# Pierceton Town Council Meeting Pierceton Community Building 105 W Walnut St Monday, September 8, 2025 6:47 p.m.

## **Opening**

The monthly meeting of the Pierceton Town Council was called to order following the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

#### Present

Council Members Matt Brubaker, and Chauncey Smith. Town Clerk Myra Mast. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Town Marshal Jim Bumbaugh. Town Superintendent Casey Boggs.

#### Absent

Council President Glenn Hall.

## **Public Hearing**

To open and review bids for trash services for 2026.

- Bids received from:
  - o Stafford's Solid Waste Services First year annual cost \$47,856.
  - Waste Management First year annual cost \$83,566.20.
  - o Sweetheimer Trash Removal First year annual cost \$54,120.
  - o GFL Environmental First year annual cost \$99,630.
- Lowest bid was from Stafford's Solid Waste Services and was voted and approved to accept by council by a 2-0 vote.

### **Public Hearing**

To present additional appropriations listed on Resolution 9-1-25.

- Fund 2403 Police Grants for \$2907
  - o For the purpose of expending grants received for the police department.
- Fund 2570 Christmas Non-Reverting for \$1000
  - o For the purpose of purchasing new string lights.
- Fund 4510 Kosciusko County ARPA for \$67,202
  - o For the expenditure of funds for the sidewalk project.
- Fund 4508 Community Crossing Matching Grant for \$83,757
  - o For the expenditure of Community Crossings Grant Funds
- Fund 2402 ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for \$89,637
  - o For expenditures of grant funds for the sidewalk project.
- Motion to approve carried 2-0.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes/Memorandum

- Council Meeting on August 11, 2025
- Medical, vision, dental and life insurance benefits for 2026.

- Payment of \$1069.09 to be paid from the Non-Reverting Park fund and \$2.91 from the Park fund for the coating, refinishing, and painting of the tennis/pickleball courts.
- MACOG invoice for grant services for the Master Utility Study in the amount of \$7000.
- Invoice from Cottage Watchman in the amount of \$2610 for the installation of cameras at the Community Building.

## **Approvals**

- Waived the two-reading rule:
  - Ordinance 2025-9-1 which created the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, number 4508.
  - o Additional Appropriation Resolution 9-1-25.

## Police Department Report - Jim Bumbaugh

- Deputy Marshal Dustin Baker was sworn into office by the town attorney, Tammy Keirn.
- Marshal Bumbaugh is in the process of obtaining quotes for a new vehicle.
- Actively compiling information from other municipalities regarding golf cart ordinances.
- Working on a plan to tackle the junk vehicles in town.
- An opioid rescue kit was installed on the Pierceton Rescue fire truck.

## **Utility/Street Report - Casey Boggs**

- Phend & Brown will begin paving this week.
- Getting quotes for small road repairs
- The town exploring what services with Astbury may benefit the town and help the utility department. One option is having Astbury take responsibility for the locates in town. No decision has been made at this time.

### Recreation Board Report - Casey Boggs

• Keaton Cornell has completed the installation of the frisbee golf course at the Community Park.

### Clerk's Report - Myra Mast

• Vicki Keller was hired as the new Deputy Clerk and will start on September 15, 2025.

#### Citizen Comments/Concerns

- Annie Espinoza asked when the recorded meeting will be uploaded to YouTube.
- Sue Mort stated that she appreciates the town employees.

## **Claim Docket**

• Claims were approved (2-0) in the amount of \$121,610.63.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

- Budget Adoption: October 14, 2025, at 6:30 pm
- Regular Monthly Council Meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, October 14, 2025, immediately following the Budget Adoption.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Council President

Clerk-Treasurer