

# PITKIN TOWN WORK SESSION     June 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6:30pm

Newcomb Community Center

## MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mayor Rachel New called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Trustees Suzy Metzler, John Rowan, Brad Wick and Lois Sharpton were present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.
2. **For Council Discussion:**  
**Discuss Town Hall / PHCA Use agreement**

PHCA President Garry Winget initiated the discussion. He reported that PHCA expenses for the nine-month period of September 2018 – May 2019 totaled \$5471.63

Propane - \$4,180.84  
Electric - \$651.79 (\$261.00)  
Manager - \$900.00

Garry Winget asked the Board if they would ok the budget and send PHCA a check. Mayor New stated that a check would be written in July which is traditionally the month when the PHCA check is written for the budgeted amount of \$1,850.00. He made several comments regarding his opinion of current board members. Mayor New stated that if this meeting was to be productive, there must be cordial behavior from both sides of the table and everyone must be focused on the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Winget then stated that he would like the Board to meet the budget request of \$2,357.00, which was made by the PHCA.

He stated that the PHCA Board is willing to complete a trade – the Town of Pitkin would use the Newcomb Center for meetings in the summer (June, July, August) and the PHCA would use the Town Hall for the melodrama and Pitkin's Got Talent in July. This would be a trade situation with no money exchanged. Mr. Winget would like this to be a "handshake" deal. He then suggested using a letter and not involving the Town attorney. Mayor New suggested a resolution.

Trustee Lois Sharpton asked if the proposed use agreement was off the table. This was confirmed. Trustee Brad Wick and Mayor Rachel New stated that a written agreement would likely be required.

Mayor New asked if the Newcomb Center would only be available if a trade takes place. Mr. Winget responded that this was correct.

Trustee Suzy Metzler stated that the Board should really consider putting some money into Town Hall and using Town Hall.

Trustee Brad Wick asked what the cost would be to rent the Newcomb Center in the winter. Mr. Winget stated actual utility costs would be required. Mayor New stated that if the building were available for public events during the winter then the Town would be covering those costs. Mr. Winget stated this offer is non-negotiable and the Town can either pay the utility bills or the Newcomb Center will be closed in the winter.

Trustee Wick suggested looking at the costs for updating Town Hall and possibly assisting the PHCA in purchasing a more efficient heating system for the NCC. Mr. Winget will take this suggestion to the PHCA Board.

Mayor New stated that the Newcomb Community Center (NCC) would be used with cost but without income, whereas the Town Hall is being used for a fundraising event.

Trustee Brad Wick stated that the Town should either put some money into the Town Hall and use it or perhaps sell it.

Mr. Winget stated that initially the Town's payment to PHCA toward propane was viewed as the Town helping itself, not helping PHCA. It allowed the building to remain open during the winter for the entire community.

The PHCA would like the Town's decision regarding winter use to be made by September 15<sup>th</sup> if possible.

Trustee Wick suggested investigating a propane deal with Amerigas. Mr. Winget will find out if the NCC tanks are leased or owned.

There was discussion about how Town funds could be used to improve the heating system at the NCC.

Trustee Brad Wick stated that the Town government could not intermingle with PHCA. There can't be the impression that PHCA receives preferential treatment because the Town holds meetings at the NCC. The two are not intertwined.

Mayor New stated that she receives a monthly stipend to manage the NCC.

Public comment: Chris Nasso, Mary Heberling, Kandy Nasso,

3. **Dismiss: Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm**

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