

**Town of Pierce
Special Meeting
July 22nd, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in special session in the Highland Elementary School, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 6:30 P.M., July 22nd, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nansi Crom.

Mayor Nansi Crom

Trustees:

M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris- Absent
Pat Anderson
Jody Ruppel
Toodie Hoover- Absent
Kenny Dill
Carol Wirkus

Others Present:

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Martha Harold, Deputy Town Clerk
Rick Crom, Planning Chairman
(15 members of the public signed in)

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve the agenda. Second by Wirkus. All "AYES", motion passed.
2. **Public Invited to be Heard:** Mayor Crom instructed those in attendance to state if they are resident of Pierce, their position and to limit their time to three minutes.

Tish Gunther, Pierce resident, said she is FOR permitting marijuana establishments in the Town of Pierce. She said the town needed more revenue other than property tax and that other types of business were needed to bring other people in to town.

Erin Broughton, Pierce resident, said she was a nurse and is AGAINST permitting marijuana establishments in the Town of Pierce because of the effects on the community. She referenced unexpected side effects, including lack of regulations related to growing, increased consumption, including edibles, by teens, increased teen related school expulsions, increased medical visits, and increased costs related to law enforcements and increase in homeless populations. She also said the town would be knowingly allowing Wyoming residents to cross the state line if they purchased in Pierce.

Geoff Broughton, Pierce resident, said he is AGAINST permitting marijuana establishments in the Town of Pierce. He said that the town would be making a moral statement to supply the black market for marijuana in Wyoming and allow Wyoming residents to subvert the laws. He said he had moved from Greeley and was familiar with Garden City. He said there was no school, library or nice 3-bedroom homes in Garden City, despite the dispensaries there. He said he was a Pastor.

Town Clerk Duran encouraged other members of the public to step forward.

3. **Board Communications:** None.

Adjournment: 6:48 P.M.

Martha Harold
Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Pierce