

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2019
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., September 9th, 2019.

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:

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

Others Present:

Lia Szasz, Town Attorney
Mike Ketterling, Town Engineer
Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Martha Harold, Deputy Town Clerk
Rick Crom, Planning Chairman

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to approve minutes from August 12, and August 26, 2019 with name corrections per Mayor Crom. Second by Dill. All “AYES”, motion passed.

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

Public Invited to be Heard: None.

Request Regarding Special Use Application for Storage Container at Benchmark Transmission- Cory Bensley: Cory has two storage containers behind his business Benchmark Transmission. He approached the Town to make sure that he followed whatever process needed to be followed in order to have these on his property. After some review by the Town Staff, it was determined that it would require a special use application, which also has a \$600.00 fee. He would like to ask the Town for a waiver of that process and fee. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve for the storage containers to be allowed on the property, will the \$600.00 fee waived. Second by Dill. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed. Cory will still need to follow the process for a building permit application.

Request for Livestock at 5th and Park Ave- Andrew Guttensen: Andrew is here on behalf of his Grandfather, Ed Lesh. The family owns several lots which together makes about 15 acres, with only 12 acres in Pierce Town limits. But individually no lot is five acres or more. The Town code clearly states that livestock will be considered only on lots of five acres or more. Andrew would like a special consideration to think of the lots more as a whole instead of individual. The Board would like him to proceed with the Special Use Application process.

Request to Paint Curbs- Pierce Post Office: This item is on the agenda because of an issue with the Post Office having the curb all the way around the corner of the Post Office painted yellow. Town Staff told them

they needed to paint the curb back to a grey color and it was requested that they be added to the agenda to be allowed to paint the curb. No one is present from the Post Office.

Town Board discussed this and it was decided that if they needed to paint a caution stencil on the curb to let people know there was a step that would be ok.

Investment of Town Funds with Colo Trust- Ben Mendenhall & Dylana Gross, Colo Trust: Colo Trust is a local government investment pool. You can send money and take out money in the same day. They have two types of accounts; prime and plus. It was recommended by Chad Chavies that the Town invest in only a prime account at this time.

Motion made by Trustee Anderson to open a prime and plus account, only investing in the prime account at this time. Second by Paris. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Repealed Town Ordinance 10-7-120(a)(b): Mayor Crom would like to remind the Trustees that they have three options to choose from on this item. 1.) Adopt Ordinances regulating the Marijuana industry in Pierce, 2.) Send this item to an election, 3.) Reinstate previously repealed ordinance. Trustee Dill was able to talk to previous Board members and stated that this Town has been able to survive for 111 years with no dispensary. Larry VanWhy thinks model ordinances should be discussed to present to voters prior to election. Marjorie Caudill thinks that if the Town doesn't have land for this type of business, maybe the Town should consider annexation.

Trustee Anderson did some research and he did find that most towns have buffers, for example 200 ft distance from businesses, 500 ft from daycares. Should also consider zoning restrictions, number of businesses permitted, and signage.

Motion made by Trustee Dill to send this item to a vote of the people. Second by Paris. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

Town Attorney, Lia Szasz will have some samples for ballot questions for this to go to the November election.

Old Business:

- 1. Xcel Franchise- Adopt Ordinance 2019-5:** Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to adopt Ordinance 2019-5. Second by Wirkus. Roll Call. Five "AYES", one "NAYE" by Paris. Motion passed.
- 2. Security Cameras:** Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to table this item until prices are gotten from places like Ring or other systems like that. Second by Anderson. All "AYES", motion passed.
- 3. Enforcement of Town Ordinances:** Mayor Crom, Martha, Tina, and Ryan met and discussed some of the top ordinances that need some work. This will come back to the October meeting.
- 4. Town Media/ Electronic Newsletter:** Setting up Facebook has not been successful up to now, a sample idea for the newsletter will be provided at the October meeting.

Staff Report:

(A). Mayor: The Mayor of Ault contacted Mayor Crom to discuss a joint water purchase, NWCWD stated that this is a very common practice. There have been several complaints about the trash service. Mayor Crom would like staff to set up a meeting. Mayor Crom will attend the CML regional meeting. It is time to schedule the 90 day reviews for Tina and Martha. Also need to schedule a budget meeting. October 8th at 6:30 PM was decided.

(B). Public Works: Written report provided. The water line at 5th and Park was completed. A school bus hit the fire hydrant at 3rd and Rowe.

(C). Planning Commission: Address was assigned to the property at 5th and Main. Chris Vanwhy is doing a home remodel. 804 4th St is putting in a new deck. 103 1st St. does not need to meet any setbacks for the carport.

1020 3rd St is in the process of a remodel, without a permit. They are in contact with Martha to get things done correctly.

(D). Town Attorney: Lia has moved back with Otis and Bedingfield, her former firm.

(E). Town Engineer: None.

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

Outsourcing Office Cleaning Duties: Several bids for the work were provided.

Motion made by Trustee Ruppel to outsource to Debbie Montez. Second by Wirkus. All “AYES”, motion passed. Mayor Crom requested to obtain a copy of Debbie’s bonding paperwork.

Schedule Budget Work Session: October 8th, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Committee Reports:

(A). Water/Sewer-Trustee Anderson: Meeting with Mike Lester to plan for budget with water and wastewater.

(B). Streets-Trustee Ken Dill: The streets are in pretty good shape. Park Ave off 5th now has new roadbase. The traffic cart is now on 1st St.

(C). Drainage-Trustee Hoover: Absent.

(D). Building-Trustee Ruppel: None.

(E). Parks-Trustee M. Spurgeon-Paris: Wondering what the issue is with the ballfield. There are a lot of yellow spots on the field. It may need new sprinkler heads or new water lines.

(F). Police- Trustee Wirkus: Police and Code reports provided. Police Chief Strang attended the meeting. He has not gotten input back from officers on the traffic on 1st and Park.

Board Communications: None.

Adjournment: 9:48 PM

Kristina Duran
Town Clerk
Town of Pierce