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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010
Town Hall Council Chambers
5:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Aragon, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Holt, Council Member Jackson, Council Member Lattin, Council Member Pierce, Council Member Volger
- II. **APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 6th AND 22nd, 2010** – Minutes were approved as read
- III. **LIQUOR LICENSES**
 1. **Liquor License Renewal – Super America LLC dba Everyday Stores, 300 E Pagosa Street**
 2. **Liquor License Renewal – The Getaway LLC dba The Plaza Grille, 27 B Talisman Drive**
 3. **Liquor License Renewal – City Market #38, 755 San Juan Street**
 4. **Liquor License Renewal – City Market #45, 165 Country Center Drive** – Council Member Jackson moved to approve the liquor license for Super America LLC dba Everyday Stores, The Getaway LLC dba The Plaza Grille, City Market #38 and City Market #45, Council Member Holt seconded, unanimously approved.
 5. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Humane Society of Pagosa Springs fundraiser at Ross Aragon Community Center 551 Hot Springs Blvd August 27, 2010**
 6. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Pagosa Waldorf Initiative, Inc fundraiser at Liberty Theatre, 418 Pagosa Street August 16, 2010**
 7. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce Colorfest at Town Park 400 block Hermosa Street September 10th and 11th, 2010** – Council Member Pierce moved to approve the special events liquor permits for the Humane Society of Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Waldorf Initiative, Inc, and Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, Council Member Lattin seconded, unanimously approved.
- IV. **DELEGATIONS**
 1. **Steve Vassallo – Newly Hired Executive Director for Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation** – Mr. Steve Vassallo explained that he will be meeting with community leaders to obtain community assessment of the town to better understand the concerns and visions for the community and create a strategic plan to present to the community leaders. Hopefully this plan will give a 5-year economic development plan to begin August 31st.
 2. **Jack and Katy Threet – Recognition for their financial support for the Pagosa Springs Community** – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Threet are generous contributors to the Town of Pagosa Springs community. They have helped the Town with fireworks, Pinon Lake fountain and most recently the Mural on Main Street which Jack originally built the flower boxes he would plant each springs with beautiful flowers. Mr. Threet said his family has been in the community for the last 25 years and they appreciate the recognition by the Council.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Four-Way Stop at 8th Street and Piedra Street** – The Town Planning Department held three

neighborhood input meetings in October 2009 regarding street improvements along 8th Street. Most of the concern was how to slow traffic along 8th Street. James Dietrich with Ft Lewis College presented numerous ideas for calming traffic which included a 4-way stop at Piedra Street and South 8th Street. Staff will post a Public Service Announcement in the local newspaper, Streets Crew will maintain a flashing barrier lights, new stop signs will be placed at the intersections, and the Police Department will patrol the street during the initial days following the placement of the new signs. Council Member Pierce moved to approve the placement of a 4-way stop intersection at the Piedra Street and South 8th Street intersection, Council Member Volger seconded, unanimously approved.

2. **Reservoir Hill Topographical Map Creation** – The TTC recently formed a Reservoir Hill Task Force to focus on exploring options to enhance the recreational and natural amenities of Reservoir Hill. The need for a detailed topographical map is critical to the project and can be completed by an aerial flyover of Reservoir Hill and surrounding areas including the downtown section of the San Juan River and Hwy 160. The cost, which includes the donation of the ground survey points, would be approximately \$12,000 with the Sanitation District paying \$2,000 of the cost if the map could include the positions of the new sewer plant on the Districts land. The Levine family was contacted and they have a topographical map for his property but only a few feet into the Town’s property. Council Member Pierce believes that at this time the reserve money would be better spent on maintenance of parks, roads, and needed equipment. Town Manager Mitchem explained that if Reservoir Hill will be used for future revenues, the development and planning of the hill needs to begin. Council Member Cotton and Jackson believe the planning of the hill is very important and should be completed. Council Member Volger moved to approve the Town Tourism Committee expenditure of \$2,000 for the purpose of producing a topographical map in two foot increments; the allocation of \$8,000 from the Town’s capital improvement reserves for the same purpose; and request the Pagosa Springs Sanitation General Improvement District Board of Directors to allocate \$2,000 for creation of its portion of the map, Council Member Jackson seconded, motion carried with one nay (Council Member Pierce)
3. **Ordinance No. 756 (First Reading) Medical Marijuana Moratorium Continuation** – The State of Colorado passed House Bill 10-1284 which suspends issuances of business licenses for medical marijuana centers, optional premises, cultivation operations, and infused product marijuana until July 1, 2011. It is the recommendation of staff that Town Council also suspend processing business licenses within the Town until the State of Colorado completes their standards. Council Member Pierce thanked both Town Planner James Dickhoff and Chief Rockensock for their assistance and hard work on the medical marijuana committee. Council Member Holt said he would like to prohibit outside businesses from delivering into the County, he said there is a local supplier and some patients can grow their own. Chief Rockensock explained he doesn’t feel the department would be able to prohibit the delivery of products from outside the area. Council Member Holt recommends Section 5. Direction to Staff is stricken until after the Council makes a decision if they want to move forward with allowing medical marijuana businesses in town. Mayor Aragon believes the Council has a big responsibility to the community, our kids, and our tourists and the Council need to be good leaders. Doreen Egan asked if the committee has met with the local physicians to find out if they are in support of allowing centers in town, Council Member Pierce said the committee had not asked input from local physicians. Chief Rockensock suggests seeking town counsel on the subject of not allowing delivery into the County, and the liability of denying delivery. James Dickhoff explained that HB 10-1284 does allow the delivery of medicine to patients from caregivers and physicians, it is the cultivation and infused product operations/businesses are not included in the bill as being allowed to deliver. Council Member Jackson moved to approve Ordinance No. 756 (first reading) An Ordinance Suspending the Processing of Applications for Medical Marijuana Centers, Medical Marijuana Optional Premises Cultivation Operations and Medical Marijuana Infused Product Manufacturing Businesses and Suspending the Delivery of Such Medical Marijuana Business Products from Outside of Archuleta County until July 01, 2011, and changing Section 5 to direct staff to wait until two months prior to the moratorium being lifted to bring information for Council’s decision, Council Member Holt seconded, unanimously approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Copies of proposed Ordinances and Resolutions are available to the public from the Town Clerk

VII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Department Report – Marky Egan introduced herself as the new recreation supervisor replacing the position Andy Rice held. Adult softball leagues and youth tennis come to an end, soccer registration begins. The skate park has at least a dozen requests for bid documents for the new park, formal bids are due to the County by August 5th. Preparations for the new toddler playground at Yamaguchi Park are underway in hopes to have the playground open mid-September.

2. Planning Department Report – Recent joint Planning Commission work sessions with the County’s Planning Commission have taken place in an attempt to coordinate future county zoning districts relating to the county’s future land use map and the current town zoning districts. Council Member Pierce explained the museum had stopped charging to visit the museum in 2009 and saw a huge increase in traffic; they have continued to this practice in 2010 and have seen an increase in donations and visitors. The Mural on Main Street project is moving forward with recent private party contributions for landscaping which will enable some elements of the project to be completed this year including landscaping, benches and possibly trash receptacles. The Wayfinding sign has been temporarily held up due to the selection of paint colors and styles. A Lewis Street neighborhood input meeting was held July 15th. The participants will review a few possible street designs for review and comments. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 19th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. San Juan Street Sidewalk Project grant should be accepted by the CDOT TPR committee. Also CDOT did approve the CMAQ funds grant for a new street sweeper for the Town which should be formally recognized next week. Mayor Aragon recognized Town Planner James Dickhoff for his hard work and his excellence in working with the public.

3. Town Tourism Committee Report – Lodgers tax collections for June 2010 is currently up 1.7% over June 2009, with one property still owing payment for June. The first six months of 2010 show an increase of 7.6% over 2009. YTD fulfillment requests are up 72.3% over last year. The TTC is working with the Cassio Group to produce a Hunting Pocket Guide with key information for hunters visiting Pagosa this fall, the TTC plans to distribute this guide locally. Keely Whittington recently resigned from the TTC board, Jim Smith was nominated and approved to serve as the TTC Secretary for the remainder of the year. The TTC has applied for a grant from the Colorado Tourism Organization if awarded will pay for banner ads, and other advertising promotions shared between Pagosa Springs and Ouray.

4. Town Manager Report – The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Board continues work with local entrepreneurs to advance our local economy and is preparing for the community assessment that will be conducted the first several weeks in August. Sales tax for May decreased 5.64% compared to May 2009. YTD sales tax revenue has declined 5.42% compared to the same period last year.

VIII. Next Town Council Meeting August 26, 2010 at 12noon

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

**Ross Aragón
Mayor**