



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

MINUTES

Town Council Special Meeting
October 14, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

A special meeting of the Pagosa Town Council was called to order on October 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Pierce, Council Member Bergon, Council Member deGraaf, Council Member DeGuise, Council Member Lindner, Council Member Martinez, and Council Member Williams

COUNCIL ABSENT:

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Emergency Flood Update

Town Manager David Harris provided an update on the flooding over the last several days. He said since the Saturday flooding events started, a Declaration of Disaster was issued and accepted by the Governor. He said he is waiting for approval by the State and Federal Government to receive reimbursement.

Chief Rockensock said the Ross Aragon Community Center is set up as a shelter for anyone affected by the flooding. Hermosa Street and San Juan Street residents are currently on mandatory evacuation. The Police Department has been using the drone to get photos and videos of the event in hopes of getting a better layout of the flood zone and water lines. This information can be used for tracking if reimbursement is available. Council Member Martinez said the faith-based and non-profits who are assisting with sand bags, food, and other help can track hours and expenses in case those might be reimbursed.

Town Manager Harris said the pipeline pumps on average 310,000 gallons per day, but this has increased to 900,000 gallons with the additional I&I into the sewer system due to the flooding. He said the Town is working closely with Archuleta County Emergency Operations Center.

Council Member Bergon said staff should keep an eye on the river infrastructure and possible needs for the river after this event. Council Member deGraaf said he is concerned about the storm drains and the strain on that part of the Hwy 160 construction phase.

Development Director Dickhoff said the river banks at the museum have been deteriorating. He's been monitoring both public and private buildings to assess the current damages. He said a debris removal management plan is being worked on by Archuleta County to be turned into the State. He has requested the County send a copy of the plan to the Town. He explained some of the requirements and administration of FEMA flood permits. He said the basement of the River Center building had water intrusion, but that doesn't affect the upstairs businesses.

Public Works Director Johnson said the streets are in good condition and has not seen a lot of damage.

The Cotton Hole parking lot lost most of its gravel. The water level has not hit the Geothermal well house, but silt and rocks are building up beside it. He said on Saturday, the First Street Bridge was closed due to debris, water levels, and safety concerns. On Saturday, the main sewer line on the bridge took several direct hits from large debris, but was not damaged. Early Monday morning, the increased water levels sent debris into the sewer line, that did break the sewer pipe hanging from the First Street Bridge. A temporary sewer bypass line was installed from the east manhole to the west side manhole of the First Street Bridge, allowing the bridge to be opened around 10:30 am on Monday. Roaring Fork is working with CDPHE to fast-track a lift station and force main for this section of the sewer line. He said a bridge inspector has already been contacted to look at all the bridges and culverts to assess any and all damage for repairs.

- V. MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – Council Member Martinez said the support and cooperation between the Town and County is seen by the community. Council said a thank you to the staff for their hard work. Mayor Pierce said she attended a County meeting on Saturday with Mr. Harris and is happy with how well the staff is communicating and how fast they are supplying the information needed. She said it has been a privilege to see the work being done in this type of event.
- VI. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pierce adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm.

Shari Pierce
Mayor