

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session at Pierce Town Hall 144 Main Street, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 P.M., February 14, 2022.

Mayor Nansi Crom called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. 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	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Pat Anderson	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus	
Doc Wirkus	
Sue Spurgeon-Paris- Departed Early	

1. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve minutes with change to item #4. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

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

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Business License Application- Main Street Market and Liquor: It was noted that the zoning portion of the application was not completed. Motion by Trustee Doc Wirkus to approve Business License for Main Street Market and Liquor. Second by Ruppel. All “AYES”, motion passed.

5. Contract Renewal Rise Broadband- Andy Anselmo: No one from Rise was present. Attorney Godbold stated the proposed renewal from Rise included increased monthly payment to the Town, but no escalation. Trustee Doc Wirkus would like to know about the service for the Senior Center. Attorney Godbold will work with Rise to get a draft agreement for the Board to review.

6. Street Improvement/ Stop Sign/ Police Coverage- Chief Nissan: There have been several complaints about speeding at 5th and Carroll, and 7th and Carroll. Chief Nissan suggests putting up stop signs at these locations. The speed trailer is still not working but can be brought up when

fixed. It holds information about speeding that can be used to determine what is going on in this area. Public gave times and locations where they think they are seeing the most problems.

7. Inoperable Vehicles Ordinance and Enforcement: Memo and suggestions were provided. Motion made by Trustee Doc Wirkus to set a work session when more data can be provided. Second by Anderson. Six “AYES”, one “Naye” by Crom. Motion passed.

8. Old Business

1. Trash Service Proposals: Memo with clarifications from WM and Xtreme was provided. Motion made by Trustee Doc Wirkus to go with Xtreme Disposal for trash service for the Town of Pierce. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Consider Ordinance 2022-03 Short Term Rentals: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve Ordinance 2022-03 STR. Second by Anderson. Roll Call. Six “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Paris. Motion passed.

9. Staff Reports

(A) **Mayor Report:** Mayor Crom, Clerk Duran and Deputy Clerk Larson attended NPIC Shareholder meeting. She would like to thank Public Works for all their hard work for snow removal.

(B) **Public Works:** Report provided. They will continue to do training with Colorado Rural Water. Trustee Schwindt would like Mike Lester to take a look at the ice by the ballpark on Cave.

(C) **Planning Commission:** There was a meeting with several items approved, also two referrals from the Weld County Health Department. Planning has already asked Deputy Clerk II Rospierski to make new code books, but they have not received them. Clerk Duran will remind her again.

(D) **Town Attorney:**

1. Gifts Reporting Requirements: If anyone receives a gift just because of their role on the Town Board, and the value is over \$53.00, reporting is required.

(E) **Town Engineer:** None.

(F) **Town Clerk:**

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

2. Water Report: Provided.

3. Security Deposits for Renters: Property owners are having issues if they receive a bill of their renters don't pay, but in Pierce the bill follows the property, not the renter. It is suggested by Town staff that we do not collect a deposit if someone is renting,

and leave that between landlord and tenant. Attorney Godbold will look into this and it will be revisited at the March Board meeting.

4. Schedule Review for Deputy Clerk Pat Larson: 6:00 P.M. March 14, 2022.

5. Resolution 2022-03 Authorize Town Clerk to Appoint Election Judges: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve Resolution 2022-03. Second by Anderson. All “AYES”, motion passed.

6. Increase in Municipal Judge Fee: The Judge will be increasing his fees per court session from \$225.00 to \$500.00. Pierce has court every other month.

10. Department Reports

(A). **Water/Sewer - Trustee Anderson:** Will be meeting with Mike Lester to discuss radio read equipment.

(B). **Streets & Drainage - Trustee Carol Wirkus:** Will work on stop signs in the subdivision, and direct Lester to check the ice in the street at Cave.

(C). **Utilities & Energy - Trustee Doc Wirkus:** Interested to see Rise response

(D). **Building - Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris:** Still standing.

(E). **Parks - Trustee Ruppel:** Lester needs to schedule the tree trimming that was budgeted. Also needs to put T-posts by the valve boxes in the parks.

(F). **Police - Trustee Schwindt:** Report provided.

11. Executive Session- Rimrock Proportionate Share WCR 90: Trustee Paris doesn't understand why we need to enter into executive session. Attorney Godbold explained why he felt it needed to be in executive session.

Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to enter into executive session. Second by Anderson. Six “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Paris. Motion passed.

Entered executive session at 8:57 P.M.

Exit executive session at 9:33 P.M.

12. Consider Resolution 2022-02 Application- Department of Local Affairs: Motion made by Trustee Anderson to approve Resolution 2022-02. Second by Schwindt. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed.

13. Board Communications: Trustee Ruppel will be resigning from Board and Planning, effective immediately. He is moving and will no longer be a resident in the Town limits.

Adjournment:

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk