

## **Panaca Town Board Minutes: January 12, 2026**

**Present:** Cherry Florence, Gary Elmer, Louise Buettner, and Jennifer Brown

**Board Members:** Gary Elmer, Cherry Florence, Louise Buettner, and Jennifer Brown

**Secretary:** Melinda Markarian

**Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance:** Cherry Florence brought the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Gary Elmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Letters:** Tawney Porter's letter of interest for the open Board Position was read and accepted by the Board. Her name will be submitted to the Commissioners for approval.

**Public Comments:** Anna Williams, a representative of CareSource, shared information about CareSource and what it offers. It is a non-profit organization that works with Medicaid. It is one of the two insurance companies that manages Medicaid in Nevada.

Cory Wadsworth reminded the Board that Pool Pact has grants available for risk management. He will help get a board member set up to access the applications. Cory Wadsworth said he will be available to help walk the board through any application process. If there is a project aimed at fixing a liability to the town, Pool Pact can help fund this project. Mike Reese said the raised sidewalks need to be submitted to the Pool Pact immediately, as they are a liability and need to be fixed. Cherry Florence will work with Cory Wadsworth to get that sidewalk taken care of.

### **Board Agenda Items:**

**A. Approve/Deny of Minutes December 8, 2025:** Jennifer Brown motioned to approve minutes of December 8, 2025, seconded by Gary Elmer; motion carried.

**B. Approve/Deny Bills for Payment.** Jennifer Brown motioned to approve bills, seconded by Gary Elmer; motion carried.

### **C. For Possible Discussion/Action: Tia Lee to Address the Board Regarding Little League**

Tia Lee is to be the head of Little League. She approached the board to request that the locks be changed on the storage unit under the announcer stand. There is no accounting for who does or does not have keys. Members of the public are opening the storage and using things from that shed. Little League is responsible and accountable for those items. Little League is willing to pay for, or help pay for, the locks to be changed. Little League will have 12 teams this year. Tia Lee said Little League would be willing to pay for some of the usage of the park lights if needed. The Board informed Tia Lee that changing the locks on the storage shed has already been approved. The Board plans to install code locks. Each organization (town board, maintenance, and little league) who uses the facilities would have a different code. This way codes can be changed instead of changing locks year after year. The board has also approved installing a code lock on the concession stand. All of the equipment that is currently in the concession stands belongs to Little League.

### **D. For Possible Discussion/Action: Review Current Panaca Town Pest Control Contract.**

Steve Dunn was not present. Van Cluff was present and explained that the Vanguard Pest Contract is a contract with the county that Panaca is included in. If any addendums are made to that contract it will be done through the Commissioners. The Board can go to the Commissioners and ask for changes if needed. All contracts that are signed with the County Commission are on file with the county clerk. Jennifer Brown motioned to continue paying Vanguard Pest invoices and keep the contract as is, seconded by Louise Buettner; motion approved.

### **E. For Possible Discussion/Action: Review Current Panaca Town Weed Control Contract.**

Van Cluff was present to answer questions regarding the contract. Van explained that we will be paying for last year's weed control until June; it is billed by the fiscal year. The contract is \$8,700/yearly, and is broken up into monthly payments throughout the year. Van Cluff does not

spray monthly, he sprays quarterly; however the board pays the total amount due on a monthly basis. The DA, April Bradshaw, informed the board that it can not sign contracts for an independent contractor. The Board is an advisory board, this contract should have never been signed by the board. It should have only been accepted by the board and then sent to the Commissioners to be signed and approved.

The Board raised questions as to whose responsibility it is to spray for weeds at Pioneer Park. Through a review of the contract it was discovered that it is not in Vanguard Weed contract to spray for weeds at pioneer park. Panaca Farmstead is not contracted to spray for weeds at Pioneer Park either. Justin Barnett has sprayed at the park to keep it looking nice, but it is not in his contract. Cherry asked if Van would be willing to help get Justin licensed to spray weeds. Van said he will work with Justin. It was decided that Van would return to the March Board meeting with an updated contract. This contract will contain updated and proper dates and include spraying the Pioneer Park for free. This contract will then be submitted and sent to the Commissioners for approval. For the 2028 fiscal year Van will present a new contract that contains the expansion of the park and the fair price for the spraying of the park.

Jennifer Brown motioned that we stay with Vanguard for our weed control, at the price of 8,700 for the next fiscal year and continue to pay it monthly. Van will spray the Pioneer Park for free for the fiscal year of 2026, and help Justin Barnett get licensed to spray for weed control. This contract will be submitted to the Commissioners in March for approval, and is to be included in the budget, Louise Buttner second; motion approved.

#### **Discussion Items:**

**Cemetery Park:** Dahl Bradfield was present and had no comments.

**Parks/Streets:** Justin Barnett was present. The Christmas lights have all been taken down with the exception of the tree in front of the post office. The power district will get this done as soon as possible. Cherry Florence thanked Justin for the lights that were put up for Christmas. Justin Barnett informed the Board that Sunrise Engineering called and talked to him about the park expansion. They will be in contact with Justin as things continue to develop. The grant that was written for the expansion did not account for inflation. Working to find more funds is slowing the progress.

Justin Barnett has the new street signs for the town of Panaca. He needs to get the brackets and then he will be able to put them up.

Dahl Bradfield informed the board that the fence above the park field, by the parking lot, needs to be repaired; it is a liability. Justin Barnett said he will work on a temporary fix and have it done before Little League starts. The fence was not included in the expansion of the park. Cherry will work on writing a bid for Pool Pact to get it repaired, as it is a liability.

**District Attorney updates:** April Bradshaw was present and again reminded the board that she is available whenever needed, especially with contracts and legal issues. Cherry thanked her for looking over the pest and weed contracts and helping the board work through those. Jennifer Brown wanted to know where she could go to research county code. April Bradshaw gave information on where the board can look for county codes, however she is happy to help clarify if need be.

**LCSO Updates** - Darrin Woodworth was present and gave the stats for December.

**Commissioner Updates:** Commissioner Mike Reese was present. The commissioners are planning a training on Open Meeting Law. The commissioners would like at least two people

from the Panaca Town Board to be present. Cory Wadsworth presented Pool Pact in the commissioners meeting and Mike Reese would like to see the town use it. Cory Wadsworth is here to help.

Last week in Carson City SNIPLA awarded the \$27 million event center for Panaca, this includes the new ball fields. Mike Reese anticipates that it will take three years before the project gets going.

**Town Board Comments:** Lousie Buttner headed the Annual Panaca Christmas Light Competition. She and Jennifer Brown looked at all the Christmas lights in Panaca, Nevada.

- First Place: Jake and Sara Lester awarded a Panaca Market gift card in the amount of \$50 (Donated by A&F Electric)
- Second Place: Cathy Pavis awarded a Tidal Wave gift card in the amount of \$25 (Donated by Tidal Wave)
- Third Place: Don Ficken awarded a Panaca Market gift card in the amount of \$25 (Donated by Panaca Market)

Louise Buttner will be judging lights again next year, so be prepared to join in and light up Panaca with Christmas Cheer!

Gary Elmer said the lights are still on at the park. Cherry Florence said it is being looked into. The lights in front of the statue at the Post Office were fixed.

**Public Comments:** Rusty Brown would like to have NDOT at a board meeting so the board can ask if anything is going to be done about the flood concerns on 5th street. He stated that while the other flood issues around town have been fixed, this one has been neglected. Cherry Florence stated the board will make a list of projects they want/need completed in the town of Panaca and present those to RTC. Potholes and the flood issue on 5th street will be included in the list of projects.

**Agenda Items for Next Month:** Delegation of Board Member Duties, Projects that the Board would like to see finished/started this year.

**Adjournment:**

Louise Butner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Brown. The meeting ended at 7:52pm.