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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2013
Town Hall Council Chambers
551 Hot Springs Blvd
5:00 p.m.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Aragon, Council Member Bunning, Council Member Cotton, Council Member Lattin, Council Member Schanzenbaker, Council Member Volger
- II. **APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2013** – The minutes were approved as read.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- IV. **LIQUOR LICENSE**
 1. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program Fundraiser May 17, 2013 at the Ross Aragon Community Center**
 2. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Pagosa Springs Community Facilities Coalition Concert June 13, 2013 at the Ross Aragon Community Center**
 3. **Special Events Liquor Permit – Pagosa Springs Community Facilities Coalition April 18, 2013 at the Ross Aragon Community Center** – Council Member Lattin moved to approve the special events liquor permits for Archuleta County Victim Assistance Program May 17th, the Pagosa Springs Community Facilities Coalition June 13 and April 18th, 2013, Council Member Bunning seconded, unanimously approved.
- V. **DELEGATIONS**
 1. **2012 Audit – Michael Branch** – Mr. Michael Branch explained that the 2012 audit was completed in February. He said the financial conditions are very good and reserves are twice what he would recommend. There were no items that were out of the ordinary and praised the town council for their diligent work in keeping under the budgeted numbers in all of the funds. The capital has approximately \$2million in reserves and General Fund has \$1.7million in reserves. Geothermal has \$150,000 in reserves, and will not be profitable as it stands. The Sanitation Fund profited \$300,000 and believes the pipeline should be able to be funded without increases in sewer rates. The sanitation reserves are nearly \$1.5million. Monthly draws will be required for the pipeline project and a town staff member should review and sign off on the draws. Sales tax represents the vast majority of the Town’s income, and the receipts in 2012 were comparable to the 2011 sales tax receipts.
 2. **Workforce/Economic Sector Summit Report – Ronnie Zaday** – Ms. Zaday with the Workforce Center spoke about the Economic Sector Summit report and how this affects Archuleta County. Workforce is the place where those on unemployment have to go through for their training and connection to employers. The program is funded by the federal, state and local region. She said the group needs more business members to be involved with the program.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Geothermal Power Plant Research Grant** – Over the past few years studies have been

conducted on the geothermal aquifer by NREL, Geothermal Management, and the Colorado School of the Mines to determine size and capacity of the aquifer. Mr. Jerry Smith has experience in Oregon and other communities with using the hot water to create power. His organization, Pagosa Verde, brought forward a project and received grant funding for the Oregon Plant. He said there is speculation that at 2,000 feet there is 200 degree water, but said that at 165 degrees other groups were able to make power at this lower temperature. He is hoping to produce between 4-16 MegaWatts of power from a Pagosa Springs plant, to compare he said a ½ MegaWatt heats 600 homes and a few greenhouse in Japan. Funding for larger energy projects can be accessed from the DOE, state, and local funding, and the community will own the plant. Council Member Volger asked if Pagosa Verde will sell the electricity to LPEA. Mr. Smith said that he would like to come back to council in 3-5 months to discuss what possibilities are available for this project with a strategic plan. He said the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the project. Businessman JR Ford is supportive of this project. He said the drilling should not affect the other geothermal well owners and the monitors on the other wells will allow for review of the aquifer affects. He is proposing the plant be located across Hwy 84 from the County Road and Bridge Department. He is requesting the Town Council participate in exploration and plant development for the Town geothermal aquifer. Council Member Volger moved to approve partnering with Archuleta County in the Geothermal Power Plant Research Grant by appropriating \$9,000 from the Capital Fund as the Town's portion of the match, Council Member Schanzenbaker seconded, unanimously approved.

2. **Resolution 2013-08 Archuleta County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan** - Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans are required by Congress pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Mr. Drew Petersen with Archuleta County Emergency Management said the Emergency Management Division of the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office and its partners drafted the Archuleta County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan aims to make our communities safer and more resilient; it provides funding sources to complete mitigation projects, as well as makes the county eligible for additional grant assistance when a disaster occurs. Currently the plan has conditional FEMA approval pending official adoption by the participating jurisdictions. This plan and the resolution the county adopted does not obligate any agency to expend any funds or implement any projects. Council Member Volger moved to approve Resolution 2013-08, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Pagosa Springs Colorado adopting the Archuleta County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Council Member Lattin seconded, unanimously approved.
3. **Ordinance 787, Repeal and Readopt Section 12.3.1 and 12.3.2 of the Town Municipal Code Regarding Marijuana Offenses** - The Town's current code 12.3.1 Marijuana Prohibited and 12.3.2 Paraphernalia, states any person who possesses, openly and publicly displays, consumes, or uses not more than one ounce of marijuana commits a municipal offense. Due to the changes in Amendment 64, these sections should be amended for adult consumption and possession, prohibiting open and public consumption and displays, addressing offenses for possession of over one ounce, and prohibit possession of drug paraphernalia, excluding marijuana accessories, for adults. Council Member Lattin moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 787, an ordinance of the Town of Pagosa Springs revising Section 12.3.1 and 12.3.2 of the Pagosa Springs Municipal Code, Council Member Bunning seconded, unanimously approved.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VIII. NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 21, 2013 AT 12:00PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

Ross Aragón
Mayor