

PITKIN TOWN MEETING

Newcomb Community Center

April 21st 2025 at 7:00pm

Remote participation was available via ZOOM

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Trustees Jerra Garetson and Ed Pianalto were present. Trustee Ramon Reed was present via Zoom. Attorney Clay Buchner was absent. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **Special Addition to the Agenda:** Ed Pianalto swore an oath as mayor and made brief comments.
3. **Public comments*:** Jesse Garetson
4. **Town Attorney Report**:** No report
5. **For Council Action**:**
 - 4-1 Approve meeting minutes: March 3rd Work Session, March 17th Regular Meeting

Motion by Trustee Tom Gibb: Approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.
 - 4-2 Review Treasurer's Report. Discuss and vote to approve April 2025 Disbursements.

Addition to the report – John Cutler and Associates for \$1,000 for Audit Exemption paperwork.

Motion by Trustee Ramon Reed: Approve April disbursements. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: None
 - 4-3 Discuss with possible action: Adopting Resolution 2025-3 Budget Amendment: Reallocating funds to Parks and Recreation. THIS ITEM CONTAINS A PUBLIC HEARING.

The Board had no questions or comments.
Public hearing opened at 7:16pm.
Jesse Garetson stated that he is pleased the Town has a Parks and Rec Commissioner. There being no further public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:18pm

Motion by Trustee Jerra Garetson: Adopt Resolution 2025-3. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0.

- 4-4 Discuss with possible action: Approving a Modification of Premises application for the Pitkin Hotel

Hotel owner Bob Taylor reported that he has an application with the State to serve alcohol on the green space. They are awaiting the Town's approval for the modification. The bar/grill and stage were combined into one complex and this has been submitted to the State.

The Board of Trustees posed no questions to the applicant.

Motion by Trustee Jerra Garetson: Approve the modification of premises application for the Pitkin Hotel. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: None

- 4-5 Discuss with possible action: Approving a Liquor License renewal for the Pitkin Hotel.

Hotel owner Bob Taylor stated that his license expires in July, and this is a standard renewal.

Motion by Mayor Ed Pianalto: Approve the liquor license renewal for the Pitkin Hotel. Seconded by Trustee Ramon Reed. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: none

- 4-6 Discuss with possible action: Appointing Ed Herman and Jesse James Garetson to the Zoning Board

Motion by Mayor Ed Pianalto: Appoint Ed Herman and Jesse Garetson to the Zoning Board. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried: 3-0. Trustee Ramon Reed abstained.

Public comments: none

- 4-7 Discuss with possible action: Approving a Liquor License for the Silver Plume. THIS ITEM CONTAINS A PUBLIC HEARING.

Applicant Cory Nasso would like to obtain a retail liquor license (fermented malt beer/wine license) to sell beer at the store. This will not be for on-premises consumption, but will be like a convenience store. The decision to apply for this permit is a result of yearly requests from customers.

Trustee Tom Gibb asked if "fermented malt beverage" was different from beer. Mayor Ed Pianalto stated that he understands that there is an option for fermented malt

beverages or fermented malt beverages and wine. Mr. Nasso stated that it is for everything except spirits.

The Board asked no further questions.

Public hearing opened at 7:32pm

Bob Taylor asked about where on the premises beer could be consumed. Mr. Nasso stated that it could not be consumed on premises.

There being no further public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:34pm.

Motion by Trustee Tom Gibb: Approve a liquor license for the Silver Plume for a Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

4-8 Discuss with possible action: Hiring a Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Pitkin

There have been two applicants to date. Trustee Ramon Reed suggested that the Board set up actual interviews with each applicant separately and an executive session. Trustee Jerra Garetson stated that these things would need to be done immediately because the Town is on a timeline for training. Mayor Ed Pianalto asked about availability for scheduling a meeting with an executive session.

Trustee Tom Gibb stated that he has read both resumes and he would like to get on with training. He would prefer to push a decision rather than wait. He is unsure what would be gained [from interviews and an executive session]. He stated that the Town may lose several weeks of training. Trustee Jerra Garetson agrees. Mayor Ed Pianalto would like as much training as possible. With three board members expressing a preference to decide tonight, Mayor Ed Pianalto asked the Board if a motion or a vote was preferred.

The Board will vote by ballot, with Trustee Ramon Reed sending his vote via text to the Clerk for transfer to paper.

Results are as follows:

Stacie Busby – 3 votes

Taylor Adams – 1 vote

Stacie Busby was chosen to assume the role of Clerk/Treasurer.

Public comments: Cory Nasso, Chris Nasso

4-9 Discuss with possible action: Approving quotes for additional gravel for Streets

Mayor Ed Pianalto asked about supporting documents. None were provided to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Street Commissioner Jesse Garetson made comments on Streets. He shared that the County may come up this fall and put tar in the cracks on Main Street. There was no cost estimate for this service.

Mayor Pianalto would like each trustee to take a ride with Street Commissioner Jesse Garetson to look at key areas that he [Mr. Garetson] has identified as being in need.

Mag Chloride is scheduled for May 13th. There was discussion about what has already been approved (1 load – Quartz Lane, 1 load – Sage Lane, 2 loads – River Trail). Trustee Jerra Garetson asked about the request for Quartz Lane from 1st to 2nd. Street Commissioner Jesse Garetson stated it is not an area of most need, but he would like to accommodate the request. Mayor Ed Pianalto stated that the Board has already approved 6 loads total. Because the Town has a price locked in, an additional 4 loads should be purchased. Trustee Tom Gibb stated that this winter has been exceptionally hard on the streets. He would like the Town to purchase sufficient gravel to take care of the streets.

The Board agreed on purchasing 10 loads total.

Motion by Mayor Ed Pianalto: Approve the purchase of 10 loads total. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0.

Street Commissioner Jesse Garetson asked if he needed approval for where to use additional loads. He asked about an additional 2 loads (which would bring the total to 12).

Public comments: Cory Nasso

5. Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Discuss plan to address the following action items (from Board of Trustees/Zoning Board work session, previous Trustee meetings)
 - Schedule upcoming Work Sessions – Enforcement/municipal court, business licenses
Mayor Ed Pianalto stated that the Town has open seats: Trustee, EHA, and Zoning Board. He wants to fill open seats before trying to fill another seat for enforcement or a municipal court. Trustee Jerra Garetson agrees. No work session was scheduled at this time.
 - Mayor Ed Pianalto stated that former EHA Gayla Gibb sent out 30-40 letters to residents requiring inspections this year. The Town's ordinance requires NAWT certification. The NAWT website has a list of individuals who are certified. He discussed inspectors and their requirements. He asked if anyone in Town wants to take the course to become NAWT certified to inspect in Town. The cost of the course is \$395. There was discussion about inspection timelines and the Town's OWTS ordinance.

6. Special Additions to the Agenda**

None

7. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Ed Pianalto – Mayor Ed Pianalto addressed the complaint that was submitted to the Town of Pitkin. The complaint was regarding birdseed on the ground attracting wildlife. There is no ordinance against this in the Town of Pitkin. He consulted with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. CPW asked that a public service announcement be made – no birdseed should be on the ground, it should be placed on a platform. It attracts bears when on the ground. Further, residents should pull in hummingbird feeders at night. There is a law against putting birdseed on the ground. CPW will come out and give a verbal warning to the person putting birdseed on the ground.
- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – No report.
Please see written report for the following:
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb
- Zoning Board – Ed Pianalto - Read approved Zoning Board Minutes at:
<https://townofpitkin.colorado.gov/documents/approved-meeting-minutes>
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Vacant
- Streets – Jesse Garetson
- Ditches – Jesse Garetson
- Town Hall – Ramon Reed
- Parks and Rec – Josh Ackerman

9. Adjourn: Motion by Trustee Jerra Garetson: Adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 19th 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>