

PITKIN TOWN MEETING

July 13th 2020 at 7pm

At the Newcomb Community Center

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE PRACTICED AT THIS MEETING

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

26 present, 23 masked

MINUTES

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

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Trustees Lucinda Lull, Jerra Garetson, and Tom Gibb were present. Trustee Chris Nasso was absent. 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**:**

7-1 Approve meeting minutes: June 8th regular meeting and June 16th work session/special meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 3-0. Trustee Jerra Garetson abstained.

7-2 Discuss and vote to accept Building Inspector/Sanitarian resignation

Building Inspector/Sanitarian Rand Makowski resigned as building inspector and sanitarian as of July 2nd, 2020. Tom Gibb is willing to serve as building inspector for the time being. He stated that there is currently no job description for any commissioners. There is no description for the Sanitarian or the Building Inspector. Mayor Eddy Balch stated that there are descriptions for the commissioners but not for the Sanitarian or Building Inspector.

7-3 Receive recommendation from Zoning Board regarding 7th Street vacation. Discuss and vote to set a date for the public hearing regarding 7th Street vacation.

Monday, July 27th – public hearing will be held to discuss and vote on 7th street vacation 7pm

Public comments: none

7-4 Discuss and vote for Pitkin Citizen of the Year 2019
Two letters in favor of Richard Henley for Citizen of the Year were read. Trustee Lucinda Lull stated that Richard is an honorable person. No other nominations were made.

Motion to nominate Richard Henley as 2019 Citizen of the Year. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Marie Rossmiller

7-5 Discuss and vote on extended camping request during construction

Property owner Todd Adams would like to stay in his RV for more than 40 days consecutively while he completes construction on his cabin. Trustee Jerra Garetson states that they are making an improvement to the Town and things take longer than expected. She is in favor of approving this request.

Motion to extend the camping request from Todd Adams for one year from today while remodeling takes place. At the end of one year, property owner may reapply for additional camping time. Motion made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Peter Cole

7-6 Discuss and vote on recommendation for monopine building permit

Jesse James Garetson stated that the Zoning Board had no recommendation because the Zoning Board determined that the monopine is not an actual structure.

Jason Buller with Comnet Wireless (transport engineer) was present. He has been tasked with getting bandwidth out of Pitkin and into Gunnison. He stated that potentially a fixed wireless solution could be offered to the Town, which would improve internet. Comnet has been tasked by ATT to build out towers to enable FirstNet which increases the ability for firefighters, etc. to communicate. Mayor Eddy Balch asked if it would be feasible to improve internet. Mr. Buller stated this was an option. He can put the town in touch with people who can assist with this.

Mayor Balch requested a show of hands for those interested in faster internet. All hands raised except one. Mayor Balch would like a committee formed to improve internet service to Pitkin. Clerk Sara Gibb would like to be involved. Peter Cole, Gayla Gibb, and Marisa Archuleta volunteered to be involved.

Public comments: Peter Cole, Sara Gibb, Cindy Houtwed, Linda Cole, Jesse Garetson

7-7 Discuss and vote on submitting a letter of support for Gunnison County's application to be certified under the State of Colorado "Protect Your Neighbor" phase

Mayor Eddy Balch received a letter from Scott Morrel regarding the county's application for a waiver to be able to set their own restrictions rather than follow the State of Colorado. They are requesting letters of support from the Mayors of the region for this waiver application.

A letter from the Gunnison's Mayor regarding the waiver was read aloud by Clerk Sara Gibb.

Mayor Eddy Balch shared information related to the County's response to COVID-19.

Mayor Eddy Balch is in favor of local control vs. State control. Trustees Tom Gibb and Lucinda Lull are torn on the subject. Trustee Lull is not sure that Joni having all the control is the best answer. Trustsee Jerra Garetson believes that local input and local control are preferable.

Trustee Jerra Garetson is willing to represent the Town in future discussions related to COVID-19. The Town will request a representative in their letter of support.

Motion to submit a letter of support for Gunnison County's application for certification under the state of Colorado protect our neighbor phase made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Mayor Eddy Balch. Motion carried 2-1. Trustee Lucinda Lull cast a "nay" vote. Trustee Tom Gibb abstained.

Public comments: Linda Cole, Marie Rossmiller, Fred Archuleta, Peter Cole, Doug Bower Gayla Gibb, Rodger Lull, Jesse Garetson, Maris Archuleta

7-8 Discuss and vote on Town Hall rental request

A letter of request was read by Clerk Sara Gibb. Edwin Watters is requesting the rental of Town Hall for a film festival. Edwin states that he is part of a group of people involved in several documentary films. He states it would be possible to put a screen and protector in Town Hall. He stated that the date is not firm. He wants to promote this to Gunnison Valley only. Social distancing rules from Gunnison County would be applied.

Trustee Lucinda Lull wants the Town Hall to be used. Trustee Tom Gibb thinks it's a good idea. Trustee Jerra Garetson would like the building to be used.

Trustee Tom Gibb asked how the Town views an event like this. Town sanctioned, town sponsored, or private? Edwin clarified that the *profits* will be donated. There may be costs involved, which will be covered first. Treasurer Sara Gibb suggested charging a fee that ensures Town's costs (electricity) be covered at minimum. Mayor Eddy Balch considers addressing Gunnison County's [social distancing] requirements is the biggest obstacle for this event. Edwin is in favor of giving a cleaning deposit, which will be returned if the Town Hall is cleaned satisfactorily.

Mayor Eddy Balch suggests reaching out to Gunnison County with the dimensions of the building and the proposed seating arrangement and obtaining approval.

Motion to approve the rental request for use of the Town Hall with the following parameters: 1)that the profit comes to the Town of Pitkin for Town improvements; 2) Town is willing to waive the rental fee and, depending on the satisfactory cleaning of the building, the cleaning fee. Motion made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson.

Motion amended: Motion to approve the rental request for use of the Town Hall with the following parameters: 1)that the profit comes to the Town of Pitkin for Town improvements; 2) Town is willing to waive the rental fee and, depending on the satisfactory cleaning of the building, the cleaning fee. Motion made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Kathy Dardio, Alicia Archuleta, Peter Cole, Gayla Gibb, Rand Makowski

7-9 Review treasurer's report. Vote to approve July 2020 disbursements

Updates to treasurer's report – Chris Mochulsky \$500, Mast Trucking - \$200, GMCO - \$2752.80. A business has mistakenly filed in Pitkin vs. Pitkin County. May be fixed before next disbursement.

Motion to approve July disbursements made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Updates/Planning/Discussion**:

- Update on Makowski/Fox quit claim deed – Aspen Lane – waiting on an invoice to be paid. Rand Makowski stated that this was supposed to be around \$600. He has already paid \$675 and he doesn't want to pay the additional invoice. He wants the Town to cover the remaining fee.

- Discuss Town Budget and Budget planning (may include discussion of Budget survey results and audit draft for fiscal year 2019) Clerk will submit audit for finalization.
- Discuss reserve policy for the Town of Pitkin
- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items

Public hearing 7/27 at 7pm.

Budget/OWTS work session – Clerk will reopen budget survey

6. Reports**:

- Town Mayor – Eddy Balch – Mayor/Manager meeting was hosted in Pitkin, the Silver Plume Grill provided lunch. Good discussion and ideas for Pitkin to raise funds. Mayors and managers were asked about some of the Town’s responses to the budget survey. Mayors and managers were all negative regarding the idea of unincorporation. The Town would lose local control. Mayor Balch discussed roads, which was rated the number one priority response in the budget survey. Main street was paved likely in the mid-60s. Town needs to address what is to be done with Streets. Mayor Balch would like a committee to review streets, make a plan, and estimate costs (including culverts). Jesse James Garetson, Street Commissioner, will head up the committee. Clerk will post for volunteers on website.
- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – Received an agenda request late. Special meeting? Town will address at next regular meeting. Clerk would like agenda requests to be made by end of day on Wednesday prior to the meeting. Board ok with end of day Wednesday.
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb (assistant)
- Sanitarian – vacant
- Fire Department – Rand Makowski – bad EMS call, one fire. Town needs a new fire ban sign. Rand will get an estimate from Wood Product Signs.
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Cyndi Wick
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson
- Ditches – John Rowan
- Town Hall – vacant
- Parks and Rec – Sara Lamar

9. **Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, August 10th** 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>