

TOWN of PITKIN REGULAR MEETING

Board of Trustees

Newcomb Community Center

November 17th, 2025 at 7:00pm

Remote participation via ZOOM please use: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3732819188> Meeting ID: 373 281 9188

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Mayor Ed Pianalto called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. In attendance was Trustee Jerra Garetson, Trustee Tom Gibb, and Trustee Cory Nasso. Clerk Stacie Busby took the minutes.

2. For Board of Trustees discussion and possible action:

- Approve meeting minutes: October 20th , 2025 Regular Meeting; October 27th, 2025 Work Session – 2025 Budget Amendment & 2026 Budget Proposal; October 29th, 2025 Work Session – Wildfire Resiliency Code; November 11th, 2025 Work Session – 2026 Budget Proposal & Zoning Code Updates.

October 20th Reg Meeting – No changes needed.

October 27th Work Session – No changes needed.

October 29th Work Session – No changes needed.

November 12th Work Session – Trustee Tom Gibb says, on the Zoning code updates, at the end, he would like to note no vote was taken on that and then we moved on.

Motion to approve once slight change is made by Trustee Cory Nasso, Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson, Motion carried 4-0.

- Review Treasurer's Report. Discuss and vote to approve the November, 2025 Disbursements.

Motion to approve Disbursements for November by Trustee Jerra Garetson, Seconded by Trustee Cory Nasso, Motion carried 4-0.

- Discuss with possible action: Resolution – 6 providing that certain elected and/or appointed officials in The Town of Pitkin shall be deemed not to be "Employees" within the meaning of the workers' compensation laws.

Trustee Tom Gibb would like clarification on who is excluded – Mayor Ed Pianalto explained those who would be excluded. We were hoping the change to paying some commissioners and such, Town Attorney Hilary Graham explained that simply paying them makes them an "employee" for WC purposes, so if we pay them, we must cover them with the WC Insurance.

Open for Public Comments.

Public Comment made by Jesse Garetson.

Motion to pass the Resolution as it is written regarding WC with CIRSA by Trustee Cory Nasso, Seconded by Trustee Jerra Garetson, Motion carried 4-0.

- Discuss with possible action: Appointing Josh Ackerman to the position of Environmental Health Agent.

Joshua Ackerman stepped up and spoke as to his interest in the EHA position for the Town of Pitkin. He also requests to be reimbursed for the required training. There are no questions from the Board at this time.

Mayor Ed Pianalto opened it up to public comment.

Jesse Garetson made a public comment.

Public comment over Zoom by Pete Olsen.

Motion to appoint Joshua Ackerman as the new Town of Pitkin Environmental Health Agent was made by Mayor Ed Pianalto. Seconded by Trustee Cory Nasso. Motion carried 4-0.

- Discuss with possible action: Hold public hearings and consider for adoption 2025 Budget amendment and 2026 Budget proposal. **THIS ITEM CONTAINS A PUBLIC HEARING**
Public Hearing opened up at 7:23 pm.

Firstly: 2025 Budget amendment

One change on the Street Maintenance Expenses, it needs to be increased by \$7,000.

Open to public comments.

Jesse Garetson made a public comment.

Secondly: 2026 Proposed Budget

Open to public comments.

Alicia Archuleta made a public comment.

Mayor Ed Pianalto called the Public Hearing to close at 7:41pm.

We will wait for the Mill Levy to come through and then we will hold a Special Meeting to approve the Mill Levy and the 2026 Budget. The meeting will have to be held before 12/15/25. We will tentatively set a Special Meeting for the 2026 Budget and Mill Levy for November 26th at 7:00pm.

Motion for a tentative Special Meeting for the 2026 Budget and Mill Levy for November 26th at 7:00pm by Trustee Cory Nasso, Seconded by Mayor Ed Pianalto. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Updates/Planning/Discussion:**

2021 Energy Code – Work Session date to be set

Trustee Tom Gibb questions whether the Zoning Code goes to a Public Hearing. Mayor Ed Pianalto advised that yes it does. We will start doing the Public Hearings for Zoning Code, Wildfire Code, Energy Code and Building Code in January of 2026. We will set those dates at the December Regular BoT Meeting.

5. Special Additions to the Agenda**

None

6. Reports:**

- Town Mayor – Ed Pianalto

There are 4 properties in Town that were sent a final Certified Mail regarding their delinquent OWTS Inspections. The letter was created by our Town Attorney, Hilary Graham.

- Town Clerk – Stacie Busby
- Building Inspector – Tom Gibb
- Zoning Board – Jesse James Garetson
- Cemetery – Mark Rossmiller
- Environmental Health – Vacant
- Streets – Jesse Garetson
- Ditches – Jesse Garetson
- Town Hall – Ramon Reed
- Parks and Rec – Josh Ackerman

7. Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn meeting by Trustee Jerra Garetson, Seconded by Trustee Cory Nasso. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 15th at 7:00PM. Board of Trustee meetings are scheduled to adjourn at 9:00PM. At the Board's discretion agenda item(s) not addressed by this time may 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 may be taken by the Mayor before final action on the item is taken. Comments will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.*

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

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