



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 14, 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 present: Jamie Sommerville, Bill Carlson, Susan L’Hommedieu, Ellen Turner, and Mayor Pro-Tem Thea Chase. Trustee Nicole Maxwell was absent. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson and Utilities Director Matt Lemon.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Sommerville, seconded by Trustee Truener, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested
Motion carried unanimously

PRESENTATIONS

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation

Presented by Mayor Mikolai.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed her report highlighting updates on the asbestos mitigation project for the old Palisade High School and updates on the CDOT project of widening North River Road. Town Manager Hawkinson also informed the Board that the conceptual designs of the sidewalks (TAP Grant) had been presented to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and the project has been delayed per CDOT’s request in order to add upgrades to Elberta Avenue.

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 – August 19, 2021 – September 09, 2021
- **Minutes**
Minutes from August 24, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
Minutes from August 31, 2021, Special Board Meeting

Motion #2 by Trustee Sommerville, seconded by Trustee L’Hommedieu, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Sommerville, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L’Hommedieu, Trustee Maxwell

No:

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Chase,

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-10 Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Grant Application

Town Manager Hawkinson briefly explained the basics of the grant application.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase asked what Comprehensive Plans generally cost to validate the grant request for \$25,000.00. Town Manager Hawkinson stated that the City of Grand Junction spent \$300,000.00 on their Comp. Plan, but that they have a greater population than Palisade. She went on to explain that the Town updated zoning codes in 2017, and by doing so, could save some costs. This grant would go toward the first round of expenses, which include public open houses, tailoring zoning codes, surveys, and a possible strategic plan.

Motion #3 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to approve Resolution 2021-10 Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Grant Application as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Turner, Trustee Sommerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L’Hommedieu, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Grand Valley Transit (GVT)

Mayor Mikolai reported that the proposed IGA is an annual contract that the Town of Palisade enters into every year for public transit services with GVT. Because of how GVT is utilizing CARES Act funding for operations, the price was lowered this year from close to \$32,000.00 to \$29,000.00.

Motion #4 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to enter into an IGA with GVT for the year 2022 public transit services.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Sommerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L’Hommedieu, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Purchase of a Used Ambulance

Town Manager Hawkinson explained that the Town owns two very old ambulances that are both no longer operational. The new ambulance that the Town ordered due to the first ambulance’s demise has not arrived yet, and Palisade has been borrowing ambulances from Clifton Fire Department. Chief Balke found a used

ambulance from Whitewater Colorado River District that is in good shape that they are selling for \$40,000.00. The funding would be \$40,000.00 from CARES Act funding.

Board members discussed the options of spending the full \$40,000.00 from CARES funding versus purchasing the ambulance with general funds.

Motion #5 by Trustee Turner, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Chase to approve the purchase of a used ambulance using CARES Act funding for the total \$40,000.00 purchase price.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L’Hommedieu, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Sommerville

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Contract Award for the Asbestos Mitigation Project at the Old Palisade High School

Town Manager Hawkinson described the process of removing the old high school per Board of Trustee direction and that it included asbestos remediation. The bid process was competitive as staff received five companies bid on the project. Grande River Environmental, who has assisted staff on the bid package, as well as Town Engineers J-U-B, recommended approval of the bid from All Star Environmental for \$559,914.00.

Trustee Turner asked about the large margin of difference in bid price from All Star versus the other applicants and if the Town would possibly get hit with additional costs as the project moves forward. Mayor Mikolai explained that if All Star Environmental experiences additional costs, that they would have to submit a change order to the submitted bi, which they, as the Board, would have to approve.

Motion #6 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to award the contract for asbestos mitigation services to All Star Environmental.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Carlson, Trustee L’Hommedieu, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Sommerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Agreement with Mountain Groove Productions for the 2022 Palisade Bluegrass and Roots Festival

Town Manager Hawkinson briefly reviewed her staff report clarifying that the Palisade Municipal Code gives the authority to approve a contract as a Sole Source Procurement. Mountain Groove Productions has worked on the Palisade Bluegrass & Roots Festival for over the last five years and has helped it grow and gain professional acknowledgment as a high-quality bluegrass event.

Trustee Carlson raised concerns about Mountain Groove Production’s standings with the Colorado Secretary of State.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase suggested we look at the Town’s procurement policy and amend it to include the requirement of a Certificate of Good Standing from the Colorado Secretary of State.

Motion #7 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Turner to table the Agreement with Mountain Groove Productions for the 2022 Palisade Bluegrass and Roots Festival.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee L’Hommedieu, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Sommerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Peach Avenue Alley Improvements

Utilities Director Matt Lemon explained that Peach Avenue has two alley crossings that need improvements. An alley between 3rd and 4th Streets and an alley crossing between 6th and 7th Streets. Both sides of Peach Avenue will be repaired for a total of four improvement locations.

Motion #7 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Carlson to direct the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Agave Construction to improve two ally entrances along Peach Avenue.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Turner, Trustee Sommerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson,

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Trustee L’Hommedieu recused herself from the vote.

Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-11 Board Meeting Policies/Procedures

Mayor Mikolai reported that the proposed meeting policies and procedures stem from current practices, as well as implements some of the “good practices” the Board learned from the CIRSA work session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase requested clarification on the term “citizen.” The consensus of the Board is that it is meant as a generic term. Mayor Pro-Tem Chase went on to request that all emailed public comments on a specific agenda item include the sender’s physical address, similar to how in-person public comments are handled.

Motion #8 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee L’Hommedieu to approve Resolution 2021-11 adopting and implementing specific policies and procedures for public meetings, including amendments to the emailed public comments to include the sender’s physical address.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Turner, Trustee Sommerville, Mayor Pro-Tem Chase, Trustee Carlson, Trustee L’Hommedieu, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Heidi Hess, President of Colorado West Pride, entered the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation

Presented by Mayor Mikolai to Heidi Hess, President of Colorado West Pride. Ms. Hess thanked the Board for the proclamation.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Mikolai described how successful the Palisade Art Vision (PAV) sculpture unveiling event was over the weekend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chase added to Mayor Mikolai’s comments by thanking the sponsors of the hospitality package that is given to the artists that participate: 357 Bar and Grill, Palisade Café and Wine Bar, Palisade Brewing Company, Craig Gallery, Blue Pig Gallery, St. Kathryn’s and Tallon Winery, Meadery of the Rockies, 13 Brix Bistro, Kopeka Coffee, Palisade Pedi Cab, Palisade Paddleboard & Adventure Company, ESM Pottery Farm, Colorado Vintners Collective, and a couple of individuals who sponsored lodging accommodations.

Trustee Somerville explained that he began representing the Town of Palisade on a district steering committee that will establish a plan (similar to a comprehensive plan) for the district. The first meeting was mostly the different entities (about 50 people) discussing the community.

Trustee Carlson asked if the organizers of the Rugby event put a deposit down for the use of the park, as it took two truckloads to remove all of the trash Sunday morning. He then explained that the Food Bank of the Rockies had purchased a pre-fab building that will hopefully be completed by the end of January 2022. The new building will be located in Grand Junction. Trustee Carlson also asked if the Town has a code that prevents construction on Sundays.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #9 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee L’Hommedieu to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X 

Keli Frasier
Town Clerk

