

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session in the Pierce Town Hall, 144 Main, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 PM, February 13, 2023.

Mayor Julie Lukela called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Julie Lukela

Trustees	Others Present:
Connie Schwindt	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Todd Blehm	Heather Rospierski, Admin Assistant
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Geoffery Broughton	
Mary Heberlee- Late	

1. Approval of Minutes from January 5th Special Meeting and January 9th Board Meeting:

On the minutes from the 9th it had Mayor Crom. Clerk Duran will correct. Motion to approve minutes with the correction by Trustee Broughton. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve agenda. Second by Heberlee. All “AYES”, motion passed.

3. Public Invited to be Heard: Marie Hargreaves wanted to know who requests for police presence at the Board meetings because she feels like it is a waste of money. Clerk Duran explained that police presence can be requested by staff or Trustees. Their presence would be requested if their was something on the agenda that would cause concern or if someone was getting loud or angry at a meeting. Larry Schwindt commented that the Police are here for the safety of everyone.

4. Harassment of Town Employees During Board Meetings- Richard Wuehler: Wuehler has heard that the office staff has been getting yelled at, and cussed at by residents that go into Town Hall. He thinks that type of behavior is unacceptable and wants to know what can be done about it. He thinks the staff should be able to request that they leave or call the police. He wants to know where the line can be drawn. Mayor Lukela thinks it is just part of the job. Clerk Duran stated that she understands that people may come in angry or frustrated but does not think that anyone should have to put up with someone screaming and cussing. Staff will call TDS to see what capabilities there are to record phone calls. Also staff will keep a log of customers who behave in that way so Trustees can see if it is the same people.

5. Water Rental Closed Bids: Two closed bids were received. One from Robert Steele for \$3300.00. The other was from Justus Pettit for \$3000.00 plus any additional fees that may be assessed. Motion made by Trustee Paris to rent to Justus Pettit. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

6. Upstate Colorado 2023 Commitment: Upstate Colorado has requested \$1517.00 commitment from the Town of Pierce for the 2023 year. The Board has decided not to contribute anything this year, but would like Upstate to ask again next year.

7. Landmark Dividend Request to Consider Lease Acquisition: The Board is not interested in this as it may restrict bargaining capability.

8. Old Business:

(A). Post Salaries of Town Employees: Mayor Lukela stated that the residents want this information easily accessible, currently this information will be provided once a records request is submitted. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to not post employee salaries. Second by Wirkus. Six “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Lukela. Motion passed.

(B). Office Position: Trustee Heberlee wanted to let everyone know that Ault does not have two people in the office, they have 5 ½ people and are looking to add another. Sharon with Ault told Heberlee that more and more requirements are being added every day. Marie Hargreaves said that Board members should not be allowed to come and sit at Town Hall.

9. Staff Report:

(A). Mayor Report: Has attended a lot of meetings, learned about water. The Town really needs to move forward in working on the Comp plan. Kenny Dill, Donna Oconner and Mayor Lukela have requested a grant through CDBG for the SR. Center. They present in March. In talking to the GOCO representative, it was decided to apply at the next cycle.

(B). Public Works: Report provided. Trustee Schwindt wants to know if Public Works can put the snow somewhere else at the ballpark.

(C). Planning Commission: The Planning Commission meeting was 7 minutes long. If there is nothing on the agenda for February, staff will ask Russ from Safebuilt to present in March.

(D). Town Attorney:

(1). Plastic Bag Act: The plastic bag act is being enacted in phases. The Town can impose more strict rules than the state if they prefer. This can happen after July 2024.

(E). Town Engineer:

(1). Water Report: Working on it.

(2.) WCR90 Truck Route Update: Met with developer/ sent response to Severance. Developer is revising traffic study to be reflective of no longer using WCR90 through Pierce as a haul route and clarifying passenger traffic only.

(F). Town Clerk:

(1). Request to Pay Bills: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to pay bills. Second by Broughton. All "AYES", motion passed.

(2). Understaffed-Need to Close Early March 1, 2023: Town Hall will close at 2:00 P.M.

10. Department Reports:

(A). **Water/Sewer - Trustee Blehm:** Town to report additional copper/lead information on service lines. Town Engineer will monitor and coordinate with Public Works as necessary.

(B). **Streets & Drainage - Trustee Wirkus:** None.

(C). **Utilities & Energy - Trustee Heberlee:**

(1). Update CPR/ First Aid Class: The class will be held at the Fire Department, cost is \$25.00 per person, ages 12 and up or maybe 10 and up with a parent or guardian present. Date is still pending.

(D). **Building – Trustee Schwindt:** The leaky toilet has been fixed.

(E). **Parks - Trustee Broughton:** A card for tree services was given to Trustee Broughton.

(F). **Growth & Revenue - Trustee Spurgeon-Paris:** None.

10. Board Communications: Police Report was provided.

Adjournment: 8:22 P.M.

Kristina Duran
Town Clerk
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