

April 10, 2007

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 7:00 p.m. Trustees present were James Sharpton, Patrice Boyd, Suzy Metzler and Nancy Duetsch; Jimmie Young was absent.

APPROVE MINUTES OF March 13, 2007 REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve minutes made by Trustee Sharpton, seconded by Trustee Metzler; no discussion; motion carried 4-0-1 (Trustee Duetsch abstained).

CLERK'S REPORT: Robin Wilcox gave verbal report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Robin Wilcox passed out copies of the report. Motion to approve made by Trustee Duetsch, seconded by Trustee Boyd; no discussion; motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pinkston reported on the latest Mayor/Manager meeting. Snow pack average for county is 69%; Quartz Creek Valley is probably under the average. There is a 50/50 chance of a call from the Montrose Tunnel; the Town could still buy Blue Mesa water. If there is a call from the valley, the Town could not use the Blue Mesa water. The Mayor received an e-mail from Matt Buchanan, Street Commissioner, regarding road improvement plans. He is planning on working the upper end of State Street with the goal of having the entire street chip sealed in a year or two. The access to the road may have to be limited for about one week; he is planning on having the work done in June. It should cost about \$21,500. Mayor Pinkston reviewed State Lottery proceeds for Gunnison County from State report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Kathy Fogo send the FD ordinance to the insurance rating company.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Trustee Boyd talked about bears coming into Town and what to do to keep them away from the houses. She also talked about an article regarding idling vehicles and asked that people do not let their vehicles idle outside homes or the post office. She also reported that Garry Winget is still working on grants for the Town Hall.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

- § Building: Residential permit for Lowell, 1001 State Street.
- § Zoning: no report.

- § Fire Department: Trustee Sharpton reported that Matt Buchanan has been looking for a fire truck to purchase and may have found one in Michigan.
- § Parks/Rec: no report.
- § EDC: no report.
- § Environmental Health: Trustee Metzler reported that she sent out letters regarding inspections and has already started receiving reports.
- § Streets: covered in Mayor's report.
- § Ditches: Phil Perkins reported that he opened the headgate for the ditch and that the headgate is being undermined and water is getting underneath. He did not burn the ditches this year because 1) the cost of fuel and 2) the grass seems to come back stronger after being burned. He would like to be able to cut out and widen the ditches where they are really overgrown and no one takes care of them. Mayor Pinkston added that widening the ditches like that will very expensive and asked that the people with ditch front property really keep their parts dug out and maintained. Attorney Fogo advised that it is difficult to compel the adjacent property owners to maintain their parts of the ditch. Mayor Pinkston would like Phil Perkins to show him the biggest problem areas when the water is flowing completely.
- § Cemetery: There are three vacancies on the cemetery board. Contact the Mayor is interested.
- § PHCA: no report
- § Town Hall: Town received letter confirming that the El Pomar Foundation received their grant application.

SPECIAL ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: Vote on and swear in New Trustee. Darwin Geesey was present and interested in the position. There were no other interested people. Motion to appoint Darwin Geesey to the Board of Trustees made by Trustee Sharpton, seconded by Trustee Metzler; Trustee Young had sent an email expressing support for Darwin; motion carried 5-0. Robin Wilcox swore in Darwin and he joined the meeting as a voting member.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss setting up a portable toilet for summer visitors: Trustee Metzler found one local company who delivers and services portable toilets. Their costs are (per toilet) \$65 each way for transportation and \$65 for servicing which happens twice per month. Discussion included whether or not the Town could use the parks/rec money, which is all state conservation trust fund money; can people use the Forest Service campground bathrooms without paying; what other towns do for facilities. Mayor Pinkston had talked to and invited all local business

owners to the meeting. JoAn Bannister of the Pitkin Hotel was present and MaryAnne Rafielli showed up during the discussion. The Quartz Creek Lodge, the Pitkin General Store and the Silver Plume all have had issues with people wanting to use their bathrooms. Mayor Pinkston would like the Town to try two toilets for a trial basis this summer. If they cause more problems than they solve, they can be removed. It would be about \$700 to have two toilets for two months this summer. Motion to approve ordering two portable toilets to be placed in the Town park for June 15 until August 15, 2007 made by Trustee Duetsch, seconded by Trustee Metzler; no discussion; motion carried 5-1 (Trustee Sharpton).

ADJOURN: With no further business to conduct, Mayor Pinkston adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007 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.