

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
September 24th, 2018
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 P.M., September 24th, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nansi Crom. Roll call was taken and the following Trustees comprising a quorum were in attendance.

Mayor Nansi Crom

Trustees:

Holly Bernhardt
Jody Ruppel
Toodie Hoover
Jon Bernhardt
Pat Anderson
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris

Other Present:

Heather Rospierski, Admin. Assistant
Pat Larson, Town Clerk
Don Hoff, Town Attorney
Kristina Duran, Deputy Town Clerk
Lia Szasz, Town Attorney

Approval of Minutes: The September 10th, 2018 minutes under Police Report has been updated. Also the September 18th, 2018 minutes updated to reflect special meeting. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve minutes to September 4th, September 10th, and September 18th, 2018 with changes. Second by Holly Bernhardt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Holly Bernhardt to approve agenda. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Public Invited to be Heard:

Craig Cleveland is seeking an apology from Trustee Jon Bernhardt for slandering his name. Jon Bernhardt says he can't discuss it.

Janice Henry said the Board really needs to check to make sure the microphones are working when they speak. She also wanted to know why there are three clerks attending the meetings. Ms. Henry wanted to know why Trustee Jon Bernhardt would question the integrity of Craig Cleveland. She thinks maybe Trustee Jon Bernhardt should resign from his position on the Board. Mayor Crom addressed the first two issues, said she would leave the third issue up to the parties involved.

Corey Williams purchased parcel 055326203013 on the east side of 85. He was issued a stop work order when constructing a shed due to the property being in a floodway. He stated he spoke to engineering and to FEMA and that they saw no reason to deny construction of the shed. Town staff will get him in contact with Mike Ketterling to discuss this issue.

Judith Stiley lives about ½ mile north of the proposed gas plant. She was stopped by Town Attorney, Don Hoff, from speaking on this matter. She was encouraged to attend the Board meeting on October 8th, 2018. Mrs. Stiley said the sprinkler at the park off 85 is watering the highway and needs to be adjusted. She would also like the Town to still pursue putting the Board agendas on the website. Mrs. Stiley also complained about the large numbers of papers in the Town Hall window, an official posting site for agendas and notices. The Clerk will work on positioning the agendas for better viewing by the public.

Consider Chicken Permit Application for Brett Shafer- 312 3rd St: Kristen Lenkowski, 312 3rd St. shared her plans on having 5 chickens, no roosters.

Motion made by Trustee Hoover to approve chicken permit for 312 3rd St. Second by Anderson. All "AYES", motion passed.

Mayor Crom shared that there had been coyotes sighted within the Town and that Ms. Lenkowski should be aware of this.

Consider Changing Process for Approval of Chicken Permits: Motion made by Trustee Paris to allow staff to review and issue chicken permits without Board approval. Second by Hoover. All "AYES", motion passed. Motion made by Trustee Paris to also allow staff to do yearly review of chicken permits, and determine if they need to come in front of the Board for complaints. Second by Hoover. All "AYES", motion passed.

Consider Fees in Lieu for Highland School District: This item is a carryover from a previous meeting. Attorney Don Hoff has reviewed the proposal and sees no reason to deny the increase. Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to accept the fee in lieu increase from Highland School District from \$759.00 to \$1099.00. Second by Holly Bernhardt. All "AYES", motion passed.

Consider Donation to Highland After Prom Committee: Table item to a future meeting.

Consider Park Regulations: Trustee Bernhardt would like to see a little bit of each of the examples from Ault, Eaton and Severance Park Use Fees provided to make up our own park regulations. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the Clerk's office should present a proposal to the board regarding a permit fee, damage deposit and application form to be considered at a future meeting. This item will be tabled to a future meeting.

Presentation of the 2019 Preliminary Budget: Pat Larson, Town Clerk presented the 2019 preliminary budget. There is enough in 2018 to move forward with the purchase of the air conditioning units for the Board room and the server room. Other items for the Board to consider: \$20,000.00 in parks capital outlay, Water has enough for tank maintenance and to rebuild one pump, Sewer is still waiting on one invoice estimated at about \$17,000.00, but there should also be enough funds to cover one lift station pump lift replacement. The Board will schedule a work session in the future for further 2019 budget discussions.

Staff Reports:

(A). Mayor: Would like to thank Highland students, and the Ault/Pierce Fire Department for helping with the 9/11 Community Service Day. Dixie Hansen with the Pierce Seniors was able to take pictures and the Board would like them posted to the website.

(B). Public Works: None.

(C). Planning Commission: Absent.

(D). Town Attorney: None.

(E). Town Engineer: Absent.

(F). Town Clerk: None.

Old Business: None.

Committee Reports:

(A). Water/Sewer-Trustee Anderson: The ponds are not infiltrating. Bids received to scrape the beds came in at \$165.00/hr and \$200.00/hr. Trustee Anderson made the decision to go with the bid of \$165.00/hr.

(B). Streets-Trustee Jon Bernhardt: None.

(C). Drainage-Trustee Hoover: None.

(D). Building-Trustee Ruppel: The AC bids for Town Hall came in and Trustee Ruppel recommends American Air.

Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve bid from American Air in the amount of \$9680.00. Second by Paris. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

(E). Parks-Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris: Would like to know why the park is watering Saturday.

Board Communications: The Board meeting on October 8th, 2018 might be relocated to the Elementary school. It is suggested to look for location of meeting, or call Town hall to get location.

Adjournment

Kristina Duran
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Pierce