

August 15, 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 Pinkston called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Trustees present were Patrice Boyd, Bill Bickley, James Sharpton, Jimmie Young, Nancy Duetsch and Suzy Metzler.

APPROVE MINUTES OF July 11, 2006 REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve minutes made by Trustee Sharpton, seconded by Trustee Metzler; no discussion; motion carried 6-0-1 (Trustee Duetsch abstained).

CLERK'S REPORT: Robin Wilcox reported on BLM/FS travel planning; Amendment 38 on State Ballot in November; CML policy committee.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) Mayor Pinkston presented the 2005 Citizens of the Year Award to Jimmie Young for her and her husband, Claude Young. 2) The August Mayor/Manager meeting was held in Pitkin at the Community Center and attended by three Trustees and the Mayor, from Pitkin, and several other county officials. The lunch went well and was catered by the Green Moose B&B. 3) The Mayor asked that the ATVs obey the 15 mph speed limit through Town. If anyone notices problem vehicles and cannot get them to slow down, please contact the Mayor. There have been two articles in the Gunnison newspaper about ATVs this summer. Trustee Duetsch commented that all vehicles are going very fast by time they get to her end of Town. 4) The speed limit/flower boxes are not in the street this year because they are very hard to get around and cause people with large vehicles to drive on the edge of the chip sealed road which damages the road.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Kathy Fogo reported that she talked with Dave Carter from USDA regarding a grant for the Town Hall. He was wondering why the Town has reserve money in excess of its expenditures and still asking for matching funds money. He is sympathetic to the Town but needs to justify the numbers to people above him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1) Sue Rogers asked why the light was not on in the Town Hall to illuminate the stained glass window she helped to repair. She said she was promised that the light would be on behind the window all of the time. Mayor Pinkston said he would look into it. 2) Trustee Sharpton responded to item in Mayor's report by reading one of the letters regarding ATVs aloud. The letter expressed an opinion that the ATV traffic in Pitkin had been dramatically worse this year than in previous years and that it is getting to the point where some people may not come to Pitkin in the summer because of the noise and traffic. Trustee Sharpton thinks the issues brought up in the letter need to be addressed by the Board. Mayor Pinkston reported that the County Sheriff cannot enforce the underage riding of ATVs in Pitkin because the Town allows ATVs to be rode on Town streets and this is not in line with County regulations. The Town would have to enforce the ATV issues themselves. Bev Brown asked about enforcing speeding cars. Mayor Pinkston said the County can only enforce 35 mph on residential streets and Pitkin's limit is 25 mph. Trustee Boyd commented that Pitkin is known as one of the last places that allow people to operate ATVs in a municipality and that brings them here. The consensus is that the

resolution allowing ATVs to operate within Pitkin was mostly for the convenience of locals; the impact from recreational riders was not anticipated. Mayor Pinkston commented that the Town does not want to ban all use of ATVs in Pitkin, but would like to find a way for County Sheriff to be called to deal with problem riders. 3) Trustee Boyd asked if the Town could start thinking about how to make the vehicle trailers be parked off the streets and possibly just out of Town.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

- § Building: Trustee Sharpton reported: still issuing permits and doing inspections.
- § Zoning: no report.
- § Fire Department: no report.
- § Parks/Rec: Trustee Duetsch reported on moving the sandbox and working on fixing other problems brought up by the CIRSA audit.
- § EDC: no report.
- § Environmental Health: Trustee Metzler reported not much activity.
- § Streets: Trustee Duetsch thanked whoever filled in holes in State Street. That end of State Street needs to be regravelled. There was a work day over the weekend to work on Street Signs.
- § Ditches: Trustee Boyd reported that JoAn Bannister praised Phil Perkins to her regarding his dedication to the ditches. Trustee Duetsch asked about posting a notice reminding people to clear obstructions from the ditches before they leave for the year, as per the Ordinance.
- § Cemetery: There will be a meeting at the Browns on August 17. Trustee Sharpton contacted the surveyor of the Cemetery property. Trustee Sharpton and others were able to find all of the markers for the property and feel the deed supercedes the Asburys' mining claim.
- § PHCA: There will be a general meeting on Friday and a spaghetti dinner on Saturday.
- § Town Hall: Garry Winget gave update on funding situation for Town Hall restoration and improvements.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH GIFT FURNITURE FOR TOWN HALL: Trustee Boyd reported that the bar was not actually from Pitkin. It was used in Gunnison as well as the Hogan Family Barn for the dances in the 30's—with Tommy Dorsey being one of the orchestras. The main concerns seem to be: can the Town Hall handle the weight; would the bar fit in the auditorium; where would it go when the Town Hall was being restored? Trustee Sharpton wondered if it would be a "museum" piece or would it really be utilized. It could be used as a serving buffet for gatherings in the Town Hall Auditorium. Mayor Pinkston would still like to hear from anyone wanting to volunteer for the project. The Town could possibly pay some expenses to help with moving it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. SOMEONE NEEDED TO TAKE OVER MAINTENANCE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT: The Town owns some equipment that citizens can check out to help maintain the ditches. Someone is needed to help keep them maintained. It is basically just a summer job. It is posted in the post office. Contact the Mayor or a Trustee if interested.
- B. REQUEST FROM MR. RUPP FOR LAND EXCHANGE ON LOTS 1-3 AND 30-32 BLOCK 20: He would like to exchange the part of the alley that adjoins the above mentioned lots for approximately the same amount of his lot 32. Trustee Sharpton commented that the alley is and could be used for fire suppression and would therefore need to remain Town property. The piece of land the Town would receive would have no beneficial use for the Town or the citizens. Motion to deny the request for a land exchange made by

Trustee Boyd; seconded by Trustee Sharpton; no discussion; motion carried 7-0. Mayor Pinkston will contact Mr. Rupp informing him of the Board's decision.

- C. DISCUSS SETTING ASIDE \$5000 FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR TOWN HALL GRANT: Garry Winget reported. The Town applied for \$160,000 grant; 25% matching funds are needed which would be \$40,000. If the Town could commit to 25% of the matching funds, or \$10,000, that would improve the chances of getting a grant for the rest of the matching funds. There have been \$1300 in donations for the Town Hall work. He will continue to apply for other matching fund grants also, in the hopes that the Town would not have to use its \$10,000. Motion to commit \$10,000 towards the matching funds needed to receive grant money for Town Hall made by Trustee Boyd; seconded by Trustee Young; no discussion; motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN: With no further business to conduct, Mayor Pinkston adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE NEWCOMB COMMUNITY CENTER. ALL AGENDA ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MAYOR, IN WRITING, AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING TIME.