

PITKIN TOWN SPECIAL MEETING
and WORK SESSION
7pm at the Newcomb Community Center

November 4th 2019

MINUTES

1. **Special Meeting Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mayor Rachel New called the special meeting to order at 7:03pm. Trustees Lucinda Lull, John Rowan, Jerra Garetson and Lois Sharpton were present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.

2. **For Council Action:**

- Discuss and vote to extend the intergovernmental agreement with Gunnison County for snow plowing

Trustee Lois Sharpton asked if the county could possibly plow 6th between Main and State (as discussed in the October regular meeting) instead of 3rd Street between Main and State.

Motion to extend the intergovernmental agreement with Gunnison County and allow Mayor Rachel New to sign the agreement as provided by Gunnison County made by Trustee Lucinda Lull. Seconded by Trustee John Rowan. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments: Kathie Dardio

- Discuss and vote on snow plowing contract with Quartz Creek Company

At the October meeting, the Board of Trustees provided for Mayor Rachel New to follow up with Quartz Creek Company regarding their bid for snow plowing and to request an additional bid for 6th Street and Alpine (Aspen?). This item will be moved to the regular meeting agenda due to unavailability of the contract at this time.

Individuals wishing to be added to the plow list should email the Town Clerk.

Public comments: none

3. **Adjourn Special Meeting: Special meeting adjourned at 7:13**

WORK SESSION

1. Work Session Call to Order/Roll Call: Mayor Rachel New called the work session to order at 7:13pm. Trustees Lucinda Lull, John Rowan, Jerra Garetson, and Lois Sharpton were present. Minutes taken by Clerk Sara Gibb.

2. For Council Discussion:

- Discuss mill levy increase in the Town of Pitkin

The Board will address three aspects of the mill levy increase: needs/spending plan, logistics, PR/marketing plan

Trustee Lois Sharpton asked if the intent of the mill levy increase is to strictly fund snow plowing. She also asked if a mill levy increase can be earmarked for a dedicated fund (Street Fund)

There was discussion regarding the last attempt at a mill levy increase and why it did not pass.

There was discussion about designating a committee to continue to promote the mill levy increase after the ballot language is finalized.

Mayor New asked what the town's plan is to instill confidence in the voters that money for streets will be used to maintain streets? There is currently no street commissioner and no plan to fill that position.

There was discussion regarding where the mill levy funds would be directed. Trustee Lucinda Lull said the mill levy should go to multiple places and have a year-round goal.

Mayor New asked how the council can effectively reach out to the constituents regarding this process.

There was discussion about alternative sources of revenue, including a sales tax increase.

Trustee Lois Sharpton suggested a "State of Pitkin" to show immediate needs as well as future needs for the Town. She suggested that each trustee write down thoughts to add to a compiled list. **It is requested that the council and constituents list immediate needs, maintenance needs, long-term needs. The public will be further notified of this request at the regular town meeting on November 11th, online, and by posting. Council will provide ground rules for constituents to build from.**

Public comments: Suzy Metzler, Mark Hughes, Kathy Dardio, Linda Hughes, Ramon Reed, James Sharpton, Jesse Garetson, Rodger Lull, Tom Gibb

3. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

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