

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
January 11th, 2021
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 Town Hall Chambers 144 Main Avenue, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 PM, January 11th, 2021.

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

Mayor Nansi Crom

Trustees	Others Present:
Connie Schwindt	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Jody Ruppel	Heather Rospierski, Admin Assistant
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus -Online	Mike Lester, Public Works Director
Pat Anderson -Absent	
Doc Wirkus - Online	

1. Approval of Minutes from December 14th, 2020: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve minutes. Second by Ruppel. All "AYES", motion passed.

2. Approval of Agenda: Mayor Crom would like to amend the agenda with removal of the trash ordinance. Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve the agenda with removal of item 6, trash ordinance, which will be tabled until February Board meeting.

3. Public Invited to be Heard: Dusty Helzer wants to know what is going on with his neighbors dirt and horses. He has been dealing with this issue since June 2020. Mayor Crom informed him that it is being addressed. The Board will also get legal advice from the Town attorney on what they can do with the animal permit since there has been so many complaints.

Steve Shine is a neighbor to the west of Helzer and he said the dogs at the Strahl property are also an issue, barking all the time.

4. Business License Application for 1201 Hope Ave- Dave Yoder: He is using this just for office space. Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve business license. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

5. Consider Offer to Purchase 1/2 Share of Greeley Loveland Irrigation Co. 5 Year Average 19.7 AF: As of right now the Town only accepts CBT and NPIC. Town Engineer Curtis will look more into this.

6. Old Business

(A) Trash Ordinance 2021-01: Defer to February Board meeting.

7. Staff Report:

(A). Mayor Report: The Town is back to having staff in the office during normal business hours but still closed to the public. On a phone conference with Weld County Commissioners, it was said there is Cares Act funding for local businesses. April of 2021 is the deadline for residents to remove the storage containers on their properties. Staff will send out another reminder letter. There should be a draft review soon of the Weld County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Water Supply and Storage will be holding their annual meeting with Mayor Crom and Clerk Duran attending virtually.

(B). Public Works: There is a drive issue at the pump house. The electrician will be back Monday. There may need to be a large expenditure to fix this issue. Public Works is ready to get the position for Public Works Tech II posted. The posting will be for 2 weeks or until filled.

(C). Planning Commission: Rick Crom was absent, Planning approved one new home.

(D). Town Attorney: Absent.

(E). Town Engineer: Brad is working with Heather to get traffic volume study documents on Rimrock. There will be a meeting with the Town's DOLA rep, Brad and Tina to discuss some of the Capitol Projects.

(F). Town Clerk:

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

Consider Donation to Upstate Colorado for \$540.00. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to donate to Upstate Colorado in the amount of \$540.00, expensed from parks. Second by Paris. All "AYES", motion passed.

Deputy Clerk Job Description and Posting: The Board reviewed the job description and the posting will be for 2 weeks or until filled.

8. Department Reports:

(A). **Water/Sewer - Trustee Anderson:** Absent.

(B). **Streets & Drainage - Trustee Carol Wirkus:** There are a couple holes on Hwy 90 off Hwy 85, 5th St has some issues as well as W. Main.

(C). **Utilities & Energy - Trustee Doc Wirkus:** Waiting on legal response about the Ascent contract. The power has to be moved at the tower. Trustee Doc Wirkus is now the Town's contact for the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

(D). **Building - Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris:** Clerk Duran said the Board may want to look into putting crushed asphalt in the parking lot.

(E). **Parks - Trustee Ruppel:** Overall the water usage for wells is down about 1 AF. Highland Mobile Park had a leak on the well and used almost 1/2 AF in November. Ready to

move forward with getting the Ballpark project going, thinking about purchasing a 10x12 storage building for HRA to use.

(F). **Police - Trustee Schwindt:** Tom Nissen is now police chief. The hours were down a little but it was to be expected with the Covid issues.

9. Board Communications:

Adjournment: 8:37 PM.

Kristina Duran
Town Clerk
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