



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 8, 2025**

A work session of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade began at 6:00 pm to tour area fences in order to discuss proposed Ordinance 2025-01. Present were Mayor Greg Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Somerville, Trustees Nicole Maxwell, Stan Harbaugh, Sarah Matchett, Jeff Snook, and Rick Fox. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson and Community Development Director Devan Aziz.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Stan Harbaugh, Sarah Matchett, Jeff Snook, Rick Fox, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Somerville. Trustee Nicole Maxwell was absent. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Devan Aziz, and Finance Director Gregg Mueller.

AGENDA ADOPTION

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

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

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 – March 15, 2025 – March 26, 2025
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the March 25, 2025, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

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

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Snook, Trustee Fox

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**Appointing the Municipal Prosecutor for Palisade Municipal Court**

Town Clerk Keli Frasier announced that interviews were held for the position of Municipal Court Prosecutor with Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Fox, Court Clerk Deb Mattson, and herself present. Stephanie Bergner was chosen unanimously to be recommended to the Board of Trustees for appointment

Motion #3 by Trustee Matchett, second by Trustee Harbaugh, to appoint Stephanie Bergner as the Palisade Municipal Prosecutor and directing the Town Manager to enter into contract for Municipal Court Prosecution services.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Harbaugh, Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Snook, Trustee Fox

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-10 – Updating Domestic Water Rates for the Town of Palisade

Finance Director Gregg Mueller reviewed the proposed Resolution to increase domestic water rates.

Motion #4 by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, second by Trustee Matchett, directing the Mayor to Resolution 2025-10 updating the Fee Schedule for the Town of Palisade by Modifying Water Rates.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Matchett, Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, Trustee Snook, Trustee Fox, Trustee Harbaugh

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lonnie Tate of Palisade showed a brief video of the dangers of the declining honeybee population and requested that the Board of Trustees consider allowing residents to own beehives within Town limits.

Matt Payne of Palisade suggested the Town consider running shuttles through town while the construction of the Highway 6 roundabout is being constructed, that any parking garages that are built in the future be built below the ground instead of above in order to preserve the viewshed, and suggested solutions for grass on the west side of Riverbend Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Matchett announced that the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) will be conducting a site visit to Palisade soon. ***Multiple Board members expressed interest in attending.***

Trustee Harbaugh reflected on the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) meeting and stated that they may be submitting a petition to make TABOR laws unconstitutional. ***The majority of Board members (5) present agreed with that statement.***

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #5 by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, second by Trustee Snook, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

X

Greg Mikolaj
Mayor

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Keli L. Frasier, CMC
Town Clerk

