

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
November 13th, 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., November 13th, 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-Absent
Jon Bernhardt
Pat Anderson
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris-Absent

Others Present:

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve minutes from October 22nd, 2018. Second by Anderson. All “AYES”, motion passed.

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

Public Invited to be Heard: Connie Schwindt is here to ask the Bernhardts to resign from the Pierce Town Board as Trustees due to their vote regarding the Rimrock Annexation Petition. If the resignation is not given to the Town within 10 days, the petition for recall will be started for Jon Bernhardt and Holly Bernhardt. Mrs. Schwindt questioned letting a husband and wife serve on the Town Board.

Mayor Crom responded to Mrs. Schwindt, stating that she wanted Mrs. Schwindt to be aware that Rick Crom, Planning Commission Chairman, is her spouse. Mayor Crom also asked Mrs. Schwindt if she had considered contacting Jon and/or Holly Bernhardt to provide them the opportunity, if they wished to do so, to speak with her regarding their actions/decisions during recent public hearings prior to her initiating a recall process.

Rhanda Blehm is here to support Connie Schwindt in asking for resignation or starting the recall process. Susie Phillips is here to support Connie, as is Larry Schwindt.

Mary Heberlee has served with Rick Crom on Planning for a very long time and shared that she has heard comments regarding Rick Crom and Nansi Crom both serving in Town positions.

Police Report- Trustee Holly Bernhardt: Trustee Holly Bernhardt is absent. A police report and code report are provided.

Consider Liquor License for Plains Market: It is time for the Plains Market to renew their liquor license. A report was provided by Liquor Enforcement and there have been no violations.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to renew liquor license. Second by Ruppel. All "AYES", motion passed.

Consider Home Woodworking Business at 906 7th St- Emily Cummer: Town residents Emily and Matthew Cummer were present. This is going to be to supplement income. The only chemicals stored will be wood glue, mineral oil and some spray paint. Most of the sales will be online.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to approve the home woodworking business at 906 7th St. Second by Ruppel. All "AYES", motion passed.

Consider County Road 90 IGA: Weld County has proposed to give approximately \$351,000.00 to the Town of Pierce for repairs to Weld County Road 90. The Town of Pierce can apply for a DOLA grant to help with the remaining costs to pave WCR 90, as well as receiving a proportionate share from Rimrock Energy Partners. Town Engineer Mike Ketterling thinks it would be a good idea to get a preliminary traffic count study. This item will be tabled to the December 10th, 2018 Board Meeting.

Consider Ault/Pierce Fire Department IGA: This agreement will be at a one-year auto renewal.

Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve Alt/Pierce Fire Department IGA. Second by Anderson. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to adopt Resolution 2018-13. Second by Jon Bernhardt. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Consider Requesting Signal Light at Highway 85 and WCR 90: Town Resident Mr. and Mrs. Case would like the Town to look into getting a signal light at Highway 85 and WCR 90. They want to see a controlled intersection to connect the East and West sides of Town. Town Engineer Mike Ketterling explained that it is a very long process to get this done. CDOT also offers a safe routes to school grant that the Town can look into. Mayor Crom will pursue more information on this item and present it at the next Town work session.

Consider Police Contract Proposals: The Town of Pierce sent out BID requests for Contracted Police Service. Ault Police Chief Rich Strang was present. The only two responses received were by the Town of Ault and the Town of Nunn. There was a lack of specifics provided by Nunn proposal and the price was about \$12,000.00 more than the proposal by Ault. The Board discussed various aspects and needs of law enforcement coverage for the Town.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to renew Ault Police contract for another five years. Second by Ruppel. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Discussion on Proposed Budget: It is suggested that next year the Town add the Cost for the Pierce Senior Center and Donations as line items.

Staff Report:

(A). Mayor: The Pierce Senior Center has been late turning in the utility bills which the Town pays. The Town will try to have the bills delivered directly to Town Hall. Due to online software problems the Town was not able to get the Safe Routes to School Grant application submitted by the due date; the application will be resubmitted for the upcoming grant cycle in 2019.

(B). Public Works: Mike Lester, Director of Public Works would like the part time position to turn into a full time position.

(C). Planning Commission: There was no meeting last month. The price to update the comprehensive plan was a lot more than initially reported, and has been pulled as a future budget item.

(D). Town Attorney: None.

(E). Town Engineer: CDOT would like to make improvements at their shop. They will be in touch with Mike Ketterling. NWCWD will have a 3% increase this year.

(F). Town Clerk: Motion made by Trustee Jon Bernhardt to pay bills. Second by Anderson. All “AYES”, motion passed.

The Town has two CD’s they wish to rollover. The Town chicken code needs to be updated, as well as the fee in lieu for Highland Schools.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

(A). Water/Sewer-Trustee Anderson:

1. Consider of the Board is Going to Continue to Hold Two Regular Board Meetings a Month: Motion made by Trustee Anderson to go back to just one regular meeting a month. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Consider Holiday Schedule for Town Hall: Motion made by Trustee Anderson to close Town Hall on December 24th, and December 31st giving the employees those days as addition paid holidays. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed.

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

(C). Drainage-Trustee Hoover: Absent.

(D). Building-Trustee Ruppel: None.

(E). Parks-Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris: Absent.

Board Communications: Look into restricting the use “jake” brakes within Town limits.

Adjournment: 10:10 P.M.

Kristina Duran
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Pierce