

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
April 11, 2022
6:30 pm

Opening

The monthly meeting of the Town of Pierceton opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Present

Council members Mandy Espinoza and Matt Brubaker. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Town Marshal Tim Sammons. Utilities Superintendent Casey Boggs. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast.

Absent

Council member Tom Barker.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting held on March 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council.

Claim Docket

\$103,641.46 in claims were paid.

Billing Adjustments

\$835.89 utility account adjustments.

Streets, Water, Sewer – Casey Boggs

- Council approved the contract with engineers Fleis & Vanderbrink with a 2-0 vote.
- Casey hired James Ault at \$15/hour for seasonal help. James worked as the seasonal employee in 2020.
- The laptop used by Casey is over nine years old and he is in need of an upgrade. Casey requested council approved a budget of no more than \$1000 for a desk top computer. Matt Brubaker made the motion to approve and the amount was approved with a 2-0 vote.
- The Pierceton Youth League would like to put up a new flag pole at the large diamond. They would like to add the national anthem to the beginning of games. Council approved with a 2-0 vote.

- The control board for the noon/tornado siren located at the Community Building has been sent to J&K Communications. Estimated time frame for the repair is 2-3 weeks.
- A quote for the upgrade for the handheld meter reader from Utility Supply is included. We were told by Utility Supply that there are only two batteries left for this unit and they will not be ordering any more. The cost will be \$13,500. Council approved the purchase by a 2-0 vote. Mandy verified that since the sewer charges are calculated from the water meter readings that the cost will be split between the water and sewer funds.

Police Report from Town Marshal Tim Sammons

- Body-worn grant was approved. The town will pay a \$300 match per unit.
- There is no official date yet regarding the radio install upgrade.
- Officer Sammons proposed that Reserve Officer Lucas Rhodes be hired as a part-time employee until he leaves for flight school in May of 2023. Rhodes has completed his 40 hours of pre-basic training and has arrest powers. He would be available to start the part-time position on May 9, 2022. Officer Sammons stated that Rhodes would be leaving the position prior to the year deadline for the town to send him to the academy. Matt motioned to approve the hire of Rhodes at \$20 per hour. Mandy seconded and motion passed with 2-0 vote.

Clerk's Report – Myra Mast

- Jennifer Baker, attorney for TLC Holdings, called in regards to the property they own south of Welch. She emailed her request to verify if there would be a possibility of town water being extended to that lot due to contamination from Whitley Products. There are no current plans for the property but wanted the information for future plans. Casey did not believe it would be a problem to extend the water to that location which is just south of the town limits. Council agreed that it would support the extension in the future.
- A complaint was received in the clerk's office regarding chickens at the residence at 226 E Market Street. The Town Marshal spoke to the owner asked if the town would give him permission to keep the chickens so, at the advice of Officer Sammons, property owner Simon Dezelski was present. The council did not approve the owner keeping the chickens and gave him until the May 9 council meeting to get rid of them.
- Tyler Goff, the owner of the property at 409 W Tower Street was sent a certified letter on March 10th stating he has 90 days to hook up to the town wastewater system. Tyler presented the clerk with a signed request to extend the deadline since he had not picked up the certified letter. The letter had been returned to the clerk's office. Council advised they would allow the extension to 90 days after the letter gets picked up at the office.

Park Report by Annie Espinoza

- Annie Espinoza reported that the contract with the Pierceton Youth League has been signed. They have paid the lease in full and provided all necessary documents.
- Annie would like to get estimates for security cameras at the community park since we have had several vandalism incidents. She would like to possibly use the some of the K21 grant money to fund this. Council advised they were on board with getting the quotes.

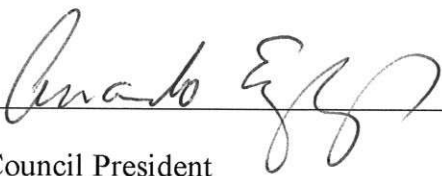
Other Business

- Council President Mandy Espinoza read a proclamation written by CASA for the Town of Pierceton declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Council approved abatements for:
 - Paragon
 - Ibex
 - Aludyne
 - OMCO/Midwest Roll Forming
 - Pierceton 123

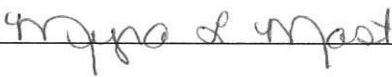
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on May 9, 2022 at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer per notes from Casey Boggs.



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer