

PITKIN TOWN WORK SESSION July 22nd 2019 at 7:00pm

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 Rachel New called the meeting at 7:03pm. Trustees Suzy Metzler, John Rowan and Brad Wick were present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.

2. **For Council Discussion:**

- Discuss Town Hall report and future use planning

Trustee Brad Wick spoke with the director of facilities for Gunnison County. Trustee Wick suggests the council decide how the Town Hall is to be used (i.e. holding meetings and making the building ADA compliant) and asking the director of facilities for advice on how to move forward.

Trustee Suzy Metzler does not believe it is right for the Town to be a tenant of the PHCA because she does not think it is cost efficient. She stated that the meetings need to be held at Town Hall.

This discussion will continue at the August regular meeting.

The Town Hall Commissioner has closed the women's dressing room in question and she recommends closing the Town Hall.

Public comments: Mark Hughes, Jesse Garetson, Pete Olson, Eddy Balch, Linda Hughes

- Discuss budget and funding plans for Town assets and services

Mayor New requested Trustee input regarding the questions she asked at the last meeting. Trustee Suzy Metzler stated that her first priority is fire protection and emergency services. She stated that the Town doesn't offer much in the way of services so there isn't much to cut.

Trustee Brad Wick stated that the Town must have a mayor, Board of Trustees, an attorney, and a clerk/treasurer. The Town offers these services: Zoning, OWTS administration, insurance, etc.

Mayor New asked what information should be provided to the public to show that an adjustment is needed to provide certain services. She stated that there will be

consequences to choosing to not fund the Town via a mill levy increase. Trustee Wick asked if the Town should consider using reserve funds to provide services that are not covered through taxes.

Mayor New pointed out that the Town is missing opportunities to earn small amounts of revenue, such as in the case of special use permits for visiting businesses.

Mayor New would like to have a system for allocating funds to necessities and special projects.

Trustee Wick pointed out that in the past, many services were provided by volunteers. Now there are increased costs associated with services that the Town is paying for. He would like to take a look at the essential services and determine if they are truly essential.

Treasurer Sara Gibb outlined a tentative plan for reducing the cost of the clerk/treasurer position and other budget categories.

It was suggested that perhaps the attorney could be utilized at meetings every other month rather than monthly.

There was discussion about Town computers and a designated Town phone.

There was discussion about enforcement/a Town agent. There was discussion about ongoing expenses, such as portable toilets and ditches.

Trustee Wick stated he did not believe that the constituents would be in favor of reducing the fire department donation.

Trustee Brad Wick asked what the options are for the Town if it cannot become financially viable.

Public comments: Jesse Garetson, Linda Hughes, Cyndi Wick, Patrice Boyd, Eddy Balch, Robbin King, Sara Gibb

3. Dismiss: Work session adjourned at 8:33pm

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