



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 27, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Bill Carlson, Jamie Somerville, Nicole Maxwell, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Absent was Trustee Thea Chase. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Deputy Town Clerk Deborah Mattson, and Parks, Events & Facilities (PEF) Director Troy Ward.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson reviewed current and upcoming projects led by the Town of Palisade and introduced PEF Director Troy Ward who requested direction from the Board to tear down the existing restrooms at Riverbend Park before Festival Season begins.

The consensus of the board is for the Town Manager to direct staff to tear down the restrooms at Riverbend Park and continue to provide porta-potties for public use.

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 – February 9, 2024 – February 22, 2024
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the February 13, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
- **Resolution 2024-06 Adopting the 2024 Special Events Calendar and Black-Out Dates**

Motion #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson

No:

Absent: Trustee Chase

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2024-07: Request to Auction Town Equipment

PEF Director Ward reviewed the staff report and explained how the auction will be managed.

Motion #3 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to approve Resolution 2024-07 declaring certain equipment owned by the Town of Palisade to be surplus equipment; authorizing the disposal of surplus items by donation or sale.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent: Trustee Chase

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-08: Setting Policies for Downtown Special Events

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the staff report and gave a brief presentation on why staff is requesting the policy on behalf of the local businesses, as well as clarified that the Palisade Sunday Farmers Market already adheres to the proposed policy.

Board members asked for clarification on options to expand the Sunday Farmers Market, emergency services access to downtown, as well as if the provided map is changeable.

Motion #4 by Trustee Harbaugh, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to adopt Resolution 2024-08 directing all spaces in front of all retail properties during events with street closures in downtown to remain clear for use by said businesses.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell

No:

Absent: Trustee Chase

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron West, Palisade; stated he was before the Board to talk about sewer rates, but wanted to extend an offer to the Town to do the asbestos permit for the bathrooms at Riverbend park without charge, as he is a licensed inspector for the State of Colorado for doing demolition permits as it relates to asbestos. Mr. West has concerns regarding sewer rate fees, and how the rates are calculated.

Michelle Gossage, Grand Junction; spoke about the Honeybee festival, and asked for clarification on the size of space that is required to be left open per Resolution 2024-08.

Jody Corey, Palisade; was on the sign-up sheet, but declined to make public comment.

Jeff Snook, Palisade; stated he is not against festivals, and really wants them to grow and bring the downtown merchants more business.

Tammy Craig, Palisade; wants more visibility to Craig Gallery on 3rd Street during the Palisade Sunday Farmer’s Market.

Carol Zadrozny, Palisade (outside Town limits); described how local businesses are who started some of the local markets and festivals to bring business to Palisade, and she’s very grateful that the younger generation is keeping the vision of Palisade going. Mrs. Zadrozny went on to lament on why the downtown businesses are upset about the Honeybee festival blocking their view from the street one day a year.

Kristin Seymour, Palisade; thanked the Board for passing Resolution 2024-08, and they still support all of the downtown events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Turner reviewed the recent Tourism Advisory meeting, Mayor Mikolai reviewed the recent Grand Valley Rural Transit Committee meeting, and Trustee Carlson reviewed the recent CML and AGNC meetings.

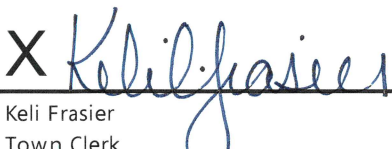
ADJOURNMENT

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

X 

Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X 

Keli Frasier
Town Clerk

