

PITKIN TOWN MEETING

Newcomb Community Center

July 21st, 2025 at 7:00pm

Remote participation via ZOOM please use: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3732819188> Meeting ID: 373 281 9188

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Ed Pianalto called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Trustees Tom Gibb, Jerra Garetson, and Cory Nasso were present. Minutes taken by Clerk Stacie Busby.
2. **Public comments*:** None.
3. **Town Attorney Report**:** None.
4. **For Council Action**:**

7-1 Approve meeting minutes: June 16th, 2025 Regular Meeting

Trustee Jerra Garetson has a couple of questions on the third page, item 6-7 does not have the vote count at the end, the motion was not carried with a vote of 3-1. And, on item 6-11, “One on Main Street” should read, “One on 11th Street.” Mayor Ed Pianalto noticed in 6-3 theirs is no vote – but it was voted on and agreed to by all.

Re: BoH Meeting minutes – no changes. Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Trustee Cory Nasso for both the Regular Meeting and the BoH Meeting. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

7-2 Review Treasurer’s Report. Discuss and vote to approve July 2025 Disbursements.

Mayor Ed Pianalto would like to see more notes on each of the Clerk’s daily entries. There was a question on Disbursements, specifically what the Geek Squad invoice was for. Motion to approve all but Geek Squad until invoice is sent out to Trustees by Trustee Cory Nasso. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

7-3 Update on Posting of Town Attorney vacancy

We have four candidates, but the posting hasn’t been up long, so Mayor Ed Pianalto thinks we should give it another month to give more applicants a chance to get in. How do we want to go about hiring an attorney? Trustee Cory Nasso thinks at the next meeting we should narrow it down to three candidates or so and then maybe have them come to a meeting to answer a few questions and have a discussion. Maybe have a special meeting for this and try to have an attorney retained by September’s Regular Meeting. Motion to keep the posting up longer to allow for more applicants – Motion carried 4-0.

7-4 Update on Posting of Board of Trustee vacancy

No candidates right now. Mayor Ed Pianalto asks the public to please step up and join The Board.

7-5 Discuss with possible action: Appointing Joshua Ackerman to the Zoning Board
Josh Ackerman gave comments. The Board of Trustees does not have any have questions. Public Comments? Jesse James spoke in favor of Mr. Ackerman. Suzie Metzler Spoke in favor of Mr. Ackerman. Mayor Ed Pianalto Motions to accept Joshua Ackerman to the Zoning Board. Trustee Cory Nasso seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

7-6 Discuss with possible action: Set Public Hearing Date for Schellenberg request regarding VACATE 12TH STREET between block 2 and block 4, ALLEY BLOCK 4, ALLEY BLOCK 2, MESA STREET between block 3 and block 4 and block 2

Tonight, we start with receiving the recommendation from the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board felt it was proper that we have legal advice on the street vacation before this goes too much further. So, the first task is to accept the Zoning Board recommendation. Trustee Tom Gibb supports having legal counsel and, reading through some of the info from Mr. Schellenberg he also has questions. He is not opposed to initiating this process. Trustee Jerra Garretson thinks everyone should read the procedure. There are many steps to this process. Mayor Ed Pianalto noted this petition could set the stage for the future, so we have to do it right at this time. There are a lot of questions to have answered, Mayor Ed Pianalto proposes we have a small committee, including street/ditch commissioner, and Mayor Ed Pianalto, and Jake Schellenberg and another board member, to see how this plan could be more clearly defined. Public comments for receiving the recommendation, none. Motion to accept the Zoning Board's recommendation to move forward with a Public Hearing by Trustee Cory Nasso. Seconded by Mayor Ed Pianalto. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing will be next Thursday, July 31st, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Ed Pianalto Makes Motion, Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garretson. Motion carried 4-0.

7-7 Discuss with possible action: Town's interest in asking the Forest Service to thin trees and brush in areas adjacent to resident properties.

Recent fires have made Mayor Ed Pianalto concerned. Trustee Tom Gibb agrees we should look more into this. Trustee Cory Nasso would also like more information, a clearer view of what they would do and such.

Public comments: Jesse James spoke.

Mayor Ed Pianalto would love to have her come to a meeting and do a presentation. Motion by Trustee Jerra Garetson for Mayor Ed Pianalto to contact the forest lands program manager for the forest service to see if she could come to a Regular Meeting and get more information. Seconded by Trustee Cory Nasso. Motion carried 4-0.

7-8 Discuss with possible action: Grant for Town Hall repairs.

Mayor Ed Pianalto was contacted by Jacob McDonald, regarding the grant applied for last year. An extension was applied for by the town last August. Mayor Ed Pianalto asked for some grace on the timeline so we could extend this grant. We have a couple

options. We can rescind the grant, or we can let it expire – either way, we would not get the grant money, although we could apply again. There's no guarantee, but if we send them a letter, they might give us an extension. Phil Deutch does think he could get the job done if we get the grant extension. Trustee Tom Gibb thinks that Mayor Ed Pianalto would do a great composing a letter like that to try and get the grant extended. Trustee Cory Nasso thinks we should pursue the extension, and the Town Board should oversee it, so the ball doesn't get dropped again. Motion to move forward with pursuing the extension by Trustee Cory Nasso. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Updates/Planning/Discussion**:

None.

6. Special Additions to the Agenda**

None.

7. Reports**:

- Town Mayor – Ed Pianalto

- July Mayor/General Manager Meeting

First of all, July 3rd Mayor Ed hosted the Mayor Meeting for Gunnison County. He was able to present them with our town's growth information relating to population as well as business and sales tax.

- Gunnison County Commissioner's Town Hall Meeting – July 22nd, 2025

Mayor Ed Pianalto says, lets fill this room for tomorrow's meeting, and he hopes it's a productive meeting.

Other issues, complaint about 409 Main Street. Mayor Ed Pianalto met with the owner, he verified there is an OWTS system there, the owner agreed to put in a meter. That complaint has been closed at this time.

The last item is regarding the email today and comments made, and things put out on social media. He was informed that in the past, the town clerk emailed out the agenda to whomever asked to be on the list. To clarify a few things, the Board of Trustee meetings are set to be held on the third Monday or Tuesday of every month. Also, regarding last month's meetings, the Zoning Board Meeting was cancelled, and the Regular Meeting was held as usual.

- Town Clerk – Stacie Busby – No report
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb – No new permits to report.

Several projects nearing completion, the following have been completed:

Beery. 923 River St. residence

Schellenberg. 100 Main Depot relocation

Fisher. 302 First St. Deck

Tunnell. 215 Main St. Deck

Colt Maule. 409 Main St. Sign

Taylor. 329 Main St. Stage/ outside bar

Taylor. 329 Main St. Fence
Gibb. 409 Main St. remodel

- 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 to adjourn by Trustee Cory Nasso. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 18th 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>

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