



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 12, 2023**

A work session of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade began at 6:00 pm to discuss sewer rates for restaurants, a possible pre-treatment install program, and a CNL Lease with Region 10. Present were Mayor Greg Mikolai, Trustees Thea Chase, Jamie Somerville, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Absent were Trustees Nicole Maxwell and Bill Carlson. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Finance Director Gregg Mueller, and Kate Sawyer with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC).

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 7:08 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Thea Chase, Jamie Somerville, Stan Harbaugh, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Absent were Trustees Nicole Maxwell and Bill Carlson. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Town Attorney Jim Neu, Town Clerk Keli Frasier, and Finance Director Gregg Mueller.

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 congratulated Troy Ward and the Parks Department for being awarded a grant to continue the removal of Tamarisk and Russian Olive Trees in the amount of \$22,200.00.

Town Manager Hawkinson introduced Jim Hinkle with Hinkle & Co. to give a brief review of the 2022 audit. A formal presentation will go before the Board of Trustees in January. Town Attorney Jim Neu explained why the Town does not need to approve a Resolution to accept the audit.

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 – November 9, 2023 – December 7, 2023
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the November 14, 2023, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

- **Resolution 2023-20** - Appointing the Town Clerk of the Town of Palisade as the Designated Election Official and Directing the Town Clerk to Conduct the Regular Municipal Election scheduled for April 2, 2024, as a Mail Ballot Election
- **Resolution 2023-21** - Appointing Election Judges for the April 2, 2024, Municipal Mail Ballot Election
- **Resolution 2023-22** - Setting Time, Place, and Designated Posting Location for Public Meetings for the Town of Palisade, Colorado

Motion #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Chase, 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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING I

RESOLUTION 2023-19 – 2022 Garbage Budget Amendment

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing at 7:18 pm

Finance Director Gregg Mueller reviewed the staff report and explain how he found the discrepancy that is being amended with Resolution 2023-19.

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

Mayor Mikolai opened the public hearing to Board comments and questions. Mayor Pro-Tem asked if the proposed Resolution was related to the 2022 Audit. Finance Director Mueller answered that it was not.

Motion #3 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee Somerville, to approve Resolution 2023-19 amending the 2022 Budget to reflect an increase in garbage revenues and expenditures.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

Mayor Mikolai closed the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract with Region 10 for CNL Lease

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed the staff report and proposed contract. She went on to request that the Board allow ClearNetworx to move into the CNL space immediately just in case it takes Region 10 time to sign the lease.

Motion #4 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to direct the Town Manager to enter into a lease with Region 10 for the CNL building and to allow ClearNetworx to move into the space prior to the lease being signed.

A roll call vote was requested.

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

No:

Absent: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Carlson

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was offered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Mikolai updated the Board on GVRTC, and Trustee Chase spoke about the recent One Riverfront meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

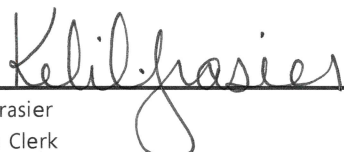
Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Greg Mikolai
Mayor

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Keli Frasier
Town Clerk

