

**Town of Pierce
Special Meeting
January 30th, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in a special session in the Pierce Town Hall, 144 Main, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 6:00 PM, February 30, 2024.

Mayor Cathy Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Cathy Ortiz

Trustees	Others Present:
Doug Herrick	Heather Rospierski, Deputy Town Clerk II
Donna O' Connor	
Steve Guest	
Geoffery Broughton	
Kenny Dill	
Todd Blehm- Absent	

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve the agenda. Second by Dill. All "AYES", motion passed.

2. **Consider Ordinance No. 2024-01 AN ORDINANCE INITIATING A BALLOT ISSUE TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF PIERCE, WHICH WOULD, WITHOUT ADDING ANY NEW TAXES, AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF PIERCE TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND EXPAND ALL REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE CURRENT SPENDING LIMITS FOR 2024 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR. THE MEASURE WOULD RETAIN THE CURRENT MILL LEVY AT A CONSTANT RATE OF 10.454 MILLS FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS UNLESS REVISED BY AN ELECTION, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE RESTRICTIONS ON SPENDING, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE RESTRICTIONS ON ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, AND PART 3, ARTICLE 1, TITLE 29, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, WHICH ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR ALL REVENUES COLLECTED AND THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH REVENUES AFTER JUNE 1, 2024 AND FOR THE MILL LEVY MADE AND ESTABLISHED IN 2024 AND FUTURE YEARS AS SET FORTH IN THE MEASURE.** Motion made by Trustee Guest to adopt Ordinance 2024-01. Second by Broughton. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

3. **Consider Ordinance No. 2024-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PIERCE, COLORADO, REFERRING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF PIERCE AT THE TOWN'S REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 2ND, 2024, A QUESTION ASKING WHETHER CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TOWN'S**

MUNICIPAL CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO FACILITATE THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN COORDINATED ELECTIONS. Motion made by Trustee O'Connor to adopt Ordinance 2024-02. Second by Herrick. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

4. Discussion on Complaint of Discrimination by Kristina Duran against the Town of Pierce

- a. **Possible Executive Session for a conference with the Town attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).** Town Attorney Godbold said he received notice on the 19th of January that Tina filed a complaint of discrimination against the town with the Colorado Civil Rights Division. The Town has 30 Days to respond. With the 19th of February being President's Day Godbold would have to have this submitted by the 16th. Goldbold said the reason for this meeting is to make the Board aware of this and to give legal advice as to how to move forward. He said since this is an open meeting, we must open it up for public comment. Sue Spurgeon-Paris asked if this means the election would move to November. Goldbold said yes but it would not move until November 2026. Julie Lukela asked if the Town ever gets to know what the discrimination charges are. She said it is hard to comment if they don't know what they are. Godbold said the public can always submit a Public Records request but there is no guarantee the information will be released. Godbold would like to move into an executive session to discuss this. Motion made by Trustee Dill to move into executive session. Dill read "I move that the Board of Trustees enter into executive session for the following purposes: For a conference with the Town Attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions." Second by Guest. All "AYES", motion passed.

Entered Executive Session at 6:20 P.M.

Exited Executive Session 7:12 P.M.

The participants in the executive session were Trustee Dill, Trustee Herrick, Trustee O'Connor, Trustee Guest, Trustee Broughton, and Town Attorney James Godbold.

- 5. Board Communications:** Trustee Broughton said a few months ago the Board talked about scheduling a work session to discuss code enforcement. He has concerns this will turn into more and will not go anywhere. Godbold would like a code of conduct put on February's Board agenda. Goldbold would also like revisions to the Town code added to February's agenda to give residents a chance to voice any concerns they have. Deputy Clerk II Rospierski let the Board know that the Planning Commission has reviewed a few sections of the Town code already and has made a motion to recommend them to the

Board to change but Rospierski has not brought them forward yet because it is easier to present more at once then piece by piece. Trustee Guest asked Rospierski if the sections already reviewed by the Planning Commission could be added to the work session so the Board and review them. Rospierski will have this information for the Board at that time. Trustee Herrick asked how we are doing on the new hire. Rospierski let them know the posting will close on the 8th of February. Right now, we have about 7 completed applications. We have had a lot of interest, but people are not following directions. We require a resume and town application to be filled out and only 7 people have followed directions.

Adjournment 7:23 P.M.

Heather Rospierski, Deputy Town Clerk II