

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session at Pierce Town Hall 144 Main Street, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 P.M. July 11, 2022.

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

Mayor Julie Lukela

Trustees	Others Present:
Connie Schwindt	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Sue Spurgeon-Paris	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Todd Blehm	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus	Heather Rospierski, Deputy Clerk II
Laura McFarland	
Mary Heberlee	

1. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve minutes from May 24, 2022 special meeting, June 13, 2022 Board meeting and June 20, 2022 special meeting. Second by Schwindt. Six “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Wirkus. Motion passed.

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

3. Presentation of the 2021 Audit- Chad Chavies: The audit was presented by phone. Board did not have any questions at that time.

4. Public Comment: Deb Schreiter has been waiting for a return call regarding the number of accessory structures on her property. She needs to know if a playhouse that is about 5x5 and a detached pergola count against the structure limit. Mayor Lukela will get the information and let her know.

5. Acknowledgement of Service- Rick Crom Planning Commission: Plaque was presented by Deputy Clerk Rospierski thanking him for all his years of service to the Town of Pierce.

6. Ordinance 2022-04- Ordinance for Annexation CR90: Engineer Curtis said this is a formality to meet the criteria Weld County set in place. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve Ordinance 2022-04. Second by Heberlee. Roll Call. Six “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Paris. Motion passed.

7. Purchase of John Deere Gator UTV for Public Works: Public Works found a Gator that can be used all seasons. They would like approval to purchase. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve purchase of the Gator. Second by Wirkus. All “AYES”, motion passed.

8. Handling of Matters that Come Before the Board and Planning: Town Attorney Godbold just wanted to remind the Board of Trustees and Planning that they are subject to the open meeting law. They cannot discuss items before they are put on the agenda.

9. Movie in the Park: Mayor Lukela and Trustee McFarland have been working on getting a Town event together. They would like to have a movie in the park around back to school. They were thinking the Ballfield since it has more parking. The screen and projector will be \$600.00. Attorney Godbold advised them that they need to have a public use license to show a movie in public. It would be volunteer clean-up. Lukela also suggested someone could make cotton candy or snow cones. Clerk Duran advised that if this is going to be a Town sponsored event that they may want to have someone who is licensed with the health department to provide the food to limit liability for the Town if someone was to get sick from food served from an unlicensed vendor. Motion by Trustee Blehm to approve \$600.00 for movie in the park. Second by Heberlee. All “AYES”, motion passed. Location to be determined.

10. Town Manager Information/ Appointment: The Town of Pierce is Board of Trustees run government. This has been discussed before. Town Clerk Duran has been doing the job of a manager for years so this would be a title change and give proper authority to do what she has been expected to do. Mayor Lukela doesn't understand why this is coming up now, she has barely been in office a couple months.

Kenny Dill thinks people are just upset about the election and that they need to stop fighting and get along.

Marie Hargreaves stated that Julie was voted Mayor and needs to be given the chance to do her job.

Tish Gunther asked Clerk Duran if she has been doing what needed to be done.

Vanessa asked if the manager will have more say than the Mayor. Attorney Godbold said no.

Bill Hargreaves said the authority of hiring and firing is a big change.

Ralph Sauter said Tina hasn't been doing her job supervising Shippy with code enforcement. He states Shippy is harassing him.

Rick Crom asked if check signing would still require two signatures.

Kenny Dill asked if the Town Manager position can go to an election and Attorney Godbold said no.

Martha Harold said the Town of Pierce has little comparison to Garden City.

Kimball asked what qualifications are required.

Vanessa asked why there needs to be a Town Manager.

Bill Hargreaves said this should be tabled.

Darla Dimmick said to let the Mayor do her job.

Motion made by Trustee Blehm to table this item. Second by McFarland. Four “AYES”, Three “NAYE” by Schwindt, Wirkus, and Paris. Motion passed.

11. Staff Reports:

(A) Mayor Report:

1. Inform of DOLA Award for WCR 90: The Town was awarded a grant for over \$350,000.00 to reconstruct WCR 90.

(B) Public Works: Report provided.

(C) Planning Commission: There was a planning meeting and a pole barn was approved contingent on meeting certain requirements. There was also a special meeting regarding an annexation plan into Severance for a solar project. The Town needs to look at updating the comp plan since it is 46 years old.

(D) Town Attorney: None.

(E) Town Engineer: Flood plain questions. There was a meeting with NWCWD regarding their master plan.

(F) Town Clerk:

1. **Request to Pay Bills:** Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve bills. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

2. **Water Report:** Provided. Financials provided.

12. Department Reports:

(A). Water/Sewer- Trustee Blehm: Will work with Director Lester for safety stuff.

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

(C). Utilities & Energy- Trustee Heberlee: Rise has not been hooked up for the Sr. Center. This was supposed to be a free service. Attorney Godbold will contact Rise. Trustee Heberlee has also been attending webinars regarding emergency preparedness.

(D). Buildings- Trustee Schwindt: The public bathroom is in poor condition and would like to get a cost on new wallpaper.

(E). Parks & Recreation: None.

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

13. Board Communications: None.

14. May Go Into Executive Session Regarding Agenda Item #10:

Adjournment: 9:09 P.M.

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk