

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
March 11, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Opening

The monthly meeting of the Town of Pierceton was called to order immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Glenn Hall.

Present

Council Members Glenn Hall, Eric Trump, and Matt Brubaker. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Marshal Jim Bumbaugh and Town Superintendent Casey Boggs.

Approval of Minutes

- February 12, 2024, Council Meeting
- February 12, 2024, Public Hearing
- February 8, 2024, Special Meeting

Guests

- Chris Stahly, president of the Pierceton Youth League, discussed the financial status of the youth league and asked that town council suspend the lease amount of \$1700 indefinitely. The council voted in favor of the request.
 - Chris advised there is a need for coaches.
 - Whitko Schools will run background checks.
- Pastor Mark Fishburn was present to request a road closure on

Approvals

- Ordinance 2024-3-1: updated Fair Housing Ordinance. The council voted to suspend the two-reading rule for ordinances in order to approve this ordinance with one reading.
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Streets, Water, Sewer - Casey Boggs

- The flooding in the area of Fouth and Elm Streets has receded after a contractor jettted the lines. Tree roots were inside the lines causing the backup. Matt Brubaker requested Casey get a quote for replacing the lines.
- A resident approached Casey regarding a future shared cost for replacing sidewalks.

- INDOT curb ramps are not up to specks. These will be replaced in the Spring/Summer of 2026. The preliminary Field Check will be March 21, 2024, around 11:30 am.

Pierceton Police Department – Jim Bumbaugh

- The Harbor Freight donation of \$300 to the Pierceton Police Department was used to purchase nitrate gloves.
- Priority One has started installing updated cameras at the police station.
- Marshal Bumbaugh mentioned that there have been dogs running in town and urged residents to keep their dogs on their property. He stated that there is an ordinance regarding loose dogs.
- Attorney Tammy Keirn is working on the interlock agreement with the Pierceton Police department and the town of Sidney.

Clerk's Report

- Corrected the Spring Trash Pickup Day to Saturday, June 15, 2024.
- Requested Council approve the cost of recycling pickup by Borden Recycling Services. The quarterly cost will be around \$45. Borden's will provide a 96-gallon tote that will be kept at the shop. Council approved the service with a 3-0 vote.
- LWG provided a living spreadsheet for assets tracking after completing the capital assets inventory. Because of this, the town no longer needs the Key-Assets software. Since the licensing will not be renewed at \$1080, it was requested to use those funds to add the liens and certificate capabilities to the Ke-Utility software which one time set-up fee is \$1195 and an additional \$600 will be added to the licensing fees in 2025. Council approved the upgrade with a 3-0 vote.
- Old invoices were received from Axon dated from 2021-2023 totaling \$15,761.75. Glenn advised to see if Axon would discount any amount of that or spread payments out over the next three years.

Recreation Board Report – Casey Boggs

- The board is working on a list for the five-year plan.
- A quote from Cottage Watchman for updating and adding to the current security system in the Community Park was approved by council to be paid from the CEDIT fund.
- The Recreation Board would like to change the park open hours to daylight hours only. Planned events will receive exceptions through the board.
- Casey will discuss with Attorney Tammy Keirn on changes and updates to the contract with the Pierceton Youth League.

New Business

- A unanimous vote appointed Elaine Baughman for another four-year term as the representative for the Town on the Library Board from April 30, 2024, to April 30, 2028. The library recommended Elaine for a second term. Council President Glenn Hall explained that in the future the procedure will be to announce the opening at a council meeting for letters or interest for the appointment then an appointment will be made at the following council meeting.

Other Business

- The grant for the sidewalk project was approved and a special meeting for discussion will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm at the Community Building.
- Additional changes are still being worked on for the Employee Handbook. Approval of the handbook was tabled until the April council meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- Special Meeting March 14, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
- Redevelopment Commission Meeting April 4, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

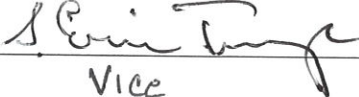
Community Comments

There were no community comments.


Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on April 8, 2024, at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer.



Vice
Council President



Clerk-Treasurer