

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
October 10, 2022
6:30 pm

Present

Council members Tom Barker and Matt Brubaker. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Interim Town Marshal Ashley Jones

Absent

Council President Mandy Espinoza

Budget Adoption

The budget adoption hearing has been postponed due to a quorum was not present to approve due to Matt Brubaker is not able to approve the budget due to being a member of the fire department.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting held on September 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council. Also approved were minutes from the special council meeting and executive session held on September 21, 2022.

Claim Docket

\$125,666.45 in claims were paid.

Streets, Water, Sewer – Casey Boggs

- Results for ten sampling locations were received. Lead and copper were tested and were well below the action level. Results for PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) showed no compounds present.
- Leaf pickup will begin on Monday, October 17th. The same schedule will be followed as was set in previous years.
- The McNamara clock in Brower Park has been repaired and is working.
- The new toolcat ordered has been delivered. This was budgeted for 2023 so an additional appropriation will be created in order to pay the invoice this year. Casey advised that he will contact Bobcat of Warsaw to extend the due date to after the November meeting where the additional appropriation will be presented to council for approval.

Pierceton Police Department – Jim Bumbaugh

- The new Town Marshal, Jim Bumbaugh was sworn in by town attorney, Tammy Keirn.
- Jim addressed the council by thanking them for their confidence in hiring him for the position. He also stated as a resident and former Deputy Marshal of the town, he knows what the residents want and the department will be transparent and will be seen daily.

Approvals

- An Additional Appropriation was approved in the amount of \$4889.99 to purchase security cameras at the Pierceton/Washington Township Park. The amount will be added to the Park Fund.
- An Additional Appropriation was approved in the amount of \$11,799.00 to purchase a new mower for maintenance at the TIF district. The amount will be added to the TIF-Redevelopment Fund.
- Ordinance 2022-10-3 was approved by a 2-0 vote. The ordinance is an amendment to salary ordinance 21-12-1 to amend the salary for the Town Marshal.
- Ordinance 2022-10-2 provides for the participation in the AIC TRECS program to collect delinquent debt owed to the town. The ordinance was approved by a 2-0 vote.
- Matt Brubaker motioned to create an account with TrustINDiana. Tom Barker seconded and the motioned passed with a 2-0 vote.

Pierceton Chamber of Commerce

- Donations for the Crows for a Cause fundraiser can be made at Kelsea Designs, Beyond the Barn, Homespun House, Mort's Chiropractic and the Town Clerk's office where debit and credit card donation will be accepted.

Christmas Lights Committee

- Flamingo Flocking fundraiser is currently underway. T-shirts are still available for purchase. The committee will soon be seeking volunteers to help with the lights and display set up for the lighting ceremony and parade taking place on December 3, 2022.

Clerk's Report – Myra Mast

- MACOG has estimated the pole building recreation center project to be \$700,000. A project has also been created to have a water study completed to aid in planning for necessary projects.

Council

- Matt Brubaker introduced Ordinance 2022-10-4 which will lower water service rates due to the repeal of the Utility Rates Tax (URT) per HEA 1002-2022 by the general assembly and will amend town Ordinance 2021-12-3. Matt Brubaker made a motion to move forward with the rate changes and Tom Barker seconded. A public hearing will occur at the council meeting on November 14, 2022.

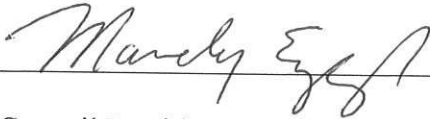
Responses to Public Questions and Concerns

- Town employee Jonah Studebaker is still working to repair the siren located at the fire station. He will call J&K if needed.
- Casey will be ordering a street sign for Ash Street.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on November 14, 2022 at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer.



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer