

PITKIN TOWN MEETING

Newcomb Community Center

June 14th 2021 at 7pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Trustees Ramon Reed, Jerra Garetson, Lucinda Lull and Tom Gibb were present. Attorney Chris Mochulsky was present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **Public comments*:** Patrice Boyd, Jesse Garetson (Mr. Garetson's comment was made later in the meeting at approximately 8:22pm)
3. **Town Attorney Report**:** Update on PVFD land donation. Trying to figure out the best way to transfer the land. There was an ownership issue for a sliver of land in the middle of 5th. PVFD was unable to determine who owns this. The county has determined that it's part of street right-of-way. This makes it easier to vacate a portion of the street and it will all go to the PVFD. Hopefully by next meeting there will be a plan in place.
4. **For Council Action**:**
 - 6-1 Approve meeting minutes: May 10th regular meeting

Motion to approve the May 10th regular meeting minutes as corrected made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Ramon Reed. Motion carried 3-0. Mayor Eddy Balch and Trustee Lucinda Lull abstained.

Several mistypes were corrected. Information was added to the fee schedule discussion item to clarify that changes made to the fee schedule involved adding fees for liquor licensing.

- 4-4 Discuss and vote on moving Town of Pitkin operating funds to an alternate bank

Motion to move Town of Pitkin funds from Bank of the West to Gunnison Bank and Trust made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Sara Gibb reviewed an additional bank – Community Banks of Colorado. The Board would like to move funds to a bank where the Town's funds can earn the most interest.

Public Comments: Jesse Garetson, Marie Rossmiller

2-3 Discuss and vote on updates to the Town of Pitkin fee schedule and Resolution 2021-5 – Fee Schedule

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-5 (Fee Schedule) made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Ramon Reed. Motion carried 5-0.

6-2 Discuss and vote on signing the IGA with Gunnison County for noxious weed management

Motion to approve the IGA with Gunnison County for noxious weed management made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 5-0.

Under #5, document should read 2021, not 2020.

6-3 Review treasurer's report - to include update on yearly income/expenditures. Vote to approve June 2021 disbursements

Motion to approve June disbursements made by Trustee Ramon Reed. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 5-0.

Public comments: Garry Winget, Suzy Metzler

Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Discuss Zoning Code revisions – A work session was scheduled
- Discuss updates on PVFD request for donation of land and building
See Attorney's Report above
- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items
Work session set for Monday, June 28th at 7pm – Zoning Code, Snow Plowing Policy

5. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Eddy Balch – Mayor Eddy Balch had discussion with members of the internet committee regarding poor internet and the recent phone issues. He hopes the internet committee will put together some information and requested one of the members of the committee to contact one of the county commissioners.
Mayor Eddy Balch also encourages residents to reach out to the county commissioners personally about the recent phone outage in Pitkin.

- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – No official response from Centurylink regarding the phone outage. Citizen of the Year is to be selected next month and an announcement will be put online and in the post office.
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb – No report
- Sanitarian – vacant
- Fire Department – Rand Makowski – no report
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson - No report due to no recent business. No meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller – No meetings yet this year, but a meeting will be held soon. The memorial wall project is underway this year. The costs have increased over what was expected but the Cemetery Board has sold many plaques and wants to move forward with the memorial wall. The installation will be mid-July.
- Environmental Health – Cyndi Wick – Please see written report
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson – Mr. Garetson has been very busy this spring. Mag Chloride is expected this Wednesday. Many fallen signs have been repaired. A sign is missing at State and 2nd. Additional signs will be repaired. Mayor Eddy Balch suggested approaching the forest service about those signs that belong to them. Mr. Garetson reported that on 9th Street to the end of Town on State the ditches have been repaired, the road has been crowned, and gravel has been added. Soil from the ditches has been recycled and combined with ¾” road base for road use. The speed limit sign is up at the bottom of Town. A sign is being milled to encourage drivers to stay on the roads within Town rather than on the sides of the road. Ten loads of gravel have been delivered from United. Mr. Garetson did not open 12th Street. The gentleman who owns the adjacent property purchased gravel and Mr. Garetson smoothed it on his own time. Another property owner paid for gravel to be spread on Sage Lane.
- Ditches – Vacant –Ditches are on. Residents, please continue to maintain the ditches adjacent to your property. Please help by removing obstructions that you observe. A sign-up sheet is coming for individuals interested in helping to monitor and maintain the ditches in Town. Mayor Eddy Balch thanked those who volunteered their time to clear ditches for opening.
- Town Hall – Garry Winget – Town Hall has a working grant from the State Historical Fund to cover the cost of engineering and planning for a repair at Town Hall. Mr. Winget plans to apply for an additional grant this winter for work completion. Mr. Winget is working with Bill Barvitski, licensed engineer, on this project.
- Parks and Rec – Sara Lamar – Park benches are out. Playground inspection will be completed next week.

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, July 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>