

PITKIN TOWN MEETING

September 14th 2020 at 7pm

At the Newcomb Community Center

SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE PRACTICED AT THIS MEETING

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

15 present, 15 masked

3 additional individuals arrived late and all wore masks

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 7:06pm. Trustees Tom Gibb, Jerra Garetson, and Lucinda Lull were present. Attorney Chris Mochulsky was present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **Public comments*:** None
3. **Town Attorney Report**:** No report
4. **Special Presentation:** David Turner, Colorado Communications (to discuss internet options in Pitkin) – Mr. Turner presented on his background. He has worked as a network engineer with a company out of Montrose and currently works to fill needs such as internet provision. Fiber is approximately \$2-5/foot and with Gunnison being 30 miles that price point is above what he thinks should be considered. Mr. Turner explained the process for getting internet from Gunnison to Pitkin and answered questions regarding various usage scenarios. Financial information was presented and discussed.

Public comments: Sara Gibb, Gayla Gibb, Marie Rossmiller

5. **For Council Action**:**

- 9-1 Approve meeting minutes: August 7th public hearing and special meeting, August 10th regular meeting, and August 31st work session and special meeting

Motion to approve meeting minutes from August 7th, August 10th as corrected, and August 31st made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

- 9-2 Discuss and vote to accept Trustee resignation.

The Town has received a notice of resignation from Chris Nasso.

Motion to accept Chris Nasso's resignation with regrets and gratitude for his service made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Tom

Gibb. Motion carried 4-0.

9-3 Discuss and vote to appoint Peggy Battershill Welch to the cemetery board.

The Cemetery Board made the recommendation to accept Peggy Welch as a member of the Cemetery Board.

Motion to appoint Peggy Sue Welch to the Cemetery Board made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

9-4 Discuss and vote to publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for snow plowing for the 2020-2021 winter

Corrections/updates were made to the RFP due date and meeting date.

Motion to publish an RFP for snow plowing made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: Suzy Metzler, Pete Olson

9-5 Discuss and vote on Town of Pitkin snow plowing policy

Trustee Tom Gibb asked about a discrepancy between 4 and 6 inches triggering a plow event (difference in RFP vs. Plowing Policy). Phil Duetsch, whose company provided plowing in 2019-2020, stated that because they bid in a lump sum, they plowed more than less and spent additional time clearing corners, etc.

Mayor Eddy Balch received communication from resident Chuck Kolinski regarding plowing concerns for health and safety. Mr. Kolinski reportedly expressed to Mayor Balch that an assessment for snow plowing would be well-received.

Mayor Balch would like information on the website regarding the breakdown of a property tax bill so residents understand what is assessed to Pitkin vs. the entire bill.

There was discussion about how to prioritize the Town's streets (Main, State, River).

Trustee Tom Gibb asked if the County plans to cover Main, State, and River. Mayor Balch stated that the Town does not have the agreement back from the county. The Board plans to vote at the next meeting to allow Attorney Mochulsky time to review the policy.

Public comments: Sara Gibb, Fred Archuleta, Suzy Metzler, Ramon Reed, Rand Makowski, Jesse Garetson, Rodger Lull, Marie Rossmiller, Pete Olson

9-6 Discuss and vote on PHCA agreement for winter Newcomb Center use

Motion to approve the PHCA agreement for winter Newcomb Center use made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Suzy Metzler

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

DOR has updated the Town regarding misfiling companies – they are in process of filing adjustment paperwork so the Town will know the amount of sales tax it has earned.

Motion to approve September 2020 disbursements made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Updates/Planning/Discussion**:

- Update on 7th Street Land Vacation (Fred and Alicia Archuleta) – This item moved to the end of tonight's meeting

Motion to go into executive session to discuss a purchase or sale pursuant to CRS 24- 6-402 made by Trustee Tom Gibb.

Motion amended: Motion to go into executive session pursuant to CRS 24- 6-402 for 45 minutes with the sale of a portion of 7th street as part of the consideration of a vacation request made by the Archuletas as provided in the Town of Pitkin Right-of-Way vacation policy CRS 31-15-713 as the topic to be discussed made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Eddy Balch dismissed to executive session at approximately 9:55pm

The Executive session ended at 10:25

The Regular meeting reconvened 10:25

- Update on Makowski/Fox quit claim deed – Aspen Lane – **Ordinance at next meeting**
- Discuss Town Budget and Budget planning
- Discuss reserve policy for the Town of Pitkin
- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 7pm. Regular meeting is cancelled.

7. Reports**:

- Town Mayor – Eddy Balch – Received an email from the Governor regarding the continued COVID response. Governor is wanting to work with businesses in Town to continue outdoor dining, including through the winter. Mayor Balch has asked Mr. Reed to look into microphones/sound system solution for the Town Board. Mr. Reed provided information and it appears the Town can get a sound system in place for approximately \$750. Board agrees.
- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – No report
Please see the following written commissioner reports:
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb (interim)
- Sanitarian – vacant
- Fire Department – Rand Makowski – Mr. Makowski provided an income statement and letter to the Board of Trustees. Mayor Balch suggests reviewing the information provided and discussing the annual donation at the next meeting. Mayor Balch pointed out that the Fire Department had a net income of \$7,000 without the donation. Rand stated that the money from the Town and Gunnison pays the bills and the fundraiser gives extra funds.
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Cyndi Wick
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson
- Ditches – John Rowan
- Town Hall – Garry Winget
- Parks and Rec – Sara Lamar

8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Meeting adjourned 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, October** 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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**Public comment to the Board of Trustees is encouraged. Public comments on agenda items will be taken by the Mayor before final action on the item is taken. Comments may be limited at the mayor's discretion*

***Any item on the agenda may be subject to an executive session*

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