

PITKIN TOWN MEETING

Newcomb Community Center

October 11th 2021 at 7pm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. Trustees Ramon Reed, Jerra Garetson, Lucinda Lull, and Tom Gibb were present. Attorney Chris Mochulsky was absent. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **Public comments*:** None
3. **Town Attorney Report**:** **Please see written report (attached).** The Board discussed completing paperwork for the opioid settlement, which would also require requesting an extension. The Board discussed using settlement funds to purchase Narcan and then donate the Narcan to the EMS providers at the PVFD.

Board members agree to approve and execute completion and submission of the paperwork for the opioid settlement – roll call - Trustee Tom Gibb - yes, Trustee Lucinda Lull – yes, Mayor Eddy Balch – yes, Trustee Jerra Garetson – yes, Trustee Ramon Reed – yes

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

10-1 Approve meeting minutes: September 13th regular meeting and September 23rd Work Session

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13th regular meeting and the September 23rd work session made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee Tom Gibb. Motion carried 4-0. Trustee Jerra Garetson abstained.

9-3 Discuss and vote on Town of Pitkin Snow Removal Policy

Trustee Ramon Reed distributed a written report discussing his recent meeting with Marlene Crosby at Gunnison County and several proposed steps and solutions to improve and secure plowing in the Town of Pitkin. He then described some changes to plowing for 2021-2022, including that the grader will be dispatched to Pitkin first. This will allow for the “loop” (Main, 9th, State, 2nd) to be plowed first. Trustee Reed further described improvements the Town could make to street widths and slopes in order to allow the plows easier access to residences. Mayor Eddy Balch requested an estimate from the Street Commissioner for improving State below 1st and 5th at Quartz. Trustee Jerra Garetson expressed gratitude to Trustee Ramon Reed for his work. She stated that creating estimates, willow removal, and improving streets is a major project that will likely not be completed for this winter. Trustee Tom Gibb would

like to know what the County's minimum needs are for this winter. An evaluation of needs is at the top of list of what needs to happen. The Town should then evaluate which of these needs it can meet.

Clerk Sara Gibb will ensure that there is a notice online and at the post office requesting notification from winter residents if they need plowing.

Item tabled

10-2 Discuss and vote on Resolution 2021-7 9th Street Park

The number of picnic tables was changed in the draft from four (4) to "several." Trustee Ramon Reed asked about an updated plan for the park. Sara Gibb reported that the primary layout issue involves traffic flow into and out of the parking area. She has reached out to the county for assistance in planning this aspect of the park.

Trustee Ramon Reed asked what the park is going to cost the Town. Mayor Eddy Balch stated that cost estimates would be needed before developing the park. He also stated that a survey should be completed before laying out the plan for parking and amenities. Trustee Ramon Reed asked why the resolution was being passed without a complete plan. Mayor Eddy Balch stated that the resolution says the area may be used as a park. Passing the resolution allows a plan to be more fully developed. Sara Gibb stated that in order to put in the time and effort to create a thorough park proposal, the parks and rec commissioner and volunteers wanted approval of the idea.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-7 (9th Street Park) made by Trustee Jerra Garetson. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Ramon Reed cast a "nay" vote.

10-3 Discuss and vote on Resolution 2021-8 Worker's Comp/Unpaid Boards

Clerk Sara Gibb stated that this resolution is passed yearly in order to cover unpaid boards and volunteers using VAMP

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-8 Worker's Comp/Unpaid Boards made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Motion carried 5-0.

10-4 Review treasurer's report; Vote to approve October 2021 disbursements

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

Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

- Review and Discuss Town of Pitkin 2022 Budget
 - General Fund Budget surplus – designate these funds?
 - Review of new spreadsheet format
 - SB 21-130 – Does the Town intend to exempt personal property for tax year 2021?
- Discuss Zoning Code revisions – item tabled
- Set work sessions and discuss future agenda items – to be scheduled via email

5. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Eddy Balch
- Town Clerk – Sara Gibb
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb (interim)
- Sanitarian – vacant
- Fire Department – Rand Makowski
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Cyndi Wick
- Streets – Jesse James Garetson
- Ditches – Vacant
- Town Hall – Garry Winget
- Parks and Rec – Sara Lamar

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Tom Gibb. Seconded by Trustee Ramon Reed. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

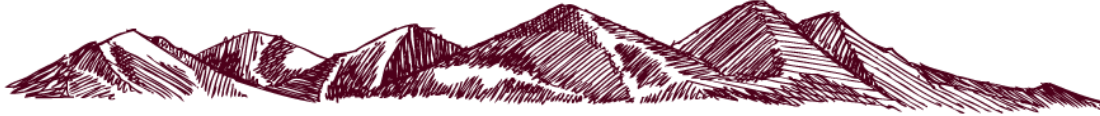
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held **Monday, November 8th** at 7:00PM. Council meetings are scheduled to adjourn at 9:00PM. At the council's discretion agenda item(s) not addressed by this time will be tabled until the next regular meeting. Approved minutes, ordinances, resolutions, agendas, and other Town of Pitkin public notices can be found at <https://townofpitkin.colorado.gov>

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

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RE: October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Attorney Report

9th Street Temporary Park Resolution: The 9th Street Temporary Park Resolution provides that the portion of 9th Street from State Street to Quartz Creek will be used for temporary park purposes for public use. With that, the Town retains its title to that portion of 9th street as a right-of-way. So, if the Town ever determines that 9th street from State Street to Quartz Creek is needed for a right-of-way, it has full authority to pass a resolution reverting that portion of 9th street to its primary use as a roadway.

Opioid Settlement: The Town has the opportunity to receive distributions from the recent opioid epidemic settlements with Purdue Pharma, McKinsey & Co., Johnson & Johnson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson. The estimated distribution to the Town is \$83.22 (estimated distribution list sent to the Board), and if received, the Town has to use it for "approved purposes." Approved purposes are purposes related to fighting the opioid epidemic or preventing opioid use/abuse. The Town may be able to use the funds for improving its phone network, as a reliable phone network is needed if emergency services need to be called in relation to an opioid overdose, or to purchase one Narcan Nasal Spray (which counter's the effects of an opioid overdose).

In order to partake in the distributions, the Town needs to approve and execute 4 documents, sent in a separate email to the Board, and have them sent to opioidsettlement@cml.org by **November 5, 2021**. If the Town cannot approve by November 5, 2021 (say, because the next regular meeting is November 8, 2021), then we need to contact Heidi Williams (heidi.williams@coag.gov) and let her know we need an extension to submit the documents.

I will be back in the office Wednesday, November 13, 2021, please reach out with any questions.

Chris Mochulsky

CC: Eddy Balch
Tom Gibb
Lucinda Lull
Jerra Garetson
Ramon Reed