

PITKIN TOWN MEETING

Newcomb Community Center

May 8th 2023 at 7pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Trustees Chris Nasso, Jerra Garetson, Lucinda Lull and Tom Gibb were present. Attorney Chris Mochulsky was present via telephone. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb

2. Public comments*: None

3. Town Attorney Report:** No Report

4. For Council Action:**

5-1 Approve meeting minutes: April 10th regular meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 10th regular meeting made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Chris Nasso. Motion carried 5-0.

5-2 Discuss and vote on Ramon Reed for Town Hall Commissioner

Motion to appoint Ramon Reed as Town Hall Commissioner made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 5-0.

Ramon Reed shared some information about his history supporting Town Hall and the formation of the Pitkin Historical Association. Since that time, he has been concerned about the Town Hall and he thinks it should be maintained and used. He would like to be active in the position of Town Hall Commissioner. He has some ideas on how to keep the Town Hall usable and to increase the use, which he would like to share at the next meeting. One idea is to develop restroom facilities.

Public comments: Ed Pianalto, Chad Varnell

5-3 Discuss and vote on sign repair and ordering new signs (parking, etc.) for the Town of Pitkin

Trustee Tom Gibb stated that this winter has been very hard on our signs. Repairing the sign damage is beyond a one-person job.

Trustee Tom Gibb stated that the plan to widen streets between State and Main for parking requires signage. More than one sign is required regarding “no camping on streets, etc.” He believes we need some additional signage and that the Town needs

help getting downed signs back up. To a large degree, people who come to Pitkin come as a destination, not a pass through. Signage plays a part in keeping ahead of the influx of visitors. Citizens can assist in directing visitors by referencing signs.

Street Commissioner Jesse James Garetson would like to get a solar-powered flashing stop sign for 9th and State. He sees too many people run that stop sign. Resident Chad Varnell volunteered to help repair signs.

Trustee Tom Gibb suggested placing signs in a receptacle so they can be removed before snowfall in the winter.

5-4 Review treasurer's report; Vote to approve May 2023 disbursements

Motion to approve the May 2023 Disbursements made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 5-0.

The Town's cd will mature on May 26th. The rate will increase to approximately 5.00 APY from 1.75% APY.

Treasurer Sara Gibb will check interest rates at CSAFE and bring figures to next meeting for a possible transfer from checking to CSAFE.

5. Special Additions to the Agenda**

- None

6. Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items – Trustee Tom Gibb would like people to move personal items off Town property. He would like this to be discussed at the next meeting. Mayor Eddy Balch would like to also discuss legislation regarding updated building codes.

7. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Eddy Balch – A community meeting was held this afternoon to discuss broadband for the Town of Pitkin. A person is needed to help spearhead the movement/promotion for the Town. Mayor Balch made a call for volunteers. He asked Clerk Sara Gibb to follow up with funding help for grant-writing.

Mayor Eddy Balch spoke with Chuck Severance, who reported that over \$900,000 has been raised for the repair of Alpine Tunnel. They are working to obtain estimates for the repairs. They would like to complete the work this year.

Public comments: Jesse James Garetson, Kenny Hearne, Chad Varnell

- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – Please submit your personal stories/statements regarding internet and cell phone connectivity in Pitkin and any difficulties you may have faced. These will be used to support the Town’s grant applications.

Please see written report for the following:

- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb – Citizen Chad Varnell had questions about expired building permits and yards in Town that look like junkyards.
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Gayla Gibb
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson
- Ditches – Vacant
- Town Hall – Vacant
- Parks and Rec – Vacant

8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, June 12th** at 7:00PM. Council meetings are scheduled to adjourn at 9:00PM. At the council’s discretion agenda item(s) not addressed by this time will be tabled until the next regular meeting. Approved minutes, ordinances, resolutions, agendas, and other Town of Pitkin public notices can be found at <https://townofpitkin.colorado.gov>

Reports

Commissioner and Community

- Building Inspector –Tom Gibb – Schellenberg permit for four tiny homes was approved
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson – Zoning Board Meeting on May 15th
- Environmental Health – Gayla Gibb – Three new OWTS permits were issued.
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson – Town needs a ditch commissioner. Hoping to continue work on streets before too long.
- Ditches – Vacant – No report
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller – Cemetery is not accessible, no report
- Town Hall – Vacant – No report
- Parks and Rec – Vacant – No report