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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015
Town Hall Council Chambers
551 Hot Springs Blvd
5:00 p.m.**

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Mayor Volger, Council Member Alley, Council Member Bunning, Council Member Egan, Council Member Lattin, Council Member Patel, Council Member Schanzenbaker
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Bill Hudson asked that the town council encourage town residents to get involved with town projects, like the Geothermal Greenhouse Project in Centennial Park, as well as County projects.
- III. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 1. **Approval of the June 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes**
 2. **American Tower Sub-Lease Approval**
 3. **SBA Tower Sub-Lease Approval**
 4. **DoLA GGP Contract Approval**
 5. **Liquor Licenses**
 - a. **Liquor License Renewal – Pagosa Peak Partners LLC dba Higher Grounds Coffee at 189 Talisman Drive A** – Council Member Alley recused himself from the consent agenda item 5a.
Council Member Lattin moved to approve the consent agenda, Council Member Bunning seconded, unanimously approved.
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 1. **Pickleball Paint Stripes Request for New Gym Floor** - Recreation and Community Center staff have been in communication with members of the group playing pickleball at the Community Center, they presently use the gym to play several days a week. The group has requested to have permanent striping for pickleball courts painted on the new hardwood gym floor. Town staff is not supportive of painting the pickleball lines for a number of reasons. The pickleball group would like to be included as a real sport in the community with dedicated lines. If approved there would be a \$640 change order required with the flooring installation company. Mayor Volger said the staff decision to not include the pickleball lines was not made unilaterally and the town council is more of a policy decision body. He said this time was a chance for the pickleball players to express their opinion and desire to include the lines. Ms. Heidi Moller said the currently taped

lines do not cause any confusion for the referees during basketball or volleyball. The repair and replacement costs associated to replacing the taped lines have been covered by the pickleball the last five years. The group is willing to pay the cost for installation and painting of the lines on the gym floor. Mr. Mark Kimmel produced photos for the town council to view. He said most pickle ball is played outdoors and that lines for pickleball don't pose a problem for other sports. Mr. Bill Hudson said when it was built the Coalition added two rooms for the Arts Council which is now defunct. He said the taped lines haven't caused confusion for the past five years and agrees with adding the permanent lines. Town Manager Schulte said managing the facility is staff's goal. There are three courts currently lined in the gym. Council Member Egan said the group needs more than just the three courts the community center offers. He said the Town needs to support the pickleball players. Council Member Lattin said the youth is a little confused on which lines are for which sport. She said a recreation center would be a great place for pickleball courts, not the community center. Council Member Schanzenbaker asked if permanent lines could be put down in the top layers of the polyurethane rather than on the wood. Mr. Bill Hudson said it would be impractical to put the stripes in between polyurethane. Mr. Will Dunbar said the pickleball group uses the gym the most during the week. He said as a compromise, if small squares at each corner were painted that would expedite the taping process for the group. Council Member Egan moved to affirm the current staff's recommendation and to work with the group to assist in fostering pickleball in our community, the motion died for lack of a second. Council Member Bunning moved to support staff decision and recommendation to not install permanent striping but include permanent corner markers to support installation of tape, Council Member Egan seconded, motion carried with one nay (Council Member Patel).

2. **Geothermal Project Advance Funding Reduction to \$125,000** - The Town of Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County executed the Pagosa Area Geothermal Water and Power Authority (Authority) Agreement that created the Authority with the purpose of exploring for geothermal resources and possible development of those resources. With grants from DOE and DOLA and funds from the town and county, drilling progressed. It soon became apparent that the Authority needed funding to pay for the initial costs and then be reimbursed subsequently by the DOLA grant. On March 3, 2015 the Town Council approved advancing up to \$250,000 to the Authority for drilling expenses to be reimbursed by the DOLA grant. On May 6th, the PAGWPA Board met to discuss the present status of the drilling and whether advance funding was still needed from the Town and County. It was concluded that additional funding was still needed to take advantage of the DOLA funding, but given the short period for drilling time left, only half the original amount would be needed, or \$125,000 from each entity. On May 6th the PAGWPA board agreed to this reduced amount. The BOCC agreed to the reduction with a promissory note to be signed by Pagosa Verde. Commissioner Lucero representing the PAGWPA board requested the reduced amount. The drilling is complete, final billing should be complete in September. Council Member Bunning moved to approve continued advance funding, appropriated from General Fund reserves, an amount not to exceed \$125,000, matching a \$125,000 contribution from Archuleta County, for the purpose of providing bridge funding for expenses related to test geothermal drilling. Any funding advanced is to be reimbursed by the Department of Local Affairs Energy Impact Grant awarded to the Pagosa Area Geothermal Water and Power Authority, Council Member Alley seconded, unanimously approved.
3. **Town Investment Sub-Committee – CD Investment Approval** - The Town of Pagosa Springs has maintained several Certificate of Deposits (CD) over the years which have invested funds from both the General Fund and the Sanitation Fund. Staff believes circumstances in banking have changed whereby a more proactive approach needs to be

taken in regards to investing the public funds. Staff recommends the establishments of a Town Investment Sub-Committee. Council Member Egan moved to approve establishing a Town Investment Sub-Committee to assist staff in providing recommendations to the full Town council for investment of Town funds and name Council Members Schanzenbaker and Bunning as representatives, Council Member Alley seconded, unanimously approved.

4. **Trujillo Road Change Order** – During the pipeline installation the Town was invited to “piggy back” on the Trujillo Road project in order to pave the 1,900 linear feet of Trujillo Road that lies within Town Boundaries. The paving would include Trujillo Rd from the town boundary to the concrete intersection at 8th Street and Apache. The estimated cost for the additional 1,900 linear feet of roadwork was \$340,835 which included a 10% contingency. Since the time the estimate was prepared, the project has gone out to bid and the lowest bid came in 16% higher than estimated. The total price for the paving project including engineering is \$368,193. The Town Council approved using funds from the 5-year capital project and the impact fees the balance will come from reserves. Council Member Alley moved to approve the Town’s participation in the County’s Trujillo Road project to reconstruct 1,900 linear feet at the estimated cost of \$368,193 with \$217,000 in funding coming from the 5 Year Maintenance Plan line item, \$111,000 coming from un-obligated funds from the Piedra Street construction project, and the balance of \$40,193 coming from fund reserves, Council Member Bunning seconded, unanimously approved.
5. **Resolution 2015-10, Re-Appointing Ron Maez to the Planning Commission** - Mr. Ron Maez has served the last 4 years on the Planning Commission as a regular member. His 4 year term expires on July 1, 2015. Mr. Maez has expressed interest in continuing his service on the Planning Commission at the discretion of Town Council. Mr. Maez currently serves as the Planning Commission Chair. Council Member Bunning moved to approve Resolution 2015-10, a resolution of the Town of Pagosa Springs, re-appointing Mr. Ron Maez to the Planning Commission for an additional four (4) year term commencing on July 1, 2015 and concluding on July 1, 2019, Council Member Lattin seconded, unanimously approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Second Reading, Ordinance 829 Vacating Public Utility Easements between Lots 6 & 7 in Paradise Mesa** - The Town received an application for a Lot Consolidation for Lots 6 and 7 of the Paradise Mesa Subdivision. The applicant proposes to build a single family residence on the consolidated lot. As part of the Lot Consolidation, the perimeter Public Utility Easements (PUE) between Lots 6 and 7 are being requested to be vacated. This is a typical request for lot consolidations. There is no fiscal impact to the Town. All expenses associated with this application are the responsibility of the applicant. Council Member Egan moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 829, an ordinance of the Town of Pagosa Springs vacating the public utility easements between Lots 6 and 7 in the Paradise Mesa Subdivision as shown on the Paradise Mesa Subdivision Plat #441A, Council Member Alley seconded, unanimously approved.

- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Bill Hudson said the BOCC expressed the belief that the data collected by the drilling of the geothermal wells belongs to the people. He would like the PAGWPA board to request an understandable report on the data collected by Pagosa Verde for the people to view.

- VII. **COUNCIL IDEAS AND COMMENTS** - Council Member Bunning said the town is providing all the recreational amenities in the town and much is free of charge. He said during budget the council should look at the fee schedule and how the town might offset the costs of making the

community center accessible. Town Manager Schulte said the community center is doing an occupancy study to review the uses. He will give the council the cost recovery and operational expenses of the community center. Council Member Lattin said the fireworks this year were a little less than what she expected, but did like that the Town hired it out for the safety of the employees. During the budget process she would like look at how to enhance the fireworks show. Town Manager Schulte said the group hired to set off the fireworks did not meet expectations, but they were the only group who were available at the price set by the budget. Council Member Egan would like staff to look at next year's fireworks beginning now. Council Member Egan said there are a great amount of pedestrians in the downtown area, he would like to see more speeding deterrents to slow down traffic. He said the downtown crosswalks are not good and need to be addressed. Council Member Schanzenbaker said planters like Breckenridge installs to pinch down in the crosswalk areas seems to help their town traffic concerns.

VIII. NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JULY 23, 2015 AT 5:00 PM

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

**Don Volger
Mayor**