



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

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: Stan Harbaugh, Jeff Snook, Sarah Matchett, Rick Fox, and Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Somerville. Absent was Trustee Nicole Maxwell. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Finance Director Gregg Mueller, Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Director Troy Ward, Public Works Director Brian Flenniken, Fire Chief Charles Balke, and Special Events Coordinator Rebecca Loucks.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

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

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson reviewed current and ongoing projects led by 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 – August 8, 2024 – August 14, 2024
- **Minutes**  
Minutes from August 13, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

*Motion #2* by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, second by Trustee Harbaugh, 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****Resolution 2024-20 – Ballot Language for the November 2024 Coordinated Election**

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the history in getting to the proposed ballot language.

Board members discussed the importance of being specific about what the funds would be used for if the increase in tax passes, making the increase sustainable for the long term, funding our emergency services, and improving the town's infrastructure.

*Motion #3* by Trustee Matchett, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, to approve Resolution 2024-20 as presented.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

**No:**

**Absent:** Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

**Financial Request to Spay and Neuter Feral Cats in Palisade**

Julie Page with Palisade Pet Care gave a brief presentation and answered questions from the Board of Trustees regarding the request to fund a start-up program to help alleviate the feral cat population in Palisade.

Board members expressed concern regarding spending taxpayers' money on the program, concerns that the feral cat population is badly affecting the town, and the possibility of searching for grants and other outside funding to work out a sustainable program.

*Motion #5* by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, seconded by Trustee Matchett, to deny the request to allocate \$15,000.00 to finance a program to spay and neuter feral cats in Palisade.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

**No:** Trustee Snook, Trustee Harbaugh

**Absent:** Trustee Maxwell

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rickie Howie of Grand Junction expressed concerns about her experiences at the Palisade Sunday Farmer's Market and provided general information on First Amendment Rights.

Steve Perry of Palisade spoke in favor of being more specific on the ballot language for the tax increase request.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**


Trustee Snook gave a brief update on the Tourism Advisory Board, Trustee Matchett reviewed the recent Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) meeting, Mayor Mikolai reviewed the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC), and Town Manager Hawkinson announced that the Palisade Sunday Farmers Market won a gold and silver Best of the West award.

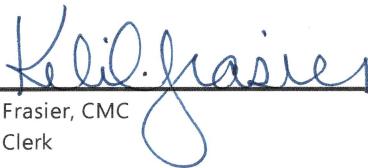
**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion #6* by Trustee Matchett, second by Mayor Pro-Tem Somerville, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm.

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

A work session of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade began at 7:05 pm to discuss the 2025 Town of Palisade budget, proposed capital projects for 2025-2027, and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Present were Mayor Greg Mikolai, Mayor Pro-Tem Jamie Somerville, Trustees Stan Harbaugh, Jeff Snook, Sarah Matchett, and Rick Fox. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, and Finance Director Gregg Mueller.

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Greg Mikolai  
Mayor

X   
Keli L. Frasier, CMC  
Town Clerk

