



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 25, 2023**

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 Somerville, Thea Chase, Bill Carlson, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Absent was Trustee Nicole Maxwell. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Brian Rusche, Public Works Director Dave Gray, and Town Engineer Bret Guillory.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson introduced the new Public Works Director, Dave Gray. Town Clerk Keli Frasier reviewed the scheduled dates for the 2024 budget work sessions and adoption.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Hawkinson updated the Board on the various projects underway in the Town of Palisade.

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 22, 2023 – July 18, 2023
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the June 27, 2023, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

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 Chase, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson
No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING I

ORDINANCE 2023-05 – PROHIBITING SKILLED GAMING BUSINESSES

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing at 6:20 pm.

Community Development Director Brian Rusche reviewed the staff report, including the approval criteria as follows:

Section 4.01.E., Text Amendment Approval Criteria

In evaluating any proposed amendment of the text of the Land Development Code, the following shall be considered:

1. The extent to which the proposed text amendment is consistent with the remainder of the LDC, including, specifically, any purpose and intent statements;
The rise of skilled gaming businesses within the Grand Valley has created concerns about the circumvention of state law regarding regulated gambling and the increase in crime that results from these businesses.
2. The amendment must not adversely affect the public health, safety or general welfare;
The proposed text amendment would positively affect the public health, safety, or general welfare.
3. The amendment is necessary because of changed or changing social values, new planning concepts or other social or economic conditions in the areas affected;
The proposed text amendment is necessary to address the societal ramifications of unauthorized, unregulated gambling.
4. The proposed text amendment revises the LDC to comply with state or federal statutes or case law; or
The proposed text amendment incorporates specific provisions of state law that already prohibit unauthorized, unregulated gambling.
5. The proposed text is found to be consistent with the Town's adopted comprehensive plan.
*The recently adopted Palisade Game Plan contains the following Goals, Strategies, and Actions that are relevant to the discussion of appropriate land uses in Table 6.1:
Goal 2.1: Balance growth with preserving the agricultural heritage to maintain a sense of community.
Strategy 2.1B: Continue evaluating existing zoning regulations to determine if it promotes balance[d]growth with community preservation.
There are currently no skilled gaming businesses within the Town, and the goal of the proposed text amendment is to ensure that remains the case.*

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

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

Motion #3 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to approve Ordinance 2023-05 – Prohibiting Skilled Gaming Businesses, finding that the approval criteria of the Land Development Code have been met.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 6:24 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-10 Supporting a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Grant Application

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the staff report, clarifying the match requirement and that this grant will not affect the USDA grant or loan.

Motion #5 by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Chase, to approve Resolution 2023-10 Supporting a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Grant Application.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Troyer Lift-Station Purchase

Public Works Director Dave Gray explained the reason for the request and that the funds have already been approved. After questions from members of the Board, Town Engineer Bret Guillory that the request before them was to approve the sole-source purchase for the equipment from the only vendor in the area.

Motion #6 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee Somerville, to approve the sole-source purchase of a Gorman-Rupp Lift Station from Canyon Systems, Inc.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

Contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Connecting our Communities – Elberta Sidewalk

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the staff report reviewing the grants and local fund matches.

Motion #7 by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to direct the Town Manager to enter into Contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for Connecting our Communities Elberta Sidewalk.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #8 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee Harbaugh, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

X 

Greg Mikolai
Mayor

X 

Keli Frasier
Town Clerk

