



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting
October 21, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Pagosa Town Council was called to order on October 21, 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. DISCLOSURES AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Bill Hudson said he has been invited to serve on the PPOS impact group for a possible bond measure through the school district. He said the middle and elementary schools will be rebuilt in another area with the BEST grant.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the October 7, 2025 and October 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

2. September Financial Statement and Payments

Council Member deGraaf moved to approve the consent agenda, Council Member DeGuise seconded.

Carried.

VII. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. Sales Tax Brief

a. Sales Tax Report - August 2025

Sales tax for August is up 1.41% over August 2024. Marijuana tax is down every month this year.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing of FY 2026 Proposed Budget

Town Manager Harris reviewed the most recently updated proposed budget for 2026. He said there will be an increase to the monthly sewer rates if the sales tax issue does not pass. Mayor Pierce opened this item for public comment. Closed with no comments.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 1020, An Emergency Ordinance of the Town of Pagosa Springs Continuing the Mayor and Town Manager Order No. 2025-3 Local Disaster Emergency Declaration

Ordinance 1020 continues the emergency order 2025-3, declaring a local disaster emergency declaration by the Mayor and Town Manager initially on October 11, 2025 (Emergency Order 2025-2) and renewed again on October 17, 2025 (Emergency Order 2025-3). This will allow the process of recovery, restoration, and assessment, in the process to qualify at a Federal level for financial assistance. The southwest region can apply together for FEMA assistance if the dollar value is reached for the whole region.

Council Member deGraaf moved to approve Ordinance 1020, an emergency ordinance of the Town of Pagosa Springs continuing the Mayor and Town Manager Order No. 2025-3 Local Disaster Emergency Declaration, Council Member Martinez seconded.

Carried.

2. October 2025 Flood Response & Recovery Update

Town Manager Harris provided an update on the cleanup after the flood on October 11th and 13th. Debris removal, landscaping, riverbank improvements and stabilization, sewer line replacement on 1st Street Bridge, dredging of the river center park, trail repairs and replacement, sewer I&I, 10th Street Culvert, irrigation pump at town park, overlook and museum riverbank, pit toilet repairs at river center. The Town's insurance company CIRSA inspected the Town's foot bridges and debris; CDOT will assess the vehicular bridges. Council Member Martinez said there will be risks of advanced aging on the sewer system due to this flood event. He said the Town is understating the effects on the river, fish habitats, and river clean up. Council Member DeGuise said he is glad the Town is looking at the wetlands and the silt that filled those bird habitats. Council Member Williams said he would like to add pressure to the State government to get attention due to this flooding. Manager Harris said Patrick Rondanelli with DOLA is assisting with contacts and options for funding.

3. Officially naming the new public park at 1040 E. Hwy 160

This item is for consideration to name the property at 1040 E. Hwy 160 to Gateway River Park. The public was given an opportunity via public meetings and mypagosa.org to suggest names for the new River Park. The suggestions were reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board, and their recommendation is Gateway River Park. Town Council discussed the names and suggested Maiku River Park. Staff will review the word Maiku meaning "welcome" and request approval from the Southern Ute Tribe.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. MAYOR, COUNCIL, TOWN MANAGER COMMENTS/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS – Staff said the Timberline apartments near Walmart will be conducting interviews of potential tenants in November with a certificate of occupancy in December. Staff said the two temporary parking areas have not been used much. The Library is using the lot near them due to their reconstruction project. The one near the Bank of San Juans has minimal usage.

XII. UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS – November 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm: Special Council Meeting
November 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm: Joint Town-County Work Session
November 18, 2025, at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
December 2, 2025, at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
December 15, 2025, at 5:00 pm: Joint Town-County Work Session
December 16, 2025, 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Pierce adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm.

Shari Pierce
Mayor