

PITKIN TOWN MEETING
at the Newcomb Community Center

January 11th 2020 at 7pm

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE PRACTICED AT THIS MEETING
MASKS ARE REQUIRED

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Trustees Jerra Garetson and Tom Gibb were present. Trustee Lucinda Lull was present via phone. Attorney Chris Mochulsky was present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **Public comments*:** none
3. **Town Attorney Report**:** No report
4. **For Council Action**:**
 - 1-1 Approve meeting minutes: December 14th regular meeting
Motion to approve the December 14th regular meeting minutes as amended made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.
 - 1-2 Discuss and vote on Resolution 2021-1 Setting a date for a special election
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-1 made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.
 - 1-3 Discuss and vote on Resolution 2021-2 Clerk appoints election judges
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-2 made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.
 - 1-4 Discuss and vote on Resolution 2021-3 Town of Pitkin posting locations
Motion to approve Resolution 2021-3 made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.
 - 1-5 Discuss and vote to approve Town of Pitkin 2021 Zoning Code – This item includes a public hearing

Item tabled due to technical difficulties

- 1-6 Receive Ordinance 2021-1 (Adopting the 2021 Zoning Code by Reference) and set a date for a public hearing

Item tabled due to technical difficulties.

- 1-7 Discuss and vote on including Town of Pitkin land sale issues on the ballot of the April 2021 special election

Trustee Tom Gibb stated that he was not initially in favor of disposing of Town property. The Town currently has an ordinance [procedure] which states that there is no presumption of acceptance on the part of the Board. The problem with the current ordinance is the “vacation for financial compensation” section, which is not consistent with statute. Most people who have discussed this issue with Trustee Gibb are not interested in giving land away, which happens during a vacation. He does not want to put anything on the ballot unless the Town can pull it together to be done correctly.

Attorney Mochulsky stated that a statutory town can sell property that is used for a governmental purpose via an election. The statutes do not clarify the particulars.

Trustee Gibb asked if the Board then would “endorse” an offer before putting it to a vote. He wants the Town to have a plan so it can move through this process

The Board discussed whether it could put together a policy in time for additional offers to be submitted and potential ballot language approved for the special election.

Mayor Eddy Balch stated that he would like the Board to possibly review other offers no later than the February regular meeting.

Attorney Mochulsky will send Clerk parameters for what is/is not allowable.

- 1-8 Discuss and vote on adopting Town of Pitkin liquor licensing procedure

Reviewed by Clerk Sara Gibb.

There was discussion regarding fees. Clerk Sara Gibb reported that most fees were between \$250 and \$500.

- 9-3 Discuss and vote on Town of Pitkin snow plowing policy
Mitch (plow driver) expressed to Trustee Gibb that his time in Pitkin is doubled with the addition of the 4 streets.
Item tabled

1-9 Review treasurer's report. Vote to approve January 2021 disbursements

Clerk Sara Gibb reviewed purchases that were reimbursed through CARES Act funds

Motion to approve January 2021 disbursements made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0.

Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Discuss updates on PVFD request for donation of land and building
Vikki comments – survey of downstream land and ownership of downstream land is complete. The Town needs title and deed work for the firehouse. Vikki will obtain these documents.

Comments: Jesse Garetson, Alicia Archuleta

- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items

Reschedule work session from January 25th to February 1st, 2021 at 7:15pm

5. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Eddy Balch – Mayor Balch will continue to work with the county on where the Town is in the trial for snow plowing
- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – nominating petitions available tomorrow. Due January 29th. Please see written reports for the following:
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb (interim) – No report
- Sanitarian – vacant
- Fire Department – Rand Makowski
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Cyndi Wick - Board would like certified letters – return receipt requested - sent to the three outstanding systems – June 30, 2021 – same with OWTS fees
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson
- Ditches – John Rowan
- Town Hall – Garry Winget
- Parks and Rec – Sara Lamar

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.