

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
April 11th, 2016-7:30 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 7:30 P.M., April 11th, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sue Spurgeon-Paris. Roll call was taken and the following Trustees comprising a quorum were in attendance.

Mayor M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris

Trustees:

Mary Heberlee
Elizabeth VanWhy
Craig Cleveland
Toodie Hoover
Dave Guzman-Absent

Other Present:

Kristina Duran, Administrative Assistant
Mike Ketterling, Town Engineer
Don Hoff, Town Attorney
Pat Larson, Town Clerk

Approval of Minutes: There were no objections.

Approval of Agenda: There were no objections.

Public invited to be heard: Residents in the subdivision are concerned about people speeding and running stop signs. They asked about lowering the speed limit and adding more stop signs. It was explained that there had to be a traffic survey done to prove the need for changes. The Ault Police Department will step up extra patrols in that area to watch for laws being broken.

Ben Mccay said something needs to be done with the streets in Town. He said the potholes are getting bad and they need to be crowning over the manholes. It was explained to him that the Town will be tearing up a lot of the streets to replace some waterlines.

Swearing in of New Trustees: Trustee Hoover took a new oath of office for a four year term.

Reappoint Don Hoff as Town Attorney: Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to reappoint Don Hoff as Town Attorney. Second by Hoover. All "AYES", motion passed.

Reappoint Pat Larson as Town Clerk: Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to reappoint Pat Larson as Town Clerk. Second by Heberlee. All "AYES", motion passed.

Reappoint Michael Stewart as Town Judge: Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to reappoint Michael Stewart as Town Judge. Second by Hoover. All "AYES", motion passed.

Discuss Three Vacant Board Positions: Two letters of interest have been submitted to the Board. Pat Anderson has also expressed interest in joining the Board.

Keghan Brady- Redoing Highland Elementary Flower Garden to Earn His Eagle Scout- Requesting a Donation: Keghan Brady is with Troop 41 and is requesting a donation of money or supplies to redo the flower garden at the elementary school for his Eagle Scout project. Motion made by Trustee Hoover to donate \$1000.00 to Keghan Brady for his project. Second by VanWhy. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Consider a Chicken Permit at 1002 5th St- Crystal and Delbert Pace: Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to approve 6 chickens, no roosters at 1002 5th St. Second by Hoover. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Consider a Chicken Permit at 903 5th St- Ryan Halley: Motion made by Trustee VanWhy to approve 11 chickens, no roosters at 903 5th St. Second by Hoover. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Discuss Non-Potable Rates: The Town has already paid approximately \$18,000 to repair to Reed Well. The Board would like to reduce the rates on the non-potable system a little now, and then re-evaluate after a full season of usage. Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to reduce the non-potable rates from \$2.60 per thousand gallons to \$2.20 per thousand gallons. Second by Heberlee. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Consider Allowing Don Juan’s to Purchase Raw Water After Building Permit is Issued but Prior to a Certificate of Occupancy Issued and the South Parking Lot Graveled After the Restaurant is Open: Jorge with Don Juan’s needs two units of water, but can only find large quantities. He would like to be able to get started on the building. He would also like to wait to gravel the south parking lot after the restaurant is open. Motion made by Trustee VanWhy to allow Don Juan’s to be allowed to wait on purchasing water and be allowed to not gravel the south parking lot for a year. Second by Cleveland. Roll Call. Four “AYES”, one “NAYE”, by Hoover. Motion passed.

Discuss Annexing Land Surrounding Pierce Town Limits for Future Growth: The Board is not interested at this time

Staff Reports:

(A). Mayor:

1. Consider \$300.00 to the Highway Coalition Project: Motion made by Trustee Hoover to donate \$300.00 to the Highway Coalition Project. Second by Heberlee. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Janitorial Service for the New Office Space: Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to increase cleaning to \$90.00 since the space is doubled. Second by Hoover. All “AYES”, motion passed.

(B). Public Works: Public works doesn’t have a report this month. There is a new employee Rodney Heinz. They are doing locates for water lines. There is some Ag zoned property that

needs to be mowed. Code enforcement needs to look into the rules for length of grass/weeds on Ag property.

(C). Planning Commission: The Planning Commission approved five houses, a shop, and a lot line adjustment. They also reviewed some recorded exemptions.

(D). Town Attorney: Don Hoff provided a proposed cross connection control ordinance to be reviewed. It will be adopted in May.

(E). Town Engineer: We are surveying 33 blocks for water system improvements. The gas company is very hesitant to locate gas lines so Mike Ketterling is getting a map from Atmos. He will also schedule a time with Mike Lester to look at the water generator and purchase as soon as possible.

(F). Town Clerk: Motion made by Trustee Hoover to pay outstanding bills. Second by Cleveland. All "AYES", motion passed. Financial reports were provided. Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to rollover CD. Second by Hoover. All "AYES", motion passed.

Old Business: Jonathan Bernhardt introduced himself to the Board. He is interested in being a member of the Board.

Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to appoint Jonathan Bernhardt for a two year term to the Pierce Board of Trustees. Second by Hoover. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Holly Bernhardt introduced herself to the Board. She is interested in being a member of the Board.

Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to appoint Holly Bernhardt for a two year term to the Pierce Board of Trustees. Second by Heberlee. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

The purchase of 449 Spencer is on hold. The Town will need to hire a property attorney to proceed with the process of acquiring a quiet title. Motion made by Trustee Cleveland to proceed with the process for 449 Spencer. Second by Heberlee. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Committee Reports:

(A). Water/Sewer-Trustee Cleveland: None.

(B). Streets-Trustee Guzman: The pot holes on 1st need repaired.

(C). Drainage-Trustee Hoover: None.

(D). Building: None.

(E). Parks-Trustee Van Why: The tree was removed from the park. They did a really good job.

Board Communications: Trustee Heberlee went to Weld County to get tax information. She only pays \$6.43 a month or 21 cents a day to the Town of Pierce for taxes.

Adjournment

Kristina Duran
Administrative Assistant
Town of Pierce