

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
October 22nd, 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., October 22nd, 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-Absent
Jody Ruppel
Toodie Hoover
Jon Bernhardt-Absent
Pat Anderson-Absent
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris-Arrived Late

Others Present:

Mike Ketterling, Town Engineer
Pat Larson, Town Clerk
Don Hoff, Town Attorney
Kristina Duran, Deputy Town Clerk
Lia Szasz, Town Attorney

Prior to the arrival of trustee M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris, the Mayor invited the public to make comments, if any, and engaged in a discussion with County Attorney Bruce Parker regarding a possible IGA between the Town of Pierce and Weld County, which agreement would provide county assistance to the Town and funding improvements to the roadway. During the discussion, Nansi questioned the amount to be provided by the county as it relates to the amount of work to be done on the roadway. Attorney Barker suggested Town officials have a conversation with Jay McDonald and Elizabeth Relford from the County Engineering staff regarding how the county arrived at the \$351,000.00 amount. Barker confirmed that money does not need to be spent this year but believes the county expects the project to be done next year (2019). Town staff will discuss the matter with County Engineering Department and will reconsider this issue at a later date and make changes to the agreement as may be appropriate.

Trustee Spurgeon-Paris arrived.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Trustee Hoover to approve minutes from October 8th, 2018. Second by Paris. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Hoover to approve agenda with the addition of item 8.1, IGA Ault/Pierce Fire Department. Second by Ruppel. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Police Report- Trustee Holly Bernhardt: Written code report provided. No police report as Trustee Bernhardt absent.

Consider County Road 90 IGA: Covered above.

Consider Allowing an Easement Which Would Allow Sewer Line to Cross Property Line-404 4th St: Town Engineer Mike Ketterling said it is a very bad idea to let any service lines cross property lines. Don agrees. The property owners believe there is a sewer line in the alley north of their property, but Mike says there

is not and Town records do not reflect a sewer line at that location. The property owners would like the Town to check to see if there is a sewer line in the alley between Shafer and Jones. The Town Board feels like the best option is to run the sewer line west and North to Jones.

Motion made by Trustee Ruppel for the Town to proceed with investigating if there is a line in the alley they can connect to, if not go West then North to Jones. Hoover recuses from vote. Second by Crom. Roll Call. Two "AYES", one "NAYE" by Paris. Motion passed.

Consider Requirements for 444 E Cave to Connect to Town Sewer Services-Anne White Realtor:

Anne White, realtor for this property owner says the owner purchased parcel A (where the house is) and parcel B (vacant lot to the west) believing the property was in the county. Now that this property has been determined to be in Pierce town limits they are required to connect to town sewer service. Planning chairman Rick Crom thinks that it is possible that the property is connected to the town sewer service through the septic tank. Mike Lester will camera the line to see if there is a line running into the property.

Motion made by Trustee Hoover to table this matter until the owner can make sure they are not connected to the town sewer service. Second by Ruppel. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Town staff will send a letter to property owner Artemio Delgado to inform him that the sewer line needs to be dug up in the vicinity of the septic tank to determine whether the septic tank is overflowing into the ground or if it is connected to a sewer line and sewer water is draining from the house to the septic tank and then into the Town sewer system. The property has been occupied, and there is no evidence of a leach field. After the line is dug up the Town will make a final decision on this matter.

Consider Tenant at 231 Shafer (Juarez) and Manager (Erickson) Concern About High Water Bill:

They are concerned because of an extremely high water bill of 88,000 gallons for the month of July 2018. Melanie Erickson believes with that amount of water being used that it would show up somewhere, on the surface or flood the basement and it didn't. She said she believes it is an anomaly and that the meter was reading air and not water because when it was turned on the meter was shaking and Bob (with Kepner) said it is possible for the meters to read air.

Motion made by Trustee Hoover to reduce bill to average usage of 32,000 gallons used. Second by Paris. All "AYES", motion passed.

Ault/Pierce Fire Department IGA: This item was added to the agenda so; the Board did not have the written agreement in front of them. Craig Cleveland with the Fire Board explained that the IGA states the fire department will provide fire protection to and properties in Pierce now, and any properties that Pierce may annex in the future. He believes it will be a good tool to have when trying to get Rimrock moved into Ault/Pierce fire protection district. This item will be put on the November 12th, 2018 agenda.

Bill Garcia, Attorney for Rimrock, reported to the Town Board that they did have meetings with the Ault/Pierce and Nunn fire protection districts and that Nunn is not interested in pursuing any court action that it may take to remove the Rimrock property from their fire protection district. Mayor Crom stated Rimrock has satisfied their condition with the Town.

Consider Adopting Resolution 2018-11 Accepting Transfer of CBT Water: Property owner of the property located in the northwest corner of Main and 5th will be transferring water to the Town.

Motion made by Trustee Paris to adopt Resolution 2018-11 to accept transfer of CBT water. Second by Hoover. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Consider Donation to Highland After Prom Committee: A donation of \$500 dollars was made last year by the Board from the park fund.

Motion made by Trustee Paris to make a \$500 donation from the park fund again this year. Second by Ruppel. All "AYES", motion passed.

Consider Law Enforcement Proposals: Town Clerk Pat Larson send out a bid request to Ault, Nunn, Severance, Eaton and Weld County. There were two responses sent back, one from Ault Police Department and one from Nunn Police Department. Since Trustee Holly Bernhardt is absent the Town Board will review the materials provided and this item will be placed on the next Board agenda.

Consider Park Regulations: The Board feels that until there is a problem or people are abusing use of the parks it is best to keep them free of charge on a first come, first serve basis. They would like Town staff to make a check list of park use guidelines in case someone was to call in to inquire about rules and regulations on what they can and can't do. Trustee Hoover would like to keep the form that was made in case it is needed in the future.

Staff Report:

(A). Mayor: CDOT has a grant available for safe routes to school grant. The deadline is November 2nd, 2018. Mayor Crom would like to apply for this grant. She would like the Board to think about how long they would like to keep having town regular Board meetings a month. Mayor Crom has more of an active office in Town hall. Town Board will have a budget meeting on November 6th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

(B). Public Works: Trustee Anderson was absent. Public works report provided.

(C). Planning Commission: Planning Chairman Rick Crom was absent last planning meeting. Mary Heberlee ran the last meeting. They approved two pole barns and a steel building. They also approved three Weld County referrals for the Rimrock project in case it wasn't annexed into Pierce. There is also a grant available through the Energy and Minerals fund which could help update the Town Comprehensive Plan. Rick would like to apply for this grant.

(D). Town Attorney: If the Town is planning on applying for an Energy Impact Grant for improvements to CR 90 they need to be aware that they may not get more than one grant in the same year if they apply for others.

(E). Town Engineer: None.

(F). Town Clerk: None.

Old Business: None.

Committee Reports:

(A). Water/Sewer-Trustee Anderson: Trustee Anderson was absent. Town Clerk Pat Larson gave an update on the 2017-2018 water year. Stated this year looks pretty good.

(B). Streets-Trustee Jon Bernhardt: Trustee Jon Bernhardt was absent.

(C). Drainage-Trustee Hoover: None.

(D). Building-Trustee Ruppel: Has heard a lot of residents complain about not being able to see postings. He would like to budget for a glass kiosk to be mounted maybe outside the building which would allow postings in there. Would also like a drop box sign put by the drop box so residents can locate it easier.

(E). Parks-Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris: Needs to know what trees are sick or damaged because they looked ok to her. Mayor Crom advised her to use her best judgement, or call in specialist if needed.

Board Communications:
Adjournment:

Kristina Duran
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Pierce