

PITKIN TOWN MEETING  
At the Newcomb Community Center

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**/Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Rachel New called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **Trustees Chris Nasso, Eddy Balch, Ralph Bush, Cory Nasso and Brad Wick were present. Shawn Cleveland turned in his resignation.**

Present/Approve Minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and June 19<sup>th</sup> special meeting - Clerk/Board

**Motion to approve the minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the June 19<sup>th</sup> special meeting made by Trustee Chris Nasso. Seconded by Trustee Ralph Bush. Motion carried 3-0.** Trustees Eddy Balch and Cory Nasso abstained.

Present/Approve Minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup> work session – Clerk/Board

**Motion to approve the minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup> work session made by Trustee Brad Wick. Seconded by Trustee Ralph Bush. Motion carried 3-0.** Trustees Eddy Balch and Cory Nasso abstained.

2. **TOWN REPORTS:**

Clerk's Report – Sara Gibb – Please use new CORA request form. Website will be live at the end of the month.

Treasurer's Report/Approve Disbursements – Sara Gibb/Board

**Motion to approve July disbursements made by Trustee Chris Nasso. Seconded by Trustee Cory Nasso. Motion carried 5-0.**

Ditch commissioner Cory Nasso wonders if lawn mower expenses should be paid out of the ditch fund only.

Mayor's Report – Rachel New – Successful mayor/manager meeting hosted by Pitkin with a meal donated by the Silver Plume Grill.

Attorney's Report – Jim McDonald – no report

3. **COMMISSIONER AND COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**Building Inspector** – Rand Makowski – working on one permit

**Fire Department** – Rand Makowski – fundraiser went well, made approximately \$4,000. No calls.

**Zoning Board** – Ralph Bush – Board has canvassed the town for private improvements on the public right of way. Report will be presented at the next Town meeting

**Cemetery** – Jerra Garetson – very successful cemetery cleanup day. 19 volunteers for 4 hours. Fence will be repaired soon.

**Environmental Health** – Gayla Gibb – Inspection criteria document has been reviewed and submitted. Alternative system letters are ready to go and may be hand-delivered. A blanket letter to all homeowners with septic and public service info will be mailed. Inspection forms are good for all systems. If repairs or alterations are needed, a permit must be obtained. A witness must verify that the repair has been made.

**PHCA** – Gary Winget – Volunteers are in place for upcoming Pitkin Days. A potluck will be held at the NCC Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. J.T. Shaver (Gunnison Co forester) will be presenting. Permanent “no parking” signs needed on State Street across from the NCC. Parking on both sides of the street is problematic for emergency access.

**Town Hall** – Juliet Serrato – The melodrama is July 27-30. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Sold at Plume and museum. Annual fire inspection on Town Hall completed. Town Hall is not currently approved for public use due to exit sign battery being dead. Battery has been ordered. John Corbin from BluSky Restoration will be on-site 7/12 and give a bid to fix the bell tower. Inspector and insurance adjuster's initial assessment was that the issues were due to lack of maintenance.

**Ditches** – Cory Nasso – Low flow at far end of Town. Ditches will be mowed and the weed eater will be used to maintain the ditches on Town's right-of-way. Please contact Cory Nasso with questions or concerns. He will post 2-3 days prior to mowing so vehicles can be moved. Maintenance will be the edge of the road to 2-3 feet opposite the ditch.

**Streets** – Jesse Garetson – Signs posted saying “stay out, local residents only” on Alpine Lane at 6<sup>th</sup> street. Mayor Rachel New asked that the signs be removed from the poles. If there are to be signs, the Town should sanction them. Over budget. Estimating \$2500 additional prior to April 2018. Does not include opening Quartz Ln between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Does not include anything that may come up regarding snow removal.

Trustee Ralph Bush wondered if the Mag Chloride could be spread earlier in the year.

**Parks & Rec.** – Sara Lamar – Gunnison County Met Rec grand applied for. They will decide on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Playground

project commences on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The project is scheduled to take approximately one week. Volunteers needed for physical labor. Watch for posts or contact Sara Lamar if you'd like to volunteer. Merry-go-rounds will stay on-site. They will be welded to become immovable and become benches. Seguache may take the old wooded playground and if they do not take it Ohio City may take it. It will be offered for residential use if neither community can take it. Sara has been working with PHCA Gary Winget to determine the fate of the slide. Due to insurance, neither the Town nor the PHCA can keep the slide. The Pioneer museum has been offered the slide. Another option is to auction the slide at Pitkin Day and everyone can have the opportunity to own the slide.

Trustee Ralph Bush wondered if the slide can be kept with a fence. PHCA President Gary Winget stated that it cannot be insured even with a fence.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Marie Rossmiller – Marie would like the slide to be left at its current location to preserve it. She recommends that part of the donated playground be used and the rest be put on other Town property.

Patrice Boyd – Patrice submitted a petition to “save the ancient schoolhouse slide.” She recommends that the slide be moved the upper slide of the schoolhouse yard.

Juliet Serrato suggested putting the slide on Town Hall lots.

#### 5. SPECIAL ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: no special addition

#### 6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- Discuss and vote on Mayor Pro Tem  
Trustee Eddy Balch nominated Trustee Cory Nasso. **Trustee Cory Nasso voted in as Mayor Pro Tem by a vote of 3-0.** Trustee Chris Nasso abstained.
- Discuss and vote on Zoning Enforcement Official  
Trustee Chris Nasso nominated Trustee Ralph Bush as Zoning Enforcement Official. **Trustee Ralph Bush voted in as Zoning Enforcement Official by a vote of 3-1.** Trustee Brad Wick cast the nay vote.

Can this position be incorporated into the chairman of the Zoning Board position?

- Discuss and vote on Pitkin Citizen of the Year for 2016  
**Kandy Nasso was nominated by the PHCA. Kandy Nasso was voted as Pitkin Citizen of the Year 2016 by a vote of 3-0.** Trustees Chris and Cory Nasso abstained.
- Discuss and vote to adopt Ordinance 2017-4 creating a municipal court in Pitkin.  
Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-4 Creating a Municipal Court in Pitkin made by Trustee Brad Wick. Motion withdrawn.

**Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-4 Creating a Municipal Court in Pitkin made by Trustee Cory Nasso. Seconded by Trustee Brad Wick. Motion carried 4-1. Trustee Eddy Balch cast a nay vote.**

Trustee Eddy Balch stated that several residents are concerned about the cost of setting up a municipal court. Trustee Brad Wick pointed out that the ordinance is written so that the Town doesn't incur any costs unless the court is required. He also pointed out that it is required by Colorado statute.

- Discuss and vote to approve Resolution 2017-5 (Resolution to amend budget – Cemetery)  
Resolution 2017-5 read aloud by Clerk Sara Gibb

**Motion to approve Resolution 2017-5 as amended made by Trustee Ralph Bush. Seconded by Trustee Brad Wick. Motion carried 5-0.**

The cemetery sign needs to be replaced. The fence will be repaired/replaced as appropriate.

- Discuss and vote to approve Resolution 2017-6 (Resolution to amend budget – Streets)  
**Motion to approve Resolution 2017-6 as amended made by Trustee Ralph Bush. Seconded by Trustee Brad Wick. Motion carried 5-0.**

Trustee Ralph Bush wondered if hours on personal equipment were included in this appropriation. Streets

commissioner Jesse Garetson confirmed that it was.

Public Comments: Richard Henley, Pete Olson, Jerra Garetson, Juliet Serrato

- Discuss and vote on budget resolution for Town Attorney expenditures, if necessary Tabled. Will be addressed in August.
- Discuss and vote to reallocate Town Hall sound system funds to Town Hall repairs

**Motion to reallocate Town Hall sound system funds to Town Hall general repairs and allow Juliet Serrato a cap of \$8500 to make repairs made by Trustee Ralph Bush. Seconded by Trustee Brad Wick. Motion carried 5-0.**

Public Comment: Gary Winget

- Discuss and vote to adopt a fine schedule  
**Item tabled**  
A rough draft fine schedule was provided by Attorney Jim McDonald. He recommends updating the nuisance ordinance and the dangerous animal ordinance. He also suggests prioritizing the organization of all Town ordinances and creating an index.  
Trustees should review the dangerous animal ordinance for August's meeting.
- Discuss and vote to publish 2012 Zoning Code with 2013 amendment.  
**Motion to publish the 2012 Zoning Code with 2013 amendment made by Trustee Chris Nasso. Seconded by Trustee Eddy Balch. Motion carried 5-0.**

Trustee Chris Nasso pointed out that certified letters were sent to the Board in 2015 addressing the concern about the adoption of the 2012 code and there was no response or discussion in meetings about these concerns.

There was discussion regarding the official zoning map of the Town of Pitkin. Attorney Jim McDonald believes the official map should be recorded with the Clerk and Recorder's office in Gunnison County.

Public comments: Ramon Reed, Jesse Garetson

- Discuss and vote on STR ordinance  
**Item tabled.**
- Discuss and vote to adopt Resolution 2017-7 (PHCA resolution)  
**Item tabled.**

## 7. **DISCUSS AND VOTE ON COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE TOWN OF PITKIN**

An anonymous complaint RE: a motor home in town right-of-way possibly in camping mode was received. The situation was rectified and no action was necessary except for a visit from Mayor Rachel New.

## 8. **FOR DISCUSSION/UPDATE:**

- Discuss inspection criteria for alternative waste systems in Pitkin  
Covered under EHA report.
- Discuss plowing in the Town of Pitkin (possible executive session to discuss plowing)  
A committee has been formed and is meeting.
- Discuss repairs at Town Hall  
**Discussed (see section 6)**
- Discuss business licenses in the Town of Pitkin  
**Item tabled**
- Discuss Town restrooms

Trustee Ralph Bush pointed out that a location has not been selected and that three possible locations are being considered. He also pointed out that the restroom committee suggested putting in public restrooms in more than one location in Town to best serve the needs of the public.

Clerk Sara Gibb stated that porto-potties were placed in their current location due to the high traffic in the area.

Town Hall Commissioner Juliet Serrato suggested putting portable toilets at Town Hall for Pitkin Days.

Public Comment: Bob Nuttleman

- Discuss ordinance(s) to regulate/classify commissioner and contract positions for the Town of Pitkin  
Item Tabled

**9. ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00PM at the Newcomb Community Center. Council meetings are scheduled to adjourn at 9:00PM. At the council's discretion agenda item(s) not addressed by this time will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

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