

PITKIN TOWN WORK SESSION

February 1st 2021, 7:15pm

Newcomb Community Center

MINUTES

Full and timely notice of this meeting was provided pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(c).

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mayor Eddy Balch called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm. Trustees Tom Gibb and Jerra Garetson were present. Trustee Lucinda Lull was present via telephone.

2. **For Council Discussion*:**

- Discuss Town of Pitkin land vacation/trade/sale policy

Mayor Eddy Balch spent time searching for a policy from another municipality and was unable to find one. He would like the Board to begin with the current policy and revise it.

Trustee Tom Gibb began the discussion by stating that there is no “mixing” between sale and vacation in Colorado State statute. The Board should clean up that language within the policy. He further stated that vacation of property is done by ordinance, which is subject to referendum. Most people of the Town who he has spoken with are not interested in giving away property. The idea of sale is more acceptable if the compensation is at or above current market value. Trustee Gibb believes the Town should clean up its vacation policy, and then set a policy for entertaining requests to purchase Town property. There are two situations he has read about in statute: 1)The Town wants to sell property, receives sealed bids, and chooses to accept a bid. The question then goes to a vote. 2)A person may petition to purchase Town property. The sale follows the same course and the question goes to a vote.

Trustee Gibb proposed several revisions to the current vacation policy. Trustee Jerra Garetson stated that she concurs with many points made. She does not believe there is a lot of support for vacations within the Town. She wants to separate [vacations from sales]. Mayor Eddy Balch wants to start with definitions. Trustee Lucinda Lull has marked the same problem areas as Trustee Gibb.

The Trustees discussed and made revisions to the vacation policy. Please see revised document for details.

Public comments: Alicia Archuleta, Jesse Garetson

- Discuss Town of Pitkin snow plowing policy

Mayor Eddy Balch reached out to Marlene Crosby of Gunnison County. He does not believe the Town will be able to draft a reasonable policy without the input from the County.

There was discussion about snow removal by the county and Quartz Creek Company
Public comments: Jesse Garetson

- Discuss Town of Pitkin reserve policy

Trustee Tom Gibb would like a minimum of 25% in unassigned reserve due to the volatility of the Town's primary income source (sales tax).

There was discussion about Town's infrastructure, including working with the fire department to develop improved firefighting capabilities within the Town (i.e. water tank, hydrants, etc)

There was discussion about how the Town's finances are organized, including the labels currently utilized. Clerk/Treasurer Sara Gibb will draft a policy defining how the Town is organized financially.

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Ramon Reed

3. Dismiss: Meeting adjourned

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