

January 10, 2006

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pitkin, Colorado
Minutes prepared by Robin M. Wilcox, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Full and timely notice of this meeting was given to the public pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(2)(c).

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Mayor Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Trustees present were Jim Truitt, Bill Bickley, Steve Pinkston, Nancy Duetsch, Suzy Metzler and Jimmie Young.

APPROVE MINUTES OF December 13, 2005 REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve minutes as prepared made by Trustee Bickley and seconded by Trustee Truitt; no discussion; motion carried 7-0.

CLERK'S REPORT: Robin Wilcox reported that the municipal election is to be held on April 4, 2006. Election timeline updates will be given at every meeting until then. Nomination petitions will be available at the next meeting or by contacting her. The Town's Certificate of Deposit is maturing this month. Motion to authorize the Treasurer and Mayor to reinvest the money at maturity and to transfer funds to CSAFE account so that remaining balance in CD is less than \$100,000 made by Trustee Duetsch and seconded by Trustee Young; no discussion; motion carried 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robin Wilcox passed around copies of the report. Motion to approve report made by Trustee Metzler and seconded by Trustee Pinkston; no discussion; motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pearson announced that anyone interested in running for Mayor may contact him for more information about the position. Amendment: Mayor Pearson thanked his wife, Jan, for all of her support during his terms as Mayor and he thanked his Creator for giving him the good health to not miss a single meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Kathy Fogo talked about the minutes taken during the meetings and advised that the tape recordings are not open records. She also advised that the Town stop posting the draft minutes in Town and on the website and return to the previous practice of only releasing the minutes in their approved form. The Board discussed this. Motion to discontinue distributing draft minutes made by Trustee Metzler and seconded by Trustee Pinkston; no discussion; motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lois Sharpton asked if all six Trustee positions are open for election in April; the answer was yes.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

★ Building: no news.

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- ★ Zoning: no news.
- ★ Fire Department: Trustee Truitt reported the FD received \$5000 donation from Joe Allbaugh, former FEMA director and friend to Pitkin.
- ★ Parks & Recreation: Trustee Duetsch asked if the Town owns the Children's Fishing Pond; the answer is no, it is outside the Town limits on Forest Service Land.
- ★ Economic Development: no news.
- ★ Region 10: Mayor Pearson read aloud a letter he received from Lucinda Lull. She would like the Town to remain in Region 10 and she is willing to forgo mileage reimbursement if the Town does so.
- ★ Environmental Health: no news.
- ★ Streets: no news.
- ★ Ditches: no news.
- ★ Cemetery: Meeting scheduled for February 7, 2006. There will be three or four committee positions to fill in April 2006.
- ★ PHCA: Mayor Pearson thanked the PHCA for the continued use of the building for the Town meetings.
- ★ Town Hall: no news.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. TELEVISION TRANSLATOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST LETTER FROM GUNNISON COUNTY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT. DISCUSS & POSSIBLY VOTE TO AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO DRAFT LETTER GRANTING SAID REQUEST: The Board discussed the situation. Motion to transfer the licenses to the GCMRD with the stipulation that the GCMRD will transfer the licenses back to the Town of Pitkin if the GCMRD ever stops television service to Pitkin made by Trustee Truitt; seconded by Trustee Metzler; James Sharpton asked if this has anything to do with Federal money allocated for rural television, no this is just the GCMRD providing television service to the area; motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS, VOTE, & AUTHORIZE TOWN "POSTING" LOCATIONS FOR 2006: The official posting places for Town information in 2006 will be the bulletin board inside the post office, the Town Hall door windows, the Community Center bulleting board and the internet. The first three will be weather permitting. Motion to approve these posting places made by Trustee Truitt; seconded by Trustee Duetsch; no discussion; motion carried 7-0. Robin Wilcox also reminded everyone that she maintains an e-mail list for anyone wishing to receive Town information by e-mail.
2. MAYOR'S SALARY CHANGE ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE APRIL 2006. READ & VOTE ON APPROVAL OF SAID ORDINANCE: Ordinance No. 1 Series 2006, Mayor's Compensation Ordinance, was read aloud by Trustee Duetsch. Motion to approve ordinance made by Trustee Duetsch and seconded by Trustee Truitt; no discussion; motion carried 7-0.
3. READ PATTI MARIE VIDICK LETTER CONCERNING BLOCK 26, PITKIN, SITUATION CONCERNING ENCROACHMENTS THEREIN. POSSIBLY VOTE ON

HER IDEAS: Mayor Pearson disclosed his and Trustee Metzler's conflict of interest and announced they would be abstaining from any vote. Mayor Pearson read letter aloud from owners of Lots 1-3 in Block 26. Trustee Duetsch read letters aloud from Lucinda Lull and Jim McAllister. The owners of the lots in question would like the Town to approve their lots as a conforming building site. The neighboring lot encroaches on one of their lots. Regardless of the encroachment, their three lots are standard sized, 25' by 125' and therefore are conforming for a building site. The owners cannot convey any interest in their lots that would leave a non-conforming building site. Motion to authorize Kathy Fogo to respond to Vidick's letter stating Town policy regarding building sites made by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Bickley; no discussion; motion carried 5-0-2 (Mayor Pearson, Trustee Metzler abstained).

4. MIKE HOWREY REQUEST TO CONSIDER SEPTIC PLAN FOR 303 STATE ST., PITKIN: James Sharpton presented the different septic plans for the property, which is 1-½ lots with a well but no current ISDS. One of the plans would call for a variance for the distance from the alley; the Town would not grant that. Trustee Pinkston is a neighbor of Mr. Howrey and said he does not mind if the septic system is close to their shared lot line, which is an option. Trustee Pinkston believes the plans presented do not have accurate measurements and would like to see plans with verified measurements.

Mayor Pearson asked if there was anything for him to put on the next agenda. He would like to finish as much business as possible before the next administration takes over in April. Trustee Metzler said she would like the Town to act on the bird sanctuary proclamation. Robin Wilcox will prepare one from the sample provided by Trustee Metzler.

ADJOURN: With no further business to conduct, Mayor Pearson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: Tuesday, February 14, 2006, 7 p.m. at the Community Center. All requested agenda items must be received in writing by the Mayor at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time.