

PITKIN TOWN MEETING
Newcomb Community Center

September 12th 2022 at 7pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 7: pm Trustees Chris Nasso, 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 Additions to the Agenda**:** None

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

9-1 Approve meeting minutes: August 8th regular meeting and August 15th work session

Motion to approve the minutes for the August 8th regular meeting and the August 15th work session made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Trustee Tom Gibb reported that there was no quorum for the meeting on August 8th. The group that attended looked at the site and observed many cars parked on 2nd Street. A sign identifying the mill site should be erected and the consensus of the group present is that it should be along the Main Street. Jesse Garetson, Street Commissioner, reported that the area near the mill looks like it can be very congested. It would be difficult to prevent visitors from walking onto the private property. The area of 2nd and Main can also get congested.

Mayor Eddy Balch suggested placing the sign near the sign identifying the direction to Wuanita Pass. This would be away from 2nd Street and it's within the Town's right-of-way. A bridge may need to be developed if the sign is placed on the opposite side of the ditch. Trustee Lucinda Lull stated that the sign is a great idea but it will be difficult to find an appropriate place for the sign. She further stated that it would be good to locate the sign away from 2nd and Main. Trustee Tom Gibb pointed out that the Town has difficulty keeping signage up. He also pointed out that foot bridges can be problematic. The sign may need to be removeable so it can be relocated before the snow. Clerk Sara Gibb to contact CIRSA with a "across the ditch" location proposal. Trustee Jerra

Garetson asked if the Grahams might be willing to locate the sign on their private property.

Public comments: Rodger Lull, Marie Rossmiller, Jesse Garetson, Suzy Metzler, Ramon Reed

7-5 Discuss and vote to approve the 2022 Town of Pitkin Zoning Code – THIS ITEM INCLUDES A PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing opened at 7:29pm

Spacing errors were listed by Trustee Jerra Garetson and fixed.

Ramon Reed made a public comment. He stated that the variance procedure is not followed by the Zoning Board. He also stated that there is a lack of enforcement. He commented on Section 7, which addresses uses in various districts. He stated that the Board should explicitly state whether short-term rentals are allowed in the residential district. He suggested that the Board say they are allowed as long as they conform to the Town's STR regulations, then sit down and write some regulations.

Public Hearing closed at 7:44pm

Motion to approve the 2022 Town of Pitkin Zoning Code with typographical edits as needed to be made by Clerk Sara Gibb made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 5-0.

9-2 Introduce and discuss Ordinance 2022 – 1 Adopting the Zoning Code by Reference

Ordinance 2022-1 was presented to the Board of Trustees and will be noticed in the Gunnison Country Times

9-3 Introduce and discuss Ordinance 2022 – 2 Town of Pitkin Parking Ordinance

Jesse Garetson, Street Commissioner, stated that the idea for the ordinance came from issues related to snow plowing and visitors with OHVs who park along Main Street for several days. He also stated that a number of vehicles on Pitkin's right-of-way don't seem to move, and this has been brought to his attention as Street Commissioner. Mayor Eddy Balch suggested looking at a time limit for visiting trailers. Jesse Garetson stated that a primary issue is with access along Lanes for emergency vehicles. Mayor Balch asked if the Board would like to change the focus of the ordinance to address Lanes. He asked if the problem is big enough to warrant the Town's efforts toward a solution. Trustee Tom Gibb stated that the problem is big enough that the Town should come up with some solutions. He suggested widening some streets (making them accessible all the way to the neighboring property lines). Trustee Lucinda Lull suggested

managing dead end streets, which are Town property. Trustee Tom Gibb suggested a work session. A work session was scheduled for Monday, October 3rd at 7pm.

Public comments: Suzy Metzler, Ramon Reed, Gayla Gibb, Tom Gibb

- 9-4 Discuss and vote on the snow plowing contract from Gunnison Valley Excavation for winter 2022-2023

The contract is very similar to last year's contract. GVE has strongly suggested that the Town mark its corners. Street Commissioner Jesse James will coordinate with GVE to mark corners.

Motion to approve the snow plowing contract from Gunnison Valley Excavation for 2022-2023 made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb.

- 9-5 Review treasurer's report; Vote to approve September 2022 disbursements

Two additional disbursements were added.

Motion to approve the September 2022 disbursements made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 5-0.

Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items
- Updates on town projects: Cell phone tower, fiberoptic

6. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Eddy Balch – Clerk Sara Gibb should advertise for a new Town Hall commissioner. A conference call will take place in October. Mayor Balch met with the new County Public Works Director. He would like to remain status quo with plowing for the Town.
- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – no report
Please see written report for the following:
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb
- 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 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm**

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

To add an item to the agenda, please submit it in writing to the Town Clerk at thetownofpitkin@gmail.com no later than **Wednesday at 5pm** prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Supporting documentation must also be submitted no later than 5pm on the Wednesday before the meeting.

Reports

Commissioner and Community

- Building Inspector –Tom Gibb – Two fence permits were issued this last month
- Zoning Board – No report
- Environmental Health – Gayla Gibb – Eleven letters were sent or hand-delivered to owners of OWTS with limited to no access. These letters quoted Reg. #43 requirements for an inspection. It gives all recipients until their next inspection to fix their individual issues with access.
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson – No report
- Ditches – Vacant – Volunteers continue to care for the ditches, which will stay on until it gets colder.
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller – Twenty-three spaces were sold. There was one internment. There is slow progress on the memorial wall. Concrete foundation blocks are in place and the structure will be initiated this week.
- Town Hall – Garry Winget – There will be a telephone meeting with the State Historical Fund staff in October to outline a schedule for the work on the Town Hall in the 2023 construction season.
- Parks and Rec – Vacant – No report