

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR (and VIRTUAL) MEETING OF THE PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES June 22, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees Jamie Somerville, Susan L'Hommedieu, Bill Carlson, Ellen Turner, Nicole Maxwell, and Mayor Pro-Tem Thea Chase present. Also present were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Town Attorney Jim Neu, Finance Director Travis Boyd, Utilities Director Matt Lemon, Police Chief Deb Funston, Fire Chief Charles Balke, and Parks, Recreation, and Events Director Troy Ward. In special attendance were Mesa County Commissioners Cody Davis, Scott McInnis, and Janet Rowland.

#### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Motion #1 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Maxwell, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested. Motion carried unanimously.

## MESA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOWN HALL

Mesa County Commissioners took time to speak about successful Mesa County and Town of Palisade joint operations and answer questions from Board members and citizens.

Mayor Mikolai called for a five-minute recess to allow the Commissioners to exit the meeting.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamation for Adult Protection Month presented by Trustee Turner.

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson reviewed her report, focusing on the purchase of a fire tender for the Palisade Fire Department and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events being held on July 3, 2021.

# The consensus of the Board was to direct Town Manager Hawkinson and Fire Chief Balke to move forward with the process of purchasing a fire tender.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or the Board members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

Expenditures

Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – June 3, 2021 – June 15, 2021

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*Motion* #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell No: Absent:

Motion carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Loughman 378 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street raised concerns over the agenda item regarding the request for a special election.

**Glenn Hayes 159 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street** gave an update on the status of his application to the US Board on Geographic Names (BGN) to name Plunge Mesa and Plunge Point.

#### <u>PUBLIC HEARING I</u> <u>Resolution 2021-06 Amending the 2020 Budget by Supplemental Appropriation of Money to the</u> <u>Conservation Trust Fund</u>

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing at 7:14 pm.

Finance Director Travis Boyd reviewed his report clarifying that in 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the use of \$60,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund toward park improvements. Total expenditures for the project were \$63,747.45, prompting the request to officially amend the 2020 Conservation Trust Fund expenditure budget to \$63,747.45 from \$60,000.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment.

Jesse Loughman 378 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street stated that 2020 was quite some time ago and asked why it took so long for the requested amendment.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to Board comment.

*Mayor Mikolai* asked for clarification on why a 2020 budget amendment was being requested after the end of 2020. Finance Director Boyd stated that this process is part of the 2020 audit, it is accounting works in the books with the Conservation Trust Fund balances. The Board had already approved expenses, this is accounting records for audit.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Chase* asked if the additional \$3,747.45 was approved by the Board? Finance Director Boyd stated that it was approved and that this request is simply to move funds from the General Fund to the Conservation Trust Fund as part of accounting. This is standard for towns to have this accounting process and during audit.

*Motion #3* by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve Resolution 2021-06 amending the 2020 budget by the supplemental appropriation of money to the Conservation Trust Fund.

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai No: Absent:

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

### PUBLIC HEARING II

# <u>Resolution 2021-07 Amending the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget by Supplemental Appropriation of Money</u> to the General Fund

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

Finance Director Travis Boyd reviewed his report clarifying that the amendment request for the 2021 General Fund budget is proposed to adjust both revenues and expenditures for the 2021 budget for amounts that were not anticipated during the initial 2021 budget process. These are reflections of grants the town received during the 2021 year.

The request is to add revenues of awarded grants and American Recovery Plan funds in the amount of \$434,846.46 and to add expenditures in the amount of \$330,125.00 for the purchase of parklets, sidewalks, and a sculpture.

Mayor Mikolai opened the hearing to public comment. None was offered.

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*Mayor Mikolai* requested clarification on the Palisade Art Vision (PAV) sculpture expenditure. Finance Director Boyd stated that the funds being used for the sculpture purchase were raised by donations.

*Motion* #4 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Maxwell to approve Resolution 2021-07 amending the fiscal year 2021 budget by a supplemental appropriation of money to the General Fund.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Somerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 7:29 pm.

#### <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> Request for Special Election from Janet Kimbrough-Miller

Janet Kimbrough-Miller expressed her desire for the property located at 209 Main Street and showed images of the potential boutique hotel designs that may be used as inspiration for potential designs.

Town Manager Hawkinson and Town Attorney Neu reviewed the process and requirements leading up to a special election.

Board members expressed numerous concerns, including the potential lease with the railroad for parking, how much new bathrooms would cost, and whether or not the election should be open to sell the property to all potential buyers or specify Ms. Kimbrough-Miller as the purchaser.

*Motion* #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to table the request until a work session could be held to discuss all concerns and until staff could bring more information for the Board's review.

A roll call vote was requested. Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L'Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Somerville No: Absent:

Motion carried.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Trustee Maxwell** passed out images of corn-hole boards that she thought would be a great addition to Riverbend Park, as well as images of parking issues viewed at Riverbend Park. *These images will be a permanent attachment to these minutes.* 

**Trustee Carlson** announced that after much research, he has discovered that the Town CAN collect special event sales tax and urged the Town to move in that direction instead of allowing vendors to submit their taxes to the State directly.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Chase** noted that Palisade Art Vision (PAV) had scheduled a retreat to choose new art for downtown as well as to review the required design criteria.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members briefly explained the various meetings they had recently attended.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion #6 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

A voice vote was requested. Motion carried unanimously.

Х Greg Mikolai Mayor

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Concrete Compose found in park Lyons, Co. Backs are open of so you can retrieve bags. Set in sand pits. Addition to Riverband Park? open in back to refrieve







