

**Town of Pierce
Special Board Meeting
November 29, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in special session at Pierce Town Hall 144 Main Street, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 6:00 P.M. November 29, 2023.

Mayor ProTem Doug Herrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Cathy Ortiz

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

1. Swearing in of Mayor Cathy Ortiz: The oath of office was taken by Cathy Ortiz.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Dill to approve agenda. Second by O'Connor. All "AYES", motion passed.

3. Adopt Resolution 2023-06 Authorizing Banking Activities: Motion made by Trustee O'Connor to adopt Resolution 2023-06. Second by Dill. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

4. Adoption of Resolution 2023-05 Fee Schedule/ Increased Water, Sewer and Non-Potable Fees: Town Engineer Curtis has done a review of the fees and recommends increasing the water, sewer and non-potable rates. HOA president Renee Cobb would like the Board to wait to raise the non-potable until they can discuss the reason the non-potable was being raised, and where the money that the HOA pays the Town for water goes. Trustee Herrick explained that this needs to be decided so the budget can reflect the expected increase in revenue. He lives in the subdivision as well, so he understands the concern with the increased rates but said this needs to be done.

Motion made by Trustee Herrick to adopt Resolution 2023-05. Second by Dill. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

5. Senior Center Grant- Does the Board Want to Proceed: Clerk Duran was contacted by Cynthia Martin and Elizabeth Relford after the Mayor's recall regarding the grant. They asked

for this to be added to the agenda, so it was on record if the Board wished to move forward with the grant.

Motion made by Trustee O'Connor to move forward with the Sr. Center grant. Second by Herrick. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

6. Adopt Resolution 2023-07 Ault Police Contract: Attorney Godbold did note a couple changes he recommends, number 1c and the surcharge from \$20 to \$30. Trustee Herrick thinks that there should be a direct point of contact for the police. Mayor Ortiz will be the point of contact. Motion made by Trustee Herrick to adopt Resolution 2023-07. Second by Blehm. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

7. Budget Discussion: Clerk Duran pointed out a few areas that had changes. The revenue will be changed to reflect the increase in fees. Trustee O'Connor pointed out the Sr. Center grant is \$120,000, not \$160,000. Duran increased the health insurance area to accommodate another employee, as Eve's time with the temp agency will be done. Clerk Duran said this will be the budget that will be presented by Chavies and Associates at the December Board meeting.

8. Board Communications: Trustee Guest said he was notified of a broken toilet. He would like to get that replaced. He has been looking into the air purifiers and he believes he can get them for under \$2000. The Board agreed that he can purchase these items.

9. Adjournment: Motion made by Trustee Guest to adjourn. Second by Dill. All "AYES", motion passed.

Adjournment: 7:11 P.M.

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk