. MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – Council Member Bergon passed the national residential building contractor examination. Council Member DeGuise said the town needs to be consistent in the enforcement of snow route tickets. Town Manager Harris said there may be other methods to get the message out when the snow route restrictions are in place. Council Member

Martinez said 10% of the County's donated funds for the reconstruction will be used for the ambassador program. The CDC, Main Street, and Tourism department are working to provide orientation training and volunteers for the ambassador program. Mayor Pierce said the purchase of the Bob's LP property did not cost the town \$ 1 million, she said with the grants and CTF monies this is the best land purchase the Town has made since her time on the council. Town Manager Harris said the Town is hosting an open house for cemetery questions on Monday, April 7th at 5:30 pm.

XI. UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS –

- April 14, 2025: Joint Town-County Board Meeting
- April 15, 2025: Regular Council Meeting
- May 6, 2025: Regular Council Meeting
- May 19, 2025: Joint Town-County Board Meeting
- May 20, 2025: Regular Council Meeting
- June 3, 2025: Regular Council Meeting

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pierce adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Shari Pierce
Mayor