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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011
Town Hall Council Chambers
5:00 P.M.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Aragon, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Hart, Council Member Holt, Council Member Lattin, Council Member Pierce
- II. **APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 6th & 22nd, 2011** – The minutes were approved as read
- III. **DELEGATIONS**
 1. **Mercy Hospice Residence – Karen Medkiff** - Karen Medkiff and Tina Gallegos gave a brief presentation on the Mercy medical hospice programs. The program recently approved by the board is a twelve bed in-patient hospice residence center in the region to take care of those patients who are unable to have care at home. The center will be built at the Three Springs property in Durango with an estimated cost of \$4 million dollars. Ms. Medkiff suggested a letter of support from the Town Council to help them to garnish grant funding. Council Member Volger moved that the Town Council draft a letter of support for the Mercy Medical Hospice Center for our region, Council Member Hart seconded, unanimously approved.
 2. **Stevens Field Capital Improvement Plan – Bill McKown** – The airport has gone through changes and there are several items slated for improvement to the field. Mr. McKown gave an overview of the projects looking to improve at the airport, including 5,000 foot of parallel taxiways that can handle the larger planes. Avjet Corporation came into Pagosa in 2004 and has been increasing their business at the airport. Budget cuts will hamper some of the operations at the airport in 2012 if the winter snow storms are excessive. Lighting on the taxi ways are in the future capital plan as well as land acquisitions, improved fueling station, and two large snow blowing and removal equipment. Large commercial prospects are not possible due to the trees at both ends of the runway, however small commercial such as federal express and UPS might be possible and an aviation plan is in process.
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **2012 USA Pro Cycling Challenge** – Mr. Morgan Murri explained that Colorado recently hosted the inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge. The 2011 event was deemed a huge success by participants, spectators and host communities. In order to determine the host communities for 2012, the event organizers have once again issued a Host City Request for Proposal (RFP). The event organizers sent the Local Organizing Committee an email inviting Pagosa Springs to bid for 2012. The response is due Monday, October 31, 2011. The group that developed the response last year plans to submit the same concept for 2012, proposing a stage finish atop Wolf Creek Pass. Costs to the Town are unknown at this time; however a combination of direct and indirect costs, such as in-kind town services should be expected, if Pagosa Springs is selected as a host community. The group is hoping to get people to come to Pagosa the day before the race and then stay the day of the race to do some activities. Council Member Holt moved that the Town of Pagosa Springs submit a bid to be a host city

partner in the 2012 USA Pro Cycling Challenge, Council Member Volger seconded, unanimously approved.

2. **Archuleta County Economic Development Strategy** - Over the past month the PSCDC strategic planning team has been meeting to identify ways of implementing the goals, strategies and actions proposed by over 300 survey Archuleta County respondents to the "Bottom-Up" 2011 Archuleta County Economic Development Summary. A team led by Lisa Hayes will continue to engage the PSCDC, Chamber of Commerce, others in the business community and our citizens in the refinement and implementation of the plan. Mrs. Lisa Hayes said it is critical for completion of the plan and have community feedback on moving the projects forward with the help of community efforts. Council Member Volger moved to support the Archuleta County Community Economic Development Strategy in concept and encourage the expansion of the plan to include performance benchmarks, timeline refinements, and the identification of implementation teams, Council Member Lattin seconded, unanimously approved.
3. **Preliminary Budget FY 2012** - The 2011 budgeted sales tax revenue was based on a conservative economic estimate at -7% below the 2009 sales tax receipts of \$3,068,144. The 2011 year-end sales tax revenue is projected to be \$2,959,000 or \$105,626 above revenue projections utilized in the development of the 2011 budget, not including the additional \$87,524 audit related increase. The proposed sales tax revenue for 2012 is budgeted at \$2,958,944, the same as the 2010 actual and 2011 estimate not including the one-time state audited revenues in both these years. The 2012 projected sales tax is -3.56% below the 2009 receipts. The 2012 preliminary budget reflects a large number of capital projects funded with reserve funds and a transfer from the general fund reserves to assist in maintaining sufficient reserves. A budget worksession is scheduled for Thursday October 13th. Mr. Mark Weiler asked some questions regarding the large reduction in general fund expenditures as well as capital fund expenditures. Mr. Weiler gave the Council information regarding New Market Tax Credit that he believes the PSCDC will be coming to the Town with new and exciting opportunities. He suggests investing in a staff grant writer and investing in the Town's future vision. Mr. Bill Hudson asked about paving and maintaining Majestic Drive and town roads.
4. **Invitations** – Town Manager Mitchem included invitations for the council to attend the Colorado Geothermal Working Group presentation on October 6th as well as the Entrepreneur Marketplace Program October 7th and 8th.

V. **NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2011 at 12noon**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Ross Aragón
Mayor