

**Town of Pierce**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**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. Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

Geoffery Broughton

Glen Lester

Chris VanWhy

Julie Lukela

Larry VanWhy

Teresa Martinez- Absent

Others Present:

Kristina Duran, Town Clerk

Heather Rospierski Deputy Town Clerk II

Ryan Shippy, Code Enforcement

James Godbold, Town Attorney

**1. Approval of Minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board Meeting:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve the minutes from December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board Meeting. Second by Lester. All "AYES", motion passed.

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

**3. Public Comment\*:** Lisa Bugbee, the director of Northern Plains Library in Ault, introduced herself and encouraged everyone to come in.

**4. Business License Application for Dollar General:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve the business license for Dollar General. Second by L. VanWhy. All "AYES", motion passed.

**5. Consider Trash Service Proposals from Maverick and Mountain High Disposal:** The town received bids from Maverick Disposal and Mountain High. Motion made by Trustee Broughton

to go with Maverick Disposal. Second by Lukela. A roll call vote was taken. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**6. Purchase of Highland Elementary School in Pierce:** Brain Fabrizio from Highland School District came back to talk to the Board about selling the elementary school to the Town. Brian talked to the school board regarding this, and they are all on board. They are shooting for moving into the new school in December of 2026 and turn it over to the Town in 2027 if the Town’s Board still wants to buy it for a dollar. There are 7 buildings total tied together. The cost to demo the building would cost more than a million dollars. Town Clerk Duran asked how soon the school would need an answer from the Town. Brian said the time frame would be 6 months and they would need to know if the Town is interested or not. This will be added to the agenda a few months from now to give the Board time to look further into it. The Board also wants to do a walk-through and know what the cost of monthly bills will be and what maintenance has been done.

**7. Cleaning Cost & Duties:** Motion made by Trustee L. VanWhy to increase the cleaning cost by \$ 50.00 and add deep cleaning 2 times a year instead of 1. Second by Lester. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**8. Consider an Ordinance 2024-08 and an Ordinance to Protect the Public by Restricting Residency of Sex Offenders:** Town Clerk Duran asked Shippy to talk to the Board about the difference between a violent predator and a sexual non-violent. A violent predator is an offender and a sexual non-violent is an individual convicted of a sexual crime that did not involve the use of physical force or coercion against the victim. If this ordinance is adopted, it would not do anything with the current offenders we have in Town but would restrict any new ones that come to town. The Board members would like more information. This was tabled until February’s Board Meeting.

**9. Consider Motion for Revocation and Request for Order to Show Cause for Grubbyz Liquor License:** Motion made by Trustee L. VanWhy to give a 2-week notice to the old tenant to surrender his liquor license. If the old tenant of Grubbyz refuses the Town Board will move forward with order to show cause. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**10. Old Business:** None.

**11. Staff Reports:**

**(A). Mayor Report:** None.

**(B). Public Works:** Report Provided.

**(C). Planning Commission:** There was no meeting in December.

**(D). Town Attorney:** None.

**(E). Town Engineer:**

1. **Monthly Water Report:** Provided.

**(F). Town Clerk**

1. **Request to Pay Bills:** Motion made by Trustee Broughton to pay the bills. Second by L. VanWhy. ALL "AYES", motion passed.

2. **Comment Box:** None.

3. **Update Rates from EPS (Northern Engineering):** New Rate Provided.

4. **Winner of the Christmas Lights Contest:** Joe and Peggie Gallegos.

#### **11. Department Reports**

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

**(B). Streets & Drainage-Trustee L. VanWhy:** None.

**(C). Utilities & Energy- Trustee Lukela:** None.

**(D). Buildings- Trustee Broughton:** Broughton asked the staff how the heaters are working. Staff have noticed a bit of a difference, but it hasn't been too cold outside to know for sure if they are working better than last year.

**(E). Parks & Recreation- Trustee Martinez:** Absent

**(F). Growth & Revenue- Trustee C. VanWhy:** None.

**13. Board Communications:** Code Enforcement Shippy discussed his new Code report. Board members asked if he had gotten any pushback from residents regarding the latest ordinances. Shippy said a little but not too bad.

**Adjournment:** 7:36 P.M.

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Heather Rospieski Deputy Town Clerk II