

PITKIN TOWN MEETING

Newcomb Community Center

January 20th 2025 at 7:00pm

Remote participation was available via ZOOM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Trustees Ramon Reed and Jerra Garetson were present. Trustee Ed Pianalto was present via Zoom. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.

2. Public comments*: None

3. Town Attorney Report: No report**

4. For Council Action:**

1-1 Approve meeting minutes: December 5th Work Session, December 11th Special Meeting, December 16th Regular Meeting

Motion by Trustee Jerra Garetson: Approve the minutes of the December 5th Work Session, December 11th Special Meeting and December 16th Regular Meeting as amended. Seconded by Trustee Ramon Reed. Motion carried 4-0.

1-2 Review Treasurer's Report. Discuss and vote to approve January 2025 Disbursements.

Treasurer Sara Gibb reported an additional disbursement of \$7.63 to the State of Colorado. She also reported that final 2024 reports will be available in February due to the disbursement schedule for Town sales tax.

Trustee Ed Pianalto asked why the Building Inspector did not turn in an invoice as he [Trustee Pianalto] had requested.

Motion by Trustee Ramon Reed: Approve the disbursements with the addition of \$7.63. Seconded by Trustee Ed Pianalto. Motion carried 4-0.

1-2 Discuss with possible action: Approving a payments of \$1,175 to Jesse Garetson for prep work completed for the Kandy Nasso Memorial during the summer of 2022 and \$500 for ditch work completed after resigning as commissioner in 2024.

Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb reviewed transcripts and listened to Town meetings. In the October 11, 2021 Town Meeting, Ramon Reed asked what the park was going to cost the Town. Mayor Balch stated that cost estimates would be needed before developing the park. No cost estimates or requests have been made to the Town. On January 9, 2023, a payment request was made and questioned by the Town Clerk. The following statement was made – when permission was given to develop the park, the Town was told that no

funds were required. Trustee Jerra Gareton suggested at that meeting that the memorial committee discuss this and that possibly it would not need to be addressed by the Board. Jesse Gareton thought the donation was for the gazebo only and the Town should cover the cost of the park.

On November 24, Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb received a letter from Jesse Gareton that stated the Memorial Committee said the gazebo was no cost and they paid for topsoil. He was therefore resubmitting the hours. He further suggested Clerk Sara Gibb thought the work was for the gazebo.

Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb reviewed Jesse's notes and stated sometimes it's not clear where his [Mr. Gareton's] time was spent. This is how we ended up with request for payment from work done in 2022. After this, no additional bills for 9th Street were provided to the Town from Jesse Gareton.

For example, in Mr. Gareton's notes for 6/16/2022 – Jesse Gareton lists who was there and that they backfilled for 2.5 hours. The next day they did some soil work downstream and did 2 hours of tractor work. It's not clear where the tractor hours were spent. It may be that the question of where was the work and how much is a valid question. This isn't about whether Jesse did work. This is more particularly directed as to which part would fall under streets and which is more freelance on the part of the gazebo. As noted earlier, this is not about whether work was done. Several were in on this and know work was done.

All of this leads up to a question – do we accept and pay invoices from individuals who clean up ditches and see a problem and fix it?

Trustee Ramon Reed would like to make a motion to approve payment. He asked if the amount was for the park, the street or both?

Jesse Gareton stated that the work was done at the park and ditches. He clarified that the problems with ditches were because people contacted him for help and he didn't know who he could get ahold of at 6:30 on a Sunday evening. He stated these were disasters and people in town requested his help.

Trustee Jerra Gareton asked which equipment was to be reimbursed. Jesse Gareton stated that his own riding lawn mower and weed eater is to be reimbursed. These are not tractor hours.

Trustee Ramon Reed wants to know how much is for the park, for streets, and for ditches. He wants these to show in the correct areas. Clerk Sara Gibb has these figures divided out.

Trustee Ed Pianalto looked at this as two different bills. As a citizen, Jesse was called upon by some folks in town. He [Trustee Ed Pianalto] believes this is a no-brainer. If someone takes care of an issue and presents the Town with a bill, the Town needs to step up to the plate. With regard to the bill for \$1,175, when he looks at what the Town has received for the Townspeople, this is a no-brainer. He can't believe there was any debate about this even in January of 2023.

Motion by Trustee Ramon Reed: Approve payment to Jesse Garetson of \$2,150 with the accounting disbursements to be completed by the Town Clerk and presented to the Board at the next meeting. Seconded by Trustee Ed Pianalto. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: Chris Nasso

1-3 Discuss with possible action: Adopting Resolution 2025-1 Regular Meeting Date

Amendments were suggested by Trustee Ramon Reed as follows: the date time and place shall be posted “at the official posting locations for the Town of Pitkin” scratch after “Colorado” and delete “the website, post office, etc.” and leave “at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.”

Motion by Trustee Ed Pianalto: Approve Resolution 2025-1 Setting the date of regular meetings as amended. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried: 4-0.

Trustee Ramon Reed suggests that when the 3rd Monday of the month is a holiday, that the Board schedules the meeting on Tuesday if possible. He would prefer to avoid meeting on holidays.

1-4 Discuss with possible action: Adopting Resolution 2025-2 Posting Locations

Motion by Trustee Ramon Reed: Adopt Resolution 2025-2 as presented. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

1-5 Discuss with possible action: Setting a date for a public hearing – Zoning Change Request

There was discussion about February 17th or 18th during the next regular meeting. Clerk Sara Gibb will not be available on February 17th but will be on the 18th.

Motion by Trustee Ed Pianalto: Motion to set the date of the public hearing for a Zoning change request for 601 State Street as Tuesday February 18th. Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Motion carried 4-0.

1-6 Discuss with possible action: Appointing Jesse Garetson as Street Commissioner and Ditch Commissioner through March 2026

Motion by Trustee Ed Pianalto: Appoint Jesse Garetson as Street Commissioner and Ditch Commissioner through March 2026. Seconded by Trustee Ramon Reed. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: Jake Schellenberg

5. Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Discuss plan to address the following action items (from Board of Trustees/Zoning Board work session, previous Trustee meetings)
 - Schedule upcoming Work Sessions –OWTS Ordinance, Enforcement/municipal court, business licenses

Thursday, February 6th for an OWTS Ordinance work session at 6:30pm

6. Special Additions to the Agenda**

Jesse Garetson asked to discuss Billy's community service hours. He stated he did not have copies of the hours. Clerk Sara Gibb stated that she emailed Jesse a file with all the information. Jesse Garetson stated that maybe he wasn't smart enough to open the file and requested hard copies. Clerk Sara Gibb will return the hard copies to Jesse this week.

Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb stated that it is Jesse's responsibility to turn in the report because he was the sponsor of this community service.

Trustee Ed Pianalto wants to post the EHA position in case the current EHA chooses to resign. He would like it posted as an opening as of April 1st.

7. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Mayor pro tem Tom Gibb – no report
- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb – Clerk will be out of Town on Monday, February 17th and requests the meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, 2025.

Please see written report for the following:

- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb
- Zoning Board – Ed Pianalto - Read approved Zoning Board Minutes at:
<https://townofpitkin.colorado.gov/documents/approved-meeting-minutes>
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Gayla Gibb
- Streets – Vacant
- Ditches – Vacant
- Town Hall – Ramon Reed
- Parks and Rec – Josh Ackerman

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 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>