

PITKIN TOWN MEETING
Newcomb Community Center

July 11th 2022 at 7pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Trustees Jerra Garetson, Lucinda Lull, and Tom Gibb were present. Attorney Chris Mochulsky was present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **Public comments*:** Ramon Reed, Sara Gibb, Jesse Garetson, Cindy Houtwed, Pete Olson, Suzy Metzler
3. **Town Attorney Report**:** No report
4. **Special Additions to the Agenda**:** None
5. **For Council Action**:**
 - 7-1 Approve meeting minutes: June 13th regular meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 13th regular meeting made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0.

- 6-2 Discuss and vote on proposal from Mike and Sally Graham to designate a historical site at the remains of the silver mill on 2nd Street

Clerk Sara Gibb to follow up with CIRSA and ask if they would insure a site that was delineated by a fence or barrier. There was a question regarding a survey – who would cover the cost of a survey of the mill site? Clerk Sara Gibb to ask CIRSA about signage to release the Town from liability. A survey could be provided to CIRSA to show the intention of the Town. Would a “point of interest” sign on Town property be a problem? Trustee Tom Gibb said the stakes at the end of 2nd and Armstrong are clearly marked. He thinks a surveyor could find the other corners without too much trouble. Some kind of barrier to show that visitors should stay off the hill is his recommendation. Trustee Jerra Garetson does not like the idea of a picnic table that would encourage people to tarry. Mayor Eddy Balch asked if there was a safe path for a walking tour up 2nd Street?

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Gayla Gibb,

- 7-2 Discuss and vote on Town Hall sign repairs

Street Commissioner Jesse James Garetson has purchased new posts for the Town Hall sign. Digsafe has been contacted and safe digging locations have been marked with orange spray paint. Mr. Garetson may be able to have someone use a hydraulic post hole digger to make holes. Mayor Eddy Balch asked Mr. Garetson to follow up with the person with the hydraulic post hole digger. Volunteers are needed – Mr. Garetson has 12 locations where post holes need to be dug for signage.

- 7-3 Discuss and vote on a request from the Zoning Board to provide a resolution for a zoning violation in the Town of Pitkin

Mayor Balch stated that it appears the Zoning Code requires complaints to be in writing. The Board would like to plan a work session to review Attorney Mochulsky's edits and clean up some additional language.

Attorney Mochulsky suggested that a verification be added to complaints that will then be signed by the complainant.

Item tabled

Public comments: Gayla Gibb, Pete Olson,

- 7-4 Discuss and vote to approve the Opioid IGA with Gunnison County

Motion to opt-in and approve the Opioid IGA with Gunnison County made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.

The Town will receive some funds for the Opioid epidemic. The Town had the option to opt-out of the IGA, which would involve significant work wfor the Town. If the Town signs the IGA, a regional association will handle the paperwork and the funds allocated to the Town will go directly to the association for use.

- 7-5 Discuss and vote to approve the 2022 Town of Pitkin Zoning Code

Tabled until August 2022

- 7-6 Review treasurer's report; Vote to approve July 2022 disbursements

Two additions – Sara Gibb reimbursement for Microsoft Word, Gunnison Valley Excavation for \$700 for tree/stump removal

Motion to approve the July disbursements made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded

By Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.

Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items

Work Session July 25th at 7pm.

6. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Eddy Balch – PHCA will be using the Town Hall for the melodrama this year. A zoning concern has been brought to the Town’s attention regarding excavation. Mayor Balch and Building Inspector Tom Gibb will check into the request. The Mayor/Manager meeting was held in Pitkin last week. Rock scaling has been completed on Alpine Tunnel. The next step is to get an engineer to design the repair of the wall. Over \$650,000 has been raised to date. Mayor Balch received an email from a group working on an app for notification related to wildfires and they would like to cooperate with the PVFD.

- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – Portable toilets have been ordered. One is at Town Hall and one is at the playground. Both will be moved to Town Hall prior to Pitkin Day.

Working on receiving a UEI number for the Town in order to participate in the second disbursement of NEU funds.

Commnet has been contacted regarding the cell tower functionality. They report that the tower is working.

Please see written report for the following:

- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb
- Fire Department – Rand Makowski
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Gayla Gibb
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson
- Ditches – Vacant
- Town Hall – Garry Winget
- Parks and Rec – Vacant

**9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull
Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, August 8th** 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>

Reports

Commissioner and Community

- Building Inspector –Tom Gibb – No report
- Fire Department – Rand Makowski – No report
- Zoning Board – No report
- Environmental Health – Gayla Gibb - There were no files forthcoming from the previous EHA. I was hoping that the missing inspections for the last few years would be handed over, but there were none. I did get a bin of blank forms to use in this position. I am continuing to go through the files to see if there are any actions that need to be taken at this time. There is one issues that I have discovered in looking through the files: It seems a bit inconsistent in the Town of Pitkin that we require inspections, but we do not require access to the systems. After going through all the files, we currently have seven (7) systems with little to no access for an inspection. Thus, when we receive an inspection report on one of these, it begs the question of accuracy. If we are willing to just let these systems alone, we might consider treating everyone in the Town similarly. Perhaps Pitkin should at least consider changing our inspections to only when the property sells – if the State would be willing. This is food for thought and discussion. In the meantime, it doesn't seem to be fair to require anyone to get an inspection when we do not require everyone to get one – a REAL inspection instead of just a sludge test through a tiny access hole. Many of the above-mentioned systems have no access whatsoever to either or both compartments. I will, of course, await discussion and direction from the Board. Thank you.
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson – Three trees have been removed from 12th Street for snowplow access and trash removal. Mag Chloride was applied July 5th.
- Ditches – Vacant – No report
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller – No report
- Town Hall – Garry Winget – The State Historical Fund staff is waiting for the decision to be made on the format of the contract.
- Parks and Rec – Vacant – No report