

**June 12, 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, Darwin Geesey, Nancy Duetsch and Jimmie Young.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF May 8, 2007 REGULAR MEETING:** Trustee Sharpton corrected a typo and asked that all references to the portable toilets be standardized to the same phrase. Motion to approve corrected minutes made by Trustee Sharpton, seconded by Trustee Geesey; no discussion; motion carried 7-0.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Robin Wilcox gave verbal report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Robin Wilcox passed out copies. Trustee Sharpton asked about Business Licenses for local businesses. They can be purchased anytime during the year for \$10 and should be renewed every year. Robin Wilcox will post a notice reminding local businesses to purchase theirs. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Metzler; seconded by Trustee Young; no discussion; motion carried 7-0.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** 1. Regarding the deck/walk on the Town Hall, Jay V volunteered to put plywood for now to get through the melodrama. 2. Jay V also volunteered to be in charge of weed eaters for Town ditches. 3. Next month is time to vote for Citizen of the Year 2006. Trustee Boyd asked if something could be posted informing citizens to go to Jay to check out the weed eaters for ditch maintenance. Mayor Pinkston reported that the portable toilet issue is not on the agenda because Ron Blue of PHCA indicated the schoolhouse bathrooms would be open and Karen Blue has volunteered to clean them. Trustee Metzler will cancel the order for the two portable toilets.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** no report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Trustee Boyd had sign for bird sanctuary; the lettering and pansies were crafted by Alicita Rodriguez of 5<sup>th</sup> and State Street. Contact Trustee Boyd if anyone wants to add a bird to the sign. She encouraged residents to pull their weeds before the weed sprayers come so they won't need to spray the chemicals. Trustee Boyd gave a reminder that the DOW will fine people for leaving food out for bears and that there are still dogs loose in Town. Blythe Robinson asked what it meant to be a Bird Sanctuary. Lois

Sharpton showed the newspaper with a picture of the Pitkin Town Hall; it received the most votes for the most endangered historical site in Gunnison County. Trustee Boyd thanked Lois, Trustee Metzler, Cyndi Wick and the others who spread the word about that contest and the voting. Trustee Boyd made a suggestion to send letters to local high school students who do well in school. Lois Sharpton reported that a Forest Service employee told her that the proposed campground and picnic area closures have been postponed for 5 years when they will be re-evaluated. Trustee Boyd reported that there would probably not be any controlled burns this year around Pitkin. Trustee Boyd asked if it is possible to have the agenda out earlier than 2 days before the meeting in order to research items on the agenda before the meeting. Trustee Sharpton asked if copies of reports and/or other documents being approved at the meeting be available before the meeting for review. Trustee Geesey also asked about the Bird Sanctuary status. Jay V reported that he will apply more polyurethane to the murals when it gets warmer.

#### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

- § Building: There have been 3 permits issued so far.
- § Zoning: no report.
- § Fire Department: Matt Buchanan asked if FD information was sent to ISO; town attorney said yes. The new fire truck will be here June 13; it is replacing the 300 g tank truck and has a 1000 g tank. Garry Winget reported to Matt that new reporting rules have come out for 501(c)(3) entities so he should check them out. The Fundraiser will be July 7. The Ohio City Fundraiser will be June 23. Fire training every Wednesday for the summer.
- § Parks/Rec: no report.
- § EDC: no report.
- § Environmental Health: no report.
- § Streets: Matt Buchanan reported on the State Street work. Thanks to everyone helping out. Town paid for and installed new culverts. Gunnison County is going to grade State, but don't know about mag chloride; their budget has been reduced. Trustee Boyd asked how to not have mag chloride on the street. Mayor Pinkston said he thinks most people don't want the dust so they go with the mag chloride. Another problem area for Streets is 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main. A bulldozer belonging to the Lovato family is parked in 8<sup>th</sup> Street; Mayor Pinkston contacted the family and they are not volunteering to move it. Attorney may have to write a letter to the family. Trustee Sharpton asked Matt Buchanan about a culvert on 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
- § Ditches: Becky Robinson asked about ditch maintenance for an "abandoned" property. Mayor Pinkston reported that it is hard to enforce mandatory maintenance and that hopefully neighbors will do a little more than their area if the ditch on either side of them is not maintained properly.

- § Cemetery: Officers were elected: Chair-Bev Brown; V. Chair-Brad Wick; Secretary-Lois Sharpton; Commissioner-James Sharpton; new terms were filled by David Samms; Karen Blue; and Harold Archuleta. Clean up day June 23 at 10:00 a.m.
- § PHCA: Board meeting was June 11. Potluck and business meeting June 15 at Community Center. Lois Sharpton thought schoolhouse bathrooms may only be open when volunteer was present. Mayor Pinkston will try to contact Ron Blue after meeting to find out for sure and to decide if Town needs portable toilets also. Volunteers are needed for landscaping and interior work at the schoolhouse.
- § Town Hall: Garry Winget reported: the \$10,000 construction document is finished and has been approved. Will hear over summer about grants for actual work. He has two private donation commitments of \$2,000 each is needed for matching money.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. VOTE ON 3.2 BEER LICENSE FOR SILVER PLUME: not present at meeting.
2. APPROVE NEW ZONING BOARD MEMBER: Marianne Raffaelli has expressed interest. Trustee Geesey would also like to do it. Question was raised about a member who has moved out of town and has not resigned yet: can he be removed? Town will ask him for resignation. Then there will be another vacancy. Motion to accept Marianne as Zoning Board member made by Trustee Metzler; seconded by Trustee Duetsch; no discussion; motion carried 7-0. Her term will run until April 2010.
3. VOTE ON SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR UPPER STATE STREET PROJECT: Trustee Duestch read Resolution 1 Series 2007 aloud. Town needs to appropriate \$23,000 more to the Street Fund out of the Street Fund reserve to finish State Street work. Motion to approve resolution made by Trustee Sharpton; seconded by Trustee Duetsch; no discussion; motion carried 6-1 (Trustee Boyd).
4. APPROVE 2006 AUDIT: have not received report back from auditors.
5. VOTE ON MAKING JUNE 23 PITKIN HAM RADIO DAY: Brad Wick gave report and background. There are 4 Ham Radio operators in Pitkin. They can get extra points in their field day exercises by being recognized by the Town. Brad Wick read proclamation recognizing June 18 - June 24 as Amateur Radio Week. Motion to approve proclamation made by Trustee Sharpton; seconded by Trustee Metzler; discussion: Trustee Geesey asked if they were asking for anything besides recognition; no. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURN:** With no further business to conduct, Mayor Pinkston adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 10, 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.**