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TOWN COUNCIL & PSSGID MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007 12:00 P.M.

Town of Pagosa Springs

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Aragon, Council Member Atkinson, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Holt, Council Member Middendorf, Council Member Simmons, and Council Member Steinert
- II. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Certification of 2008 Mill Levy** - 1.557 Mills at an assessed valuation of \$64,325,658 in the amount of \$100,155. Council Member Middendorf moved to certify the mill levy at 1.557 mills. Council Member Cotton seconded, the motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. Resolution 2007-24, Adoption of 2008 Budget** - Staff incorporated all previous talked about changes. Council Member Atkinson raised some of her concerns. She wants Council to hold off on Capital Improvements and staff reorganization until they have their priorities set and she wants to do employee evaluations before any reorganization. She would like to discuss this at a retreat in January. She also wants to discuss the interaction with staff and council and their overall dynamics. Council Member Cotton thinks that the capital fund is getting too small and that it needs to go back up before we increase staff and he agrees with Council Member Atkinson. The capital improvement portion is not related to the administrative portion of the budget and staffing. Council Member Simmons thought that it was specific in the Charter that Council is not in charge of making organizational changes, and then Mark would be held accountable if it doesn't work out. Mark said he believes that is correct. Council Member Atkinson still thinks there should be more dialogue not micro managing. She would like to see job descriptions so Council has a better feel as to what direction we are going. Council Member Steinert agrees that a strategic planning session is needed but doesn't know if we can implement it soon enough to go along on this plan and budget. We can always change things within the categories once it has been approved. So he thinks that both things need to continue. Mayor Aragon also agrees with Council Member Atkinson. Council Member Simmons thinks that we really need to move forward with the budget and we do need a strategic planning session but that is going to take time and he doesn't want to have to rush through it. He would like to see the budget approved and then come back and take our time on the planning session. He recommends holding off on the additional staffing until after the retreat but go ahead with the other portions of the budget. Council Member Cotton would be comfortable approving the bottom line of this budget but that is it, then council needs to be more involved on how the money is spent. Council Member Atkinson moved to approve 2008 budget Resolution 2007-24 as shown in draft version 5. With the addition that the capital improvement plan allocation and the monies appropriated to reorganization will stay constant and the line items may shift depending on the outcome of our retreat in January. Council Member Steinert seconded, the motion carried unanimously.
 - 3. Discussion on Elected Officials Compensation** - Mr. Mike Greene addressed Council on this a couple of meetings ago and he and Mark have been working on this since then. Mark has talked to our attorney on this and he stated that compensation can not be given to current seated Council Members. With the upcoming election this is something that we

want to work on sooner than later. Mr. Greene that he pays \$17 for month for trash service but nothing for governmental services. The demands on the council are significantly greater today then they were when he moved here 8 years ago and it is only going to get worse. He believes that the council's time has value and thinks we should assign some value to it. Council Member Cotton stated he appreciates Mr. Greene's efforts but thought it stated in the Charter that Council could not be compensated but apparently it isn't stated clear enough in the Charter. He believes the Charter Commission's intent was not to compensate Council so he believes there should be a charter amendment to do this. Mark stated that according to our attorney we can extend council benefits to council by Ordinance. To amend the charter takes a vote of the public. Council Member Middendorf thinks maybe a charter amendment is a fair way to do this and see what the public thinks. Council Member Middendorf would rather see health benefits rather than compensation. Council Member Holt doesn't want to be compensated he does this to give back to the community. Council Member Steinert agrees with Council Member Holt, people need to be committed to do this and he believes that goes beyond pay or benefits. Council Member Atkinson would be in favor of looking at this further. Council Member Cotton does not want compensated and he lobbied hard to make that a part of the charter. Mayor Aragon agrees with Council Member Cotton and Holt, he believes it is part of his civic duty. They will talk about this in the strategic planning session also.

4. **Citizens for Intelligent and Sustainable Growth Discussion** - This was discussed last night with the Planning Commission also. Mark told the group he would bring this to Council. Jerry Jackson spoke on behalf of the group. He would like to see a planned meeting where they can sit down with council to discuss this perhaps as a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and staff. Chairman Bunning of the Planning Commission would be agreeable to a joint meeting. There will be a joint meeting sometime in mid February. The Council Retreat will be January 16th 2008.

- III. **ADJOURNMENT** – Council Member Simmons moved to adjourn. Council Member Holt seconded, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** - Mayor Aragon, Council Member Atkinson, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Holt, Council Member Middendorf, Council Member Simmons, and Council Member Steinert

- II. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Certification of PSGGID 2008 Mill Levy** - 2.545 mills at an assessed valuation of \$41,308,124 in the amount of \$105,129. Council Member Holt moved to certify the mill levy at 2.545 mills. Council Member Atkinson seconded, the motion carried unanimously.
2. **PSSGID Resolution 2007-06, Adoption of 2008 Budget** - We are trying to finalize our final loan with DOLA. We are going to have to consider our rate structure in early January as our growth rate we choose is greatly going to affect our rates and this is necessary for the debt service. Council Member Simmons would still like to see more of an onus on new developers rather than current users. Council Member Simmons moved to approve Resolution 2007-06. Council Member Holt seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

- III. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Hoch Plant Investment Fee Reduction Request** - Phil and Mark looked into this further and the Council can change rates, fees and charges with out setting a precedent and Mark believes the rules and regulations allows us to do that. We can use the hardship aspect or the area being in need of redevelopment so not to set a precedent. Council Member Holt would be in favor of letting him pay in installments rather than all up front so if we are going to do this we should go all the way. If the restaurant goes out of business in six months he is still obligated to make the payments. We can build in safe guards to us and obligations. Council Member Middendorf likes the economic development option because it creates an incentive and he is in favor of incentives. This would be monitored for one year and then reassessed. Council Member Holt moved to approve the Hoch Plant

Investment Fee reduction request to one existing and 2 new taps and that he be allowed to pay monthly until paid in full and with safe guards built in for the town. The motion is based on the redevelopment of a depressed area and the possibility of having vacant buildings in consideration for granting this application. Council Member Simmons seconded, the motion carried with 1 nay (Council Member Cotton). Mark will write an approval letter to formalize this and bring it back to the Council.

- IV. ADJOURNMENT** - Council Member Cotton moved to adjourn. Council Member Holt seconded, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Ross Aragón

Mayor