

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
December 13, 2021
6:30 pm

Opening

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

Present

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting held on November 8, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council. Minutes for a Special Council Meeting held on November 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm were also approved.

Claim Docket

\$292,964.48 in claims were paid.

Upcoming Meetings

- A special council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 at the Community Building to discuss the Fire Territory.
- The year end meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 29th at 9:00 am at the Community Building.

Abatement Public Hearing – 6:30 – 6:38 pm

- A hearing was opened to public comment concerning the confirmatory Resolution 12-1-21 regarding the Abatement for Paragon Medical at 22 Piquignot Drive, Pierceton.
- Attorney Stephen Snyder representing Paragon was present to answer questions.
- Alan Tio from KEDCO thanked the town for partnering with Paragon over the past thirty years.
- With no additional questions or comments, Mandy Espinoza motioned for Resolution 12-1-21 to be approved, Matt Brubaker seconded and the resolution passed with a 3-0 vote.
- The hearing was closed and the monthly council meeting proceeded at 6:38 pm.

Streets, Water, Sewer

- The Wastewater blower housings were delivered and will be installed next week.
- Peerless Midwest has repaired the damaged impeller at the Water Plant for temporary use until a replacement can be delivered. They have reinstalled the pump so both pumps are running.
- Leaf Collection ended on Friday, December 10th. Casey thanked his staff for their hard work. Going forward, residents will need to bag leaves for disposal by the town.
- Updates with INDOT were completed as a few areas were not listed with them.
- Work will be done on the drainage issue in the parking lot at Hill's Taekwondo and the Dollar General Store. Tree roots seem to be the problem East of the area and Miller Plumbing will be out to jet the line once the town staff has dug down to expose the area.

Police Report from Town Marshal Tim Sammons

- Officer Sammons requested approval to purchase a new Apple iPhone which was approved by Council.
- Council also approved Sammons request for a PO Box for the Police Department.
- The Kosciusko County Commissioners have awarded the Pierceton Police Department 100% of the funding to pay for the new radio project. The JAG radio grant that Sammons previously applied for will remain in place.
- Officer Sammons requested that Council revisit the requirement for Purchase Requests be removed from the police department. Council Liaison to the PPD explained to Sammons that the police department was constantly exceeding their yearly budget and that is why the requirement was with the PPD and not with the other town departments. Council agreed to discuss this requirement at another time.

Clerk-Treasurer Report from Myra Mast

- Myra requested approval by Council for replacement or repairs of toilets in the restrooms at the Senior Center. Casey advised he would be able to repair the units.

Other Business

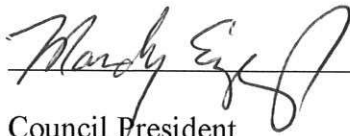
- Council President Tom Barker introduced Ordinance 2021-12-1 to amend garbage collection rates, Ordinance 2021-2-2 to amend sewer rates and Ordinance 2021-12-3 to amend water rates. A hearing will be held at the January Council Meeting.

- Council Member Matt Brubaker congratulated the Christmas Lights Committee on a successful lighting ceremony. He asked the Council if the town could purchase storage unit to store the new displays. Tom Barker asked Casey Boggs to look into it and get estimates for a steel unit.
- An Assignment was presented to Council regarding the purchases made by the Christmas Lights Committee which makes all items purchased the property of the Town of Pierceton. Mandy Espinoza made a motion to approve with Matt Brubaker seconding the motion. The Assignment was approved by Council with a 3-0 vote.
- Council approved the renewal agreement with KEDCO for 2022.

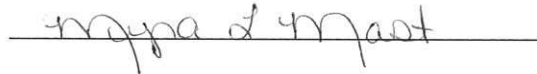
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on January 10, 2022 at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer