

PITKIN TOWN WORK SESSION January 6th 2020, 6:30pm

Newcomb Community Center

MINUTES

Full and timely notice of this meeting was provided pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(c).

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mayor Rachel New called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Trustees John Rowan, Eddy Balch, and Lois Sharpton were present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb. Trustees Cory Nasso, Lucinda Lull, and Jerra Garetson were absent.

2. **For Council Discussion:**

- Discuss land sale/land use policy and procedure for the Town of Pitkin

Trustees reviewed and discussed a draft procedure document regarding street/alley vacation. Trustee Lois Sharpton suggests adding to the “definition” section that a property can be vacated by selling or trading. She believes there should be different procedures for trading vs. purchasing. She asked if the Town had determined whether an election is required for the sale of property. Mayor New and Trustee Eddy Balch agree that “governmental use” refers to roadways that are developed and in use vs. platted only.

The following edits were agreed upon by the Board:

Move Section G to B

Change to “1879 Articles of Incorporation” and “recorded plat”

Section C – change “costs” to “all costs to the Town” There was discussion regarding refunding the application fee.

Section D – add “5. Reason or justification for the request”

Section E – Signatures change to 50% , “Town Clerk shall verify that the petition is complete and contains the required number of signatures”

Section F – property owners abutting the portion of street or alleyway under consideration (change language above also)

Section H – Change language to “consider the Zoning Board...following the public hearing” from “public meeting” The Board would like to expedite the approval/denial process as much as possible. Trustee Lois Sharpton wants the approval to be a 2/3 vote of the entire Board vs. present Board members. Trustee

Eddy Balch suggests following standard procedure, to avoid difficulties with absent Board members. A trustee can submit comments if he/she plans to be absent.

Section I – Consider a minimal appraisal value? Add “The Town of Pitkin reserves the right to object to a submitted appraisal and obtain a separate appraisal at the Town’s expense.” Define “governmental use” – is an election required? Add language if this is possible - **JIM**

Add “Colorado” before statutory requirements – give reference (43-2-301)

Clerk will draft a petition application based on document draft

Public comments: Linda Hughes, Ramon Reed, Pete Olson, Jesse Garetson, Sara Gibb, Suzy Metzler

- Discuss mill levy increase in the Town of Pitkin – Determine content and format for mill levy information distribution

Content ideas: Why is the Town asking for an increase? (plowing, Gallagher amendment, include budget figures), How much does plowing cost? **Start in 2014** What happens if no increase? Limited diversity in income sources, Voters benefits – mag chloride, culverts and crowning, potholes, gravel

There was lengthy discussion about county involvement in plowing and the consequences should a mill levy increase fail.

Clerk will compile information and include financials. Type for regular meeting.

Public comments: Pete Olson, Jesse Garetson, Suzy Metzler, James Sharpton, Ramon Reed, Linda Hughes, Mark Hughes

3. Dismiss: Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm

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**Public comment to the Board of Trustees is encouraged. Comments may be limited at the mayor’s discretion*