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**TOWN COUNCIL and PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007
12:00 P.M.**

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

- II. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Seeds of Learning – Public Hearing on Closing CDBG Grant** - This is to close out the CDBG Grant with Seeds of Learning. Mayor Aragon open this to public comment, there was not any.

 2. **Fred Harman – Future Museum Plans Discussion** - Years ago he deeded over 5 acres to the museum corporation and this enabled them to keep all the art work and artifacts that his father had. His family homesteaded here in Pagosa in the 1890s. They gave the Council a handout on their presentation. They formed the museum corporation in 1979. They are working on a grant right now to help get the site plan going and getting other buildings into place. They showed a short DVD of the current museum and current buildings that are in place. It also showed some of the art work by Fred Harman. They want to create an opportunity to allow people to appreciate what life was like around here 100 years ago. They hope the grant money will come through sometime at the end of this year. Then they hope this will be a three year process to expend those funds. They would like to come together in some sort of a partnership with the town to help insure the future of the project. They are looking at a \$5 million budget the finished project is looking at a \$10-12 million. One way the town could get vested early on is to complete the site plan and grading and drainage, this may be possible with TTC funds. Mark believes that this is an exciting project and it will bring a lot of people to this community. The Council agrees that this is an exciting concept and project.

 3. **Briliam Engineering Wastewater Treatment Plant Proposal** - We are getting close to finalizing the design portion of this project. We need to decide on what we want the plant to look like before we can complete the final funding request. Mark and Patrick gave a power point presentation on the new plant process. This discussed and showed a mechanical plant with a headworks building and room for expansion. This will be built at the current site but only using one cell to begin with. They had pictures to show what a headworks could look like. They also showed pictures of what SBR systems look like and how they are installed. There are 2 disinfection options available. Chlorine Disinfection and UV Disinfection. UV is the newer technology and the one Phil would like to see used

but the cost is more initially. There is danger associated with chlorine storage at plant sites, especially the bigger the plant gets. They showed pictures of both. Most plants going to bid now are going with the UV Disinfection. We also have to decide how we want to deal with sludge. The choices are dewatering and disposing and then a liquid and disposing process. The total base case cost including a rather large contingency is about \$4.3 million. The contingency will be narrowed down as the project moves forward. The council likes the idea of going out to bid with the additive/deductive as part of it so they can choose the options they like after they see how the bids come back. Council Member Cotton moved to go forward with the bid process using the base case with the additive/deductive option as presented by Briiam Engineering. Council Member Middendorf seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

4. San Juan Motel Sewer Fee Reduction Request and Pedestrian Access

Easement Negotiations - Mr. Schmidt is asking for a height variance request on his property. He wants the Council to give direction to the Planning Commission allowing a 60' height variance. Due to where the building will be located it will not affect sight distances. He wants to build an indoor water park and believes that 60' is the minimum needed. He believes that this is the only site in town where you can build into the hill and temper the height. Mr. Schmidt also wants to use the easements the town wants for the pedestrian bridge and his sewer fees in the mix of these negotiations. Council Member Holt would like to see the town buy the easements in the flood way from Mr. Schmidt for \$15,000. He wants to see all three dealings with Mr. Schmidt as separate and not tied in together. Mr. Schmidt said he couldn't do that. The Downtown Master Plan kind of stayed away from this property and only gives a few recommendations for that area. For the height issue he needs to go to the Planning Commission and go through the process the Council cannot make a decision before the Planning Commission does their work. Mark will sit down with Mr. Schmidt to come together and come up with some recommendations for the easement and sewer fees. Council Member Cotton moved to continue this until the next meeting. Council Member Simmons seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

III. ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Simmons moved to adjourn. Council Member Cotton seconded, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Ross Aragón
Mayor**