

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session at Pierce Town Hall 144 Main Street, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 6:30 P.M., October 14, 2024.

Mayor Cathy Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Cathy Ortiz

Trustees

Larry VanWhy

Kenny Dill

Glen Lester

Doug Herrick

Geoffery Broughton

Others Present:

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk

Shantel Anderson, Admin Assistant

James Godbold, Town Attorney

1. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2024: Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve minutes from September 9, 2024. Second by Dill. All "AYES", motion passed.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve the agenda. Second by Lester. All "AYES", motion passed.

3. Public Comment: Sherill Erickson would like to know why the propane tanks on the east side do not have to be enclosed with a privacy fence, and the status of code enforcement of a property on the east side. She was informed of the issues with those items and reminded that the Board just adopted some ordinances that would help code with enforcement.

4. Conex Containers: The Board of Trustees would like public comment/input on this agenda item: Dean Holm said it has only been a few years since the Town had people remove the conex containers. He would prefer a shed over conex. He thinks they would be ok if there was restriction on number, size, appearance, etc.. Chris VanWhy would prefer to have the option to purchase a conex instead of a shed due to the conex being built better, and lasting longer. He

thinks there should be restrictions as well. Mike Recor doesn't want the Board to allow conex in Town. He thinks the look of them isn't appealing. Julie Lukela wants to know if there is any liability to the Town if they allow them back after previously requesting they be removed. Attorney Godbold said no.

James Wortman said this isn't conex related but wants to know why the Town doesn't sweep the streets. He was told they used to but the equipment was hard to maintain and stopped working.

5. Accept Resignation from Trustee Haynie and Declare Vacancy: Motion made by Trustee VanWhy to adopt Resolution 2024-09 to accept resignation and declare vacancy. Second by Broughton. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed. The staff will post for the open position and accept letters of interest until November 1, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. The letters will be presented at the Board meeting on the 4th, and someone will be appointed.

6. Presentation of the Proposed Budget: Preliminary budget was presented to the Board. A budget work session will be scheduled later.

7. Code of Conduct: Motion made by Trustee Broughton to adopt Resolution 2024-10, adopting code of conduct. Second by VanWhy. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed. The correction will be made to change "Town Manager" to "Town Clerk".

8. Adopt Changes to Town Ordinances:

A)2024-02 Dog Licenses: Motion made by VanWhy to adopt 2024-02. Second by Lester. Roll Call. All "AYES", motion passed.

9. Appoint Judge Tom Grant as Backup Judge for Municipal Court: Motion made by Trustee Herrick to appoint Tom Grant as backup judge. Second by Dill. All "AYES", motion passed.

10. Old Business: Trustee Herrick asked Trustee VanWhy the status of putting magchloride on the streets for a test. VanWhy said they don't have a truck and he still needs a pump. The Town has one but it hasn't been used for years. He thinks it can probably be made to run for less than \$150.00, a new pump for about \$500.00. Herrick thinks Public Works should get a new pump since it can be used for other things in the future.

11. Staff Reports:

(A). Mayor Report: The Market will be having a Halloween get together on Halloween from 4-6 P.M.

(B). Public Works: Report Provided.

(C). Planning Commission: There was no meeting last month. Gave update on the status of Don Juans and Dollar General.

(D). Town Attorney: Awhile back Colorado passed a law that no one can carry a firearm in certain facilities including public buildings and the Town can think about if it wants to opt out of that. Colorado is moving forward with natural medicine like mushrooms. Godbold will put together something for the Board for the next meeting regarding what they can do with this.

E). Town Engineer:

1. Monthly Water Report: Water report provided.

(F). Town Clerk:

1. Request to Pay Bills: Motion made by Trustee Dill to pay bills. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Comment Box: None.

3. November Board Meeting moved to November 4, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.: Reminded everyone of the Board meeting change next month.

4. Schedule Budget Work Session: November 12th at 6:30 P.M. If another budget work session is needed it will be November 25th at 6:30 P.M.

5. Reminder of the Grant Process on Behalf of the Town: Reminded the Board that anyone who wants to apply for a grant on behalf of the Town must present it to the Board and have approval.

12. Department Reports:

(A). Water/ Sewer- Trustee Lester: None.

(B). Streets & Drainage- Trustee VanWhy: Will get with Public Works Director Lester.

(C). Utilities & Energy- Trustee Dill: None.

(D). Buildings- Trustee Broughton: Would like to put money away for capitol projects unless waiting until things are an emergency to address. Would like Attorney Godbold to look into the liability and cost to the Town to have a Town Marshall. Clerk Duran let the Board know that Police Chief Nissan has retired and Germer will be acting Chief until the position is filled.

(E). Park & Recreation- Vacant: None.

(F). Growth & Revenue- Trustee Herrick: Asked if Bob from Allo has reached out to Heather. He has not.

13. Board Communications: 2 memos provided.

Adjournment:

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk