Town of Paoli Minutes of the Regular Session Tuesday, March 5 2024

The Paoli Town Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the above date. President, Bobbie Bostock led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Donna Dillard, Arla Jean Frazier (by Zoom), Theron Owen, Mylea Pluris, and Bobbie Bostock. Attorney Huntington Reynolds and Clerk-Treasurer Beth Jones were also in attendance.

Clerk Treasurer, Beth Jones presented the minutes from the February 20, 2024 Regular Session. On motion made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Theron Owen, motion carried 5-0.

Under Old Business, Terry Nicholson presented an update on the Veteran's Memorial Project. The committee consisting of Terry Nicholson, Bobbie Bostock, David Grimes, Bill Kerby and Max Pluris met on February 29, 2024. It was decided to go with a 54 inch black granite monument along with two benches. Total costs of \$14,095.00. Ninety percent of the costs has already been covered. They asked for council's approval to continue with the project. Motion was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Mylea Pluris. Motion carried with a 3-1 vote with Bobbie Bostock abstaining due to being on the committee.

Next item under old business was the approval of town website. Theron Owen stated that he liked the updates that the current website developer had made and Donna Dillard stated she liked the lower costs of staying with the current developer, but wanted to know how he would get the information to put on the website. Bobbie Bostock stated that each department would have to provide information to him to put on the website. Mylea Pluris made a motion to stay with Jonathan Stoops, who is our current developer, and the updates that he has provided for our website. Donna Dillard seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item under old business was Eric Parsley with Commonwealth. He presented Change Order #10, Div. B for the WasteWater Treatment Plant. It was in the amount of \$4450.14 to Reynolds Construction, leaving \$4,000 in the contingency fund. Motion to approve the change order was made by Theron Owen and seconded by Mylea Pluris. Motion carried 5-0. He next presented Pay Application #24 for work done from January 19, 2024 through February 29, 2024 to Reynolds Construction in the amount of \$114,855.01. Motion to approve was made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Theron Owen. Motion carried 5-0. He then gave an update on the Water Project Bids. The lowest bid in Division "A" was Viking Painting and in Division "B" it was Reed & Sons Construction. Recommendations were submitted to Nathan Hale with Region 15 for the OCRA grant and the deadline was met. Region 15 should release funds sometime in April.

Also under old business, Anna Hynes with AirMedCare gave an update the Fly-U-Home program. She has meet with all town employees and provided them with the information on this program. At least 3 employees will need to sign up in order for the town to qualify for it. She will come back next week and follow up with the employees.

Under new business, Josh Graves with Safe Haven, presented the council with updates and statistics for their program. They provide peer coaches for the county jail, transportation, installed two new boxes, help with school resource office and school social worker with school programs and provide hygiene kits for female inmates at the county jail. Last years statistics are as follows: 1661 transports, 964 individuals, 1154 groups, 207 DOC referrals and 1109 narcan distributed. Clerk Treasurer Jones stated that she had received the towns share of the Opioid Settlement Funds in the amount of \$20,293.24.

In other new business, Robert Lambert was on the agenda representing the Paoli Airport, however he was not present, so Councilwoman Donna Dillard presented information that was given to her concerning the Airport Board. She stated that at the last Airport Board Meeting held on February 28, 2024, there was to be a vote

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concerning a grant, however, not enough members were present for that vote. She also shared information on projects that have been completed in the past ten years at the airport. Theron Owen asked if she had any statistics concerning runway use and she did not, but could get that information. Mylea Pluris asked her how much hanger rental is charged and she was not able to answer that. Donna Dillard then presented the resignation letters from Robert Lambert as president of the Airport Board and from Irvin Edward Halbert as a member of the Airport Board, both effective as of March 1, 2024. President Bostock accepted the resignations from Donna Dillard. Further discussion continued concerning the airport and Arla Jean Frazier made a motion to recess this discussion. Motion was seconded by Theron Owen. Motion carried with a 4-1 vote, with Donna Dillard voting no.

Taylor Baker shared that IMPA would like to meet with the council to provide information on who they are and what they do for the town. Council President Bostock stated that they would be welcome to attend the next council meeting to share information with them.

Town Attorney, Huntington Reynolds presented Ordinance 2024-03, 4th Amended Procurement Policy which amends the procurement policy to increase the amount for purchases and services made by the Park Director to \$2,500. On motion made by Mylea Pluris and seconded by Theron Owen, Council adopted Ordinance 2024-03 by a 5-0 vote. Next, Attorney Reynolds presented the 10th Amendment to the Paoli Unified Development Ordinance. The Paoli Planning Commission recommended the adoption of the 10th Amendment to the UDO after a public hearing at its February 13th meeting. The amendment encompasses two changes. First, UDO Chapter 2.E. Single-Family Residential (SF): Changing the minimum ground floor area for one story single-family residential from 500 square feet to 700 square feet. Second, 155.048(C) Interested Parties: Changing the definition of interested parties from property owners within 600 feet and at least two parcels deep in all directions from the property that is the subject of the petition to the following: interested parties shall be defined as property owners within 200 feet of the property that is subject of the petition. If there are no property owners within 200 feet, the petitioner must extend the search an additional 400 (but in no event further) to reach property owners. This formal language aligns closely with the BZA application. So, all property owners within 200 feet must be notified, but if there are no neighbors within 200 feet, then the next property owners within an additional 400 feet must be notified. On a motion made by Theron Owen and seconded by Arla Jean Frazier, Council adopted the 10th Amendment to the Paoli Unified Development Ordinance by a 4 to 1 vote, with Donna Dillard voting no. Attorney Reynolds then presented information from American Legal Publishing regarding the publication of the S-11 Supplement. It is approaching its final stages, but there will be an additional cost of \$250 for the codification and publication of the 10th Amendment to the UDO. Mylea Pluris made a motion to approve the payment of the additional \$250 costs. Theron Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried in a 4-1 vote with Donna Dillard voting no. Finally, Town Attorney Reynolds presented an engagement letter from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC for providing financial services to the town for Accounting and Reporting Support, and for creation of Financial Management Reports for all three utilities. Motion was made by Theron Owen to approve the signing of these documents. Arlea Jean Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Code Enforcement Officer Benji Farris presented his report. He issued 2 pet licenses at 145 Hudleson Street, 1 pet license at 706 N. Helm Street, and 1 Building Permit at 246 W. Faculty Drive. Arla Jean Frazier noted that she along with Benji Farris and Town Attorney Lyn Tucker Fullen had finalized the sign design for the unsafe premises and would look into getting some order through Copy Trolley. Donna Dillard asked where we were in regard to the new Complaint form and Benji stated it will have to be presented at the next BZA meeting on March 13, 2024.

Chief of Police Randy Sanders presented his report.

Utility General Foreman, Scott Rutherford, presented a request to replace a street light at 204 Fair Street. Mylea Pluris made the motion to approve the request and it was

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seconded by Theron Owen. Motion carried 5-0. Rutherford then shared that they had been using the small bucket truck to replace 2 poles, trim trees and replace security lights, stating that they are getting a lot of use out of the new truck. He also shared that he has a transformer inventory plan to target future purchases. He gave an update on the Fire Hydrants. Of the 311, 7 are not functioning. Four of those are being repaired and the other three are being replaced. Rutherford also stated that they are having issue with the Booster Stations and that they may need replaced at some point, looking at \$20,000 per Booster Station. He also mentioned the Water project at the hospital starts March 18, 2024 and that we will need to get clean water samples there before that. Next, Mr. Rutherford made a request for the Sewer Dept. to purchase Alem in a full tank at \$6,600 which should last for 6 to 7 months instead of purchasing it by pallet at a cost of \$13,200. Motion was made by Theron Owen to approve the request and it was seconded by Donna Dillard. Motion carried 5-0. In final business, Mr. Rutherford reported that the Buildings and Grounds Dept. had been picking up trash, cleaning storm drains and filling pot holes.

Park Director, David Grimes, asked for approval to use Jealous Neighbors again this year to fertilize the parks at a cost of \$2300, which can be paid out of concessions. Theron Owen made the motion to approve the request and it was seconded by Myle Pluris. Motion carried 5-0. Grimes reported that the dumpster at the JC Park has a good size hole in it. Utility General Foreman, Scott Rutherford stated they will get another dumpster to the park. Grimes reported that he is still working on getting all his positions filled for the park. Grimes also shared on behalf of the VFW, that they are taking donations for the flags that are purchased and placed on the veterans graves at the cemeteries on Memorial Day. This costs is \$1958 for 1440 flags. Council members pledged to give individual donations for the flags.

Clerk Treasurer Beth Jones, asked council how they wanted her to proceed with parade permits. They agreed that she bring them before the council for approval. Mylea Pluris made a motion to approve this process. Theron Owen seconded it. Motion carried 5-0. She stated that she had received information from County Treasurer concerning the up coming tax sale with listings that the town might be interested in. She was asked to make copies and put in council members boxes. Clerk Jones asked council if they wanted to go ahead and set a date for the Spring Cleanup. Theron Owen made the motion to set Spring Cleanup for April 15th through the 19th. Motion seconded by Mylea Pluris. Motion carried 5-0. Clerk Jones also mentioned that Tax Abatements will be due soon and will need approval of council. She presented the utility adjustments for February 1, 2024 through February 29th, 2024 in the total amount of \$14,405.34. Motion was made by Mylea Pluris to approve claims and seconded by Theron Owen. Motion carried 5-0. She informed the council she would not be present at the next meeting due to her being gone for the ILMCT Institute & Academy Training March 17th through March 21st.

President Bobbie Bostock asked if there was any further business and Councilwoman Donna Dillard stated she has some things to share. She brought up the vote that was taken concerning the change in the town's insurance agent. She asked the council to rescind that motion and go back with Dewitt Insurance. Council President, Bostock asked her to put that in a motion and she did. There being no second to the motion, motion died on the floor. Council woman Dillard continued to discuss this matter and began reading an email that had been sent from Amy Morris to the council concerning the insurance. Council President Bostock asked if there was a motion to adjourn and Theron Owen made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Mylea Pluris. Motion carried 4-1 with Dillard voting no. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Bobbie Bostock, President

Myles Pluris, 1st Vice-President

Theron Owen, Member

Donna Dillard, Member

Arla Jean Frazier, 2nd Vice-President

ATTEST:

Beth a. Jones