

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2021
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 Pierce Fire Department, 601 2nd St, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 PM, March 8th, 2021.

Mayor Nansi Crom called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Nansi Crom

<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>
Connie Schwindt	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Jody Ruppel	Heather Rospierski, Admin Assistant
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
Carol Wirkus- Absent	Lia Szasz, Town Attorney
Pat Anderson	
Doc Wirkus- Absent	

1. Approval of Minutes from February 10 Special Meeting, February 8 Board Minutes, and February 16 Special Meeting:

Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve minutes. Second by Ruppel. All "AYES", motion passed.

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

3. Public Invited to be Heard: Town resident Julie Lukela asked about the dog tag process since Town Hall is closed. It was explained that dog tags can be paid for through the drop box, as long as rabies are current, and they will be processed and mailed back.

4. Ault Pierce Fire Department Fire Code: Town Attorney Szasz provided the Ordinance that would repeal and replace the old fire code. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve Ordinance. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

5. Lease 1/2 Share of Water Supply & Storage: The bid proposal and lease from last year used in leasing out the Town's 1/2 share was provided. Motion made by Trustee Paris to have Clerk Duran contact Water Supply and Storage and the two previous bidders, Justice Pettit and Keith Amen. The deadline to submit bids will be April 1, 2021. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

6. Building Inspection Report and Air Quality Report: The building issues with the building are more severe than originally thought. There are problems with mold, code and structure. The issues are on both the old and new side of Town Hall. Additional testing for mold will be conducted March 9th. A temporary office trailer will be delivered in the next couple weeks. Until then, staff will have very limited time in the building, and working remotely.

7. Old Business:

1. Review Animal Permit Requirements for 701 W. Main Ave- Strahl: An email was provided outlining the Strahl's plan to replant grass to control dust, and Code verified that they are in compliance with the number of animals. They have also divided the lot and ordered trees and seed. Strahl stated that its not just his lot that produce alot of dust, Double J does as well. He will provide an update to Town staff in about 6 weekd to let them know the status of growth from the seed that was purchased. As long as he continues with the mitigation and compliant with the number of animals the special permit will remain.

2. Trash Ordinance 2021-01: This ordinance will be tabled until a better trash option is provided to the Town residents. Town Staff will get information for a spring clean up or the possibility of a reduced rate for dump runs by residents.

3. Double J Water: Email from Double J attorney Sara Irby was provided by Attorney Szasz. A proposal from Double J

received. A decision was made by the Board to revise the large water user ordinance to detail a shut off procedure if the user goes over their allotment of 100,000 gallons.

4. Public Works Job Description: Item is tabled to April.

8. Staff Report:

(A). Mayor Report: There was a meeting with Denise Bradshaw, Weld County, regarding hazard mitigation. She will set up a joint meeting with UPRR, CDOT, NWCWD, Ault and Thornton.

(B). Public Works: Written report provided.

(C). Planning Commission: No meeting.

(D). Town Attorney: None.

(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. Thank you letter was received from Upstate Colorado to thank the Board for the donation.

9. Department Reports:

(A). **Water/Sewer - Trustee Anderson:** None additional.

(B). **Streets & Drainage - Trustee Carol Wirkus:** Absent.

(C). **Utilities & Energy - Trustee Doc Wirkus:** In Trustee Wirkus' absence, it was reported that Ascent is up, but the power demand still needs to be determined. The Town's scrap metal and used dump truck will be sold and money donated to the Senior Center.

(D). **Building - Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris:** None.

(E). **Parks - Trustee Ruppel:** Engineer Curtis still needs the information that was asked in the email sent to Mike Lester, Jody Ruppel and Tina Duran. Public Works Director Lester needs to contact Davey Tree to see about the maintenance on the trees. The non potable well still has a cease and decist order. Clerk Duran will try to make contact to see what needs to be done to get this taken care of.

(F). **Police - Trustee Schwindt:** Report provided. Theft is up. Officer Dreher said to report anything suspicious.

10. **Board Communications:** None.

Adjournment: 9:06 P. M.

Kristina Duran
Town Clerk
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