



Town Hall 551 Hot Springs Blvd  
Pagosa Spring, CO 81147

**MINUTES**  
Town Council Meeting  
June 2, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

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A regular meeting of the Pagosa Springs Town Council was called to order on June 2, 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 deGraaf

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Council Member Lindner

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. DISCLOSURES AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Eddie Archuleta said the neighbors haven't been contacted about a potential fireworks display this weekend.

Ms. Holly Shook said the LGBTQ wants to come into the school and she said we need to protect the children. She said the adults are pushing this ideas on kids and should involve the parents.

Ms. Kirsten Skeehan said she appreciates the Town Council's proclamation for LGBTQ. She said the young people need to be acknowledged in this community.

Mr. John Neal said he is the owner of the property on South 10th and the applicant for the fireworks display. He said the town code is vague and would like the town council's approval. He said he chose a professional company in J&M Display to shoot off the fireworks. He said he got a permit with the Fire Department and a plan with three fire trucks to address the fire concerns.

Ms. Bonita Halley said she doesn't care about sexual orientation, but said the Town making the

whole month of June a gay pride month is not appropriate.

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of the May 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
2. **Proclamation Celebrating 2026 LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

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

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request for a Permit for Professional Fireworks Display by John “Scott” Neal on or around 141 S 10th Street (Elementary School ballfield) on the evening of Saturday, June 6.**

Mr. Neal has requested to have a private fireworks show June 6th. Ms. Skalinski with J&M Displays was hired to shoot off the fireworks near the elementary school. The Fire District has provided a permit and will be standing by with three fire trucks. The school district has also provided permission to shoot the fireworks at their property. The County Sheriff has not placed fire restrictions in place at this time. The Town's code prohibits fireworks displays unless approved by the Town Council.

Mayor Pierce said insurance to cover this will be very large, she said closing the roads is strenuous on the police department. Council Member Martinez said the 4th of July fireworks were approved because of the fire mitigation. He said the risk management is too large and is not in support. Council Member deGraaf said the steps the applicant has taken to mitigate the risk and the fire district is on board. He is in favor of supporting this application. Council Member Williams said he is impressed with the amount of time and effort for this event. He said the benefit vs risk is too high and the Town needs to be very careful of fire danger. Council Member deGraaf said if the Council does not allow Mr. Neal's fireworks, the Town should not move forward with the Town's 4th of July fireworks.

Council Member Martinez moved to deny the request for a permit for a Professional Fireworks Display by John “Scott” Neal on or around 141 S 10th Street (Elementary School ballfield) on the evening of Saturday, June 6, Council Member Williams seconded. Motion Passed with one nay (Council Member deGraaf).

2. **Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership WRAP Project**

WEP Board Chair, Mr. Al Pfister, provided an update and presentation regarding the Wildfire Ready Action Plan (WRAP) grant. He said the Colorado Water Conservation Board is completing an action plan for fire mitigation. The CWCB grant would cover 75% of a \$400k grant. The WEP would need to raise the \$100k for the match. This plan would allow the Town to apply for other grants for projects designated by the WRAP plan. The Town's contribution would be \$5,000 in 2027 toward matching funds.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

Mayor Pierce said the Memorial Day presentation was long and seating was needed. She said Commissioner Brown agreed to work with the Town to provide seating for these types of events. She said she would like permanent seating around the flag poles. Council Member Williams said artists could create the benches and be sponsored by families for their loved ones. Mayor Pierce said a shade structure is needed.

Mayor Pierce said a thank you to staff for the hard work on the CML meeting. Mr. Patrick Rondenelli is leaving DOLA and will be the Manager at Telluride.

**X. UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

June 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting

June 22, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Joint Town-County Work Session

July 7, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting

July 21, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting

August 4, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting

August 18, 2026 at 5:00 pm: Regular Council Meeting

**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**

**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 Cottonwood**

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 and the same related to Project Cottonwood, Council Member Williams seconded.

Town Council entered executive session at 6:14 pm. Mayor Pierce called the meeting back in regular session at 7:24 pm.

**XII. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**

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

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pierce adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

**Shari Pierce  
Mayor**