

PITKIN TOWN WORK SESSION

June 1st 2020, 6:30pm

Newcomb Community Center

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. Trustees Chris Nasso and Tom Gibb were present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **Update and request** – Street Commissioner Jesse James Garetson provided a brief report on progress with streets. He has been in touch with All-Weather Earth Works (Kyle) regarding work in Pitkin. A written estimate for one city block was provided. Jesse James identified the block of most need to be between 4th and 5th on State.

Jesse James asked if the Town would prefer to start at 9th where there is some drainage and cover perhaps 3 blocks with 3” base vs. 1 block with 4” base. Mayor Eddy Balch asked Jesse James to contact QCP and ask if they plan to hire Kyle for any work this summer – perhaps Pitkin can share in the mobilization cost.

Jesse James asked if there are setbacks for placing street limit signs. It was suggested that he reach out to Mike Sponsler and/or Gunnison County regarding signage. Clerk Sara Gibb will check TH for additional speed limit signs.

Mayor Eddy Balch stated that every year of delay would likely cause an increased estimate. Trustee Tom Gibb stated that he would like to know how financially viable it is for the Town to handle these repairs. There was discussion regarding the Street Budget.

Public comments: Gayla Gibb, Rachel New, Rodger Lull, Jesse Garetson, Mark Rossmiller, Debbie Henley,

3. For Council Discussion:

- Budget discussion and planning (may include discussion of reserve policy)

Review of various budget numbers. Review of fund types.

Mayor Eddy Balch stated that the Town should consider setting aside money for grant matching funds. Trustee Tom Gibb stated that percentages in reserve funds should be tailored to factors specific to that fund.

There was discussion regarding reserve targets including: Street projects, emergency provisions for loss of income

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Debbie Henley, Rachel New

- Discuss OWTS ordinance RE: fee for “minor upgrade”

A request came in from a citizen to complete an upgrade to their septic tank – installing an effluent filter. The current ordinance does not provide for minor vs. major upgrades – it requires a \$200 application fee and engineering. Mayor Eddy Balch contacted the State and received a reply that individuals should be encouraged to make upgrades of that kind. They State would not require anything. Mayor Eddy Balch suggests a nominal \$25 inspection fee to have a record of the installation and possibly requiring photos.

There was considerable discussion regarding opening the OWTS ordinance to make adjustments to both the upgrade fee schedule and possibly the inspection interval requirement. Both Mayor Eddy Balch and Trustee Tom Gibb are in favor of initiating discussion about making updates to the OWTS ordinance, including defining a “minor” upgrade. Trustee Chris Nasso asked what a homeowner should expect to receive for the cost of a permit.

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Gayla Gibb, Rodger Lull

- Discuss fee schedule for the Town of Pitkin

Clerk Sara Gibb reported on how various municipalities utilize a fee schedule.

There was discussion regarding OWTS fees.

There was discussion whether fees should cover costs or be used to build revenue.

Public comments: Rodger Lull, Gayla Gibb, Jesse Garetson

4. Dismiss: Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

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