

PITKIN TOWN MEETING
Newcomb Community Center

September 11th 2023 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb
2. **Public comments*:** Alex T (300 Quartz Lane)
3. **Town Attorney Report**:** In response to questions during the last meeting, Attorney Mochulsky stated the following: the two camping ordinances are not in conflict. Ordinance 2010 prohibits camping on public property and the 2013 Ordinance regulates camping on improved property.

The camping ordinances are not part of the Zoning Code and are therefore not within the Zoning Board's jurisdiction.

The Town is protected from liability from fallen trees under the government immunity act. In most cases the Town would be protected from liability for a fallen tree if the tree is on public property.

4. **For Council Action**:**

9-1 Approve meeting minutes: August 14th regular meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 14th regular meeting made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 3-0.

8-2 Discuss and vote on a request from the Pitkin Volunteer Fire Department regarding Sage Lane

No updates provided by the Pitkin Volunteer Fire Department. Item tabled.

9-2 Discuss and vote on granting a conditional use permit to the Taylors (Pitkin Hotel) to place a storage container on their property for the duration of the hotel renovations

The Board of Trustees has no questions regarding this matter. The Zoning Code provides for the granting of a temporary use permit by the Board of Trustees. There is no permit fee involved.

Motion to grant a temporary use permit to the Taylors for a container on the Pitkin Hotel grounds made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 3-0.

7-4 Discuss and vote on signing a use agreement with PHCA for use of the Newcomb Community Center

No updates. Item tabled.

9-3 Discuss and vote on a proposal from Jake Schellenberg for Main Street flower boxes

Jake Schellenberg described his proposed project. He suggests placing 20 boxes. He will make them mobile in case someone doesn't want a flower box in front of their home or business. If the boxes are perpendicular to the street, they can almost straddle the ditch in some areas. They could also run parallel and be set between the ditch and the gravel. The ditch water could be used to water the flowers.

Trustee Lucinda Lull stated that the Town attempted to do a similar project years ago that created havoc because it made people slow down. The Town received many complaints about that.

Trustee Jerra Garetson stated that the Town wouldn't want to take up too many parking spots so they should be set back from the road. She also remembers that the local deer ate many of the flowers in the boxes when the Town had a flower box project years ago.

Clerk Sara Gibb to contact the insurance company about putting boxes in the right-of-way.

Motion to approve the proposal for flower boxes on Main Street with the contingency that the Town's insurance company has no problems with the project made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 3-0.

Comments: Marie Rossmiller, Pete Olson, Linda Cole, Jesse Garetson, Ed Pianalto, Chad Varnell

9-4 Review treasurer's report
Discuss and vote on reallocating funds from 5160.4 Streets: Improve and Open to 5160.1 Streets: Maintenance

Motion to reallocate \$900.00 from 5160.4 Streets: Improve and Open to 5160.1 Streets: Maintenance made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 3-0.

Vote to approve September 2023 disbursements

**Motion to approve the September 2023 disbursements made by Trustee Lucinda Lull.
Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 3-0.**

5. Special Additions to the Agenda**

- None

6. Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Discuss camping in the Town of Pitkin
As stated earlier by the Town Attorney, the two ordinances reference camping on Town property and camping time limits within the Town. There are issues with violations of both of these ordinances. Mayor pro tem stated that at such time the Town decides to address these violations they will need to be addressed unilaterally. Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb suggested the Town pull together a plan that is workable for next season. He would like to see a work session on this subject.

Clerk Sara Gibb to send an email requesting dates for a work session RE: camping and enforcement in general

Public comments: Ed Pinalto, Jake Schellenberg, Todd Adams, Chad Varnell, Pete Olson

7. Reports:**

- Town Mayor pro tem – Tom Gibb – no report
- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – Budget discussions begin next month
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 – Ramon Reed
- Parks and Rec – Vacant

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, October 9th** 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 – One permit in process
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson – Zoning Board meeting is Monday night at 7pm.
- Environmental Health – Gayla Gibb – No updates to report
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson – Jesse James Garetson – Very little street activity since last Trustee meeting. The mag-chloride has diminished due to dry weather and wind. The streets are in great shape for winter. Clerk Sara Gibb has mailed letters to property owners with a reply date of 9/30/2023 to get on the plow list. One small modification to the plow list – The County will plow 3rd from State to LaVeta because they already plow past Archuletas' in LaVeta. Third Street from Main to State should be removed from Gunnison Valley Excavation's list.
- Ditches – Vacant – Jesse James Garetson reporting – Twenty 20-lb rocks were placed at the upper head gate on 8/27/2023 to keep the ditch flow up. Chris Nasso assisted in putting them in on 8/30/2023. This brought our ditches up to 90% of our allotment of one unit. The ditches are getting overgrown again since the July 4th weekend. Very few owners are taking care of their adjacent ditches. Those that have look GREAT.
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller – There was one burial. We sold a couple of plaques for the Memorial Wall. The workday mid-August was a moderate success. Most of the effort for that was concentrated on trimming grass from headstones and property markers. I think 11 people volunteered to help. The Cemetery Board has held their final regular meeting for the year. Any emergency issues will be handled by a special meeting. Otherwise, any business would be handled at the first regular meeting in late spring of 2024.
- Town Hall – Ramon Reed – No updates to report
- Parks and Rec – Vacant – No report