



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd
Pagosa Spring, CO 81147

MINUTES
Town Council Meeting
May 5, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

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

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

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

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

2. Resolution 2026-08, Authorizing Reimbursement to Town for Costs Incurred Prior to Issuance of Future Lease Purchase Financing

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selection of Organization ComFest 2026

This year marks the sixth consecutive year the Town has offered a free monthly summer concert series, which has consistently received positive feedback from the community. The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the events, including stage setup, band scheduling, event management, and post-event cleanup. As part of the program, the Town partners with local non-profits by providing them with the opportunity to receive proceeds from beer and wine sales. In return, participating organizations assist with event promotion and provide volunteer support during the concerts. For the upcoming season, the Town Council is being asked to select three (3) participating non-profit organizations by random drawing. Archuleta County 4-H, Aspire Medical Services, Archuleta Senior Center, Aspen House, Boy Scouts, Curtains Up Pagosa, Dust 2, Pagosa Youth Soccer, Wings Early Childhood Center, and Rise Above Violence.

Three non-profit organizations were drawn at ransom to participate in the three ComFest events in June, July and August. The organizations are Archuleta County 4-H, Wings Early Childhood Center, Rise Above Violence. A fourth, Pagosa Youth Soccer, was selected as an alternate.

2. School Project Proposal

Item tabled for another meeting.

3. Ordinance 1027, First Reading, Adoption of 2024 Model Traffic Code

Ordinance No. 1027 (Series 2026) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 of the Pagosa Springs Municipal Code, Repealing the 2003 Model Traffic Code, and Readopting the 2024 Model Traffic Code for Colorado Municipalities, Ordinance No. 1027 updates the current version of the 2003 Model Traffic Code ("MTC") to the newest version of the 2024 Model Traffic Code as amended.

Council Member Bergon moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 1027 adopting the 2024 Model Traffic Code, as amended., Council Member Martinez seconded.

4. Ordinance 1028, First Reading, Adopting a fine, surcharge and point schedule for violation of the model traffic code

Ordinance No. 1028 (Series 2026) An Ordinance of the Town of Pagosa Springs Repealing and Readopting a Fine, Surcharge, and Point Schedule for Violations of the Model Traffic Code, supports Ordinance 1027 by updating the Fine, Fee, and Surcharge schedule in support of the adoption of the 2024 Model Traffic Code. The purpose of this Ordinance and the Code adopted herein is to provide fines, fees, and surcharges for traffic regulations consistent with state law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state and the nation.

Council Member Bergon moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 1028 adopting the updated Fine, Fee, and Surcharge Schedule, Council Member Martinez seconded.

5. U.S. Department of Transportation: "Safe Streets and Roads for All" Grant Application

The Implementation Grant through this U.S. Department of Transportation's "Safe Streets and Roads for All" will help move forward with projects and strategies identified in The East End Multimodal Action Plan

that address roadway safety problems. Staff is coordinating with CDOT on an application that would request funding towards the Design and Engineering for the East End Multimodal Plan, including the US Hwy 160/84 intersection, East End frontage roads, frontage road intersections with Hwy 160, sidewalks, and river walk extension to the new River Access Park. Staff will be coming back to the May 19th Town Council meeting with official amounts. The grant application is due May 26th.

Council Member Williams said he is pleased with how the Town has molded this project with significant upfront public involvement.

6. Nature Conservancy Grant and Flood Recovery Update

The Nature Conservancy Grant is a no-match grant opportunity that the Town would like to apply for to potentially cover \$50-\$95K of the match towards the existing NRCS funded projects. This grant could also help fund some of the phase two flood projects. Current completed projects are the museum embankment stabilization (phase 1), Pagosa Gateway Project embankment stabilization, debris removal above HWY 160 bridge and above Apache St. bridge, sediment and cobble removal above HWY 160 bridge to Riff Raff on the Rio. Projects to be completed by November 2026 would be the River Center Ponds dredging, 6th St. embankment stabilization, cobble and sediment removal at the Donut Hole, cobble and sediment removal between Centennial Park Pedestrian Bridge and 6th St. Pedestrian Bridge, travertine removal at Centennial Park Pedestrian Bridge, Pagosa Gateway Project wetlands and floodplain work.

Mayor Pierce asked if anything was being done about the river carving its own path along the banks behind Town Hall. Development Director James Dickhoff said they are working with Southwest River Engineering to get sediment and cobble hauled to that location. Mayor Pierce said she likes the fact that this is a no-match grant and how hard Project Manager Kyle Rickert has been working to secure grants.

7. 2026 Fireworks Discussion

The vendor for the 4th of July fireworks show has requested to be notified by May 16th if the Town plans to have the show or cancel the show this year, as they need time to develop the show and arrange travel.

The vendor is aware of the drought situation and has worked with the Town in past years under similar uncertainty. If the show is canceled but rescheduled within the calendar year, there is no financial penalty.

Council Member Lindner is in favor of not canceling the show at this time but also keeping the option of having the fireworks at another celebration if we do have to cancel. Council Member Williams is very happy with the vendor and how they work the town and is in favor of moving forward. Council Member deGraaf is in favor of moving forward and finding another use for the fireworks if needed. Mayor Pierce said she agrees with it being too early to cancel the show and to keep moving forward. Council Member Bergon agrees and would like to suggest the idea of Old Fashion Christmas as the option for another firework event. Council Member Martinez would like to keep monitoring the risk of fireworks as it gets closer and continue with mitigation for the fireworks and safety of the community.

8. Ordinance 1029, First Reading, Amending the Municipal Code to Align with Certain Provisions of State Law

Ordinance No. 1029 (Series 2026) An Ordinance of the Town of Pagosa Springs Amending the Municipal Code to Align with Certain Provisions of State Law, provides a stop-gap measure and a starting point for aligning penalty authority with state law. It also reflects the recent Town Charter updates authorized by voters on April 7.

Council Member Lindner moved to approve Ordinance 1029, First Reading, Amending the Municipal

Code to Align with Certain Provisions of State Law, Council Member deGraaf seconded.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hudson would like to point out when people in Pagosa Springs are asked if they want improved parks and recreation, people typically say yes and like the idea until it comes to paying for it. Over several voting years, voters have voted no and never been in favor of spending money on recreation. Mr. Hudson would like to encourage Town Council to send out surveys on current recreation projects and get the communities' input.

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

None

X. UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
May 20, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Joint Town-County Work Session
June 2, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
June 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting
June 22, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Joint Town-County Work Session

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 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 deGraaf, moved to enter 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 Bergon seconded.

Council entered executive session at 6:23pm. Mayor Pierce called the meeting back into regular session at 7:29pm.

XII. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pierce adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm

**Shari Pierce
Mayor**