

## Piedmont Board of Trustees

June 6, 2023

### Unapproved Regular Meeting Minutes

- 1) The Meeting of the Piedmont Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. In Attendance: Phil Anderson, Mike Lee, Phil Aitken & Jack Parks. Absent: Jim Runyan.
- 2) Minutes: Lee made **Motion** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 16, 2023. **Seconded** by Parks. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** Minutes from the Special Public Hearing held on May 30, 2023, were read aloud by Anderson. Anderson asked that the meeting was held at the American Legion be added to the Minutes. Parks made **Motion, Seconded** by Lee to approve with the addition. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.**
- 3) Planning & Zoning: a) AE2S was present representing the Black Hawk Water Tank plat and had the mylar to sign. Board signed mylar and resolution will get sent to the office and get published.
- 4) Library: a) Library had a great kickoff for their Summer Reading Program in the Park. Megan and Jenna are currently in Aberdeen going to the Library Institute so hours in the Library are limited this week.
- 5) Park: a) Mowing is being done and picnic tables are being painted and stained. Woodchips donated by Mountain West Products. Ky Gossard expressed concern about the safety of the wood chips, but it was explained that they are playground certified woodchips.
- 6) Street Maintenance: a) Gravel has been going into potholes, ditches are being mowed and the sweeper is being rebuilt.
- 7) Water: a) Written report was in the packet. Water truck was here and leaks can't be found. b) Ky Gossard asked about being hooked up to water. Been annexed since 2020 and not hooked up yet. Discussed how close to current line and what State Law requires. Waiting on Engineer and extension will soon be out to bid.
- 8) Garbage: Talbot explained to the Board what it will take to get residential garbage pickup by 1 company. Talbot will share the process with the Board from Box Elder who did it recently. It will take an Ordinance and must go to bid. Might be beneficial to ask suppliers ahead of time to see if they are interested in bidding.
- 9) Finance: a) Aitken made **Motion** to pay the bills, **Seconded** by Parks. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.** Bills Paid: Merchant Bank fees: \$2.47, \$.23, \$.76, \$.52. USDA (Rural Development-Phase 1 water) \$2,407.00, BH Energy \$445.94, Bluepeak \$243.84, Megan Stietz-mileage 15.34, Sodexo-Library lunches \$45.88, First Interstate Bank-Cash card for Library School \$1,003.95, A&B Business Solutions \$580.94, Baseline Surveying \$1,700.00, Core & Main \$418.98, Dave's Auto \$468.25, Diana Evans-mileage \$81.09, Jenner Equipment 682.59, Larry Harris-mileage \$23.46, Mastercard \$2,076.76, Spring Valley Construction \$5,151.00. Payroll: Trustees \$1,025.08, Finance Office \$3,391.47, Library \$5,421.93, Maintenance \$2,552.36, Water \$1,094.13, Inspector \$203.17.
- 10) Old Business: a) None

- 11) New Business: a) Keith Swett was present to talk about the rationale for Annexation. He was given 15 minutes of time. He stated he lives in the proposed annexation area and wants to understand how the City runs. He stated that he gave the City Finance Officer a request for several documents and has not received anything yet. Talbot (attorney) explained that a lot of the documents aren't kept by the City and the cost and time involved in gathering all these documents would be substantial. If they can chat after the meeting, he can help him find some of the information he is looking for. He asked what factors started this idea of annexation. Answer was we have Platting jurisdiction only. The County currently issues building permits. The City is considering annexation which grants greater management of the area. In the past we have been told one thing during the platting process and then the county gives a whole different building permit. Trying to manage our area so it's not like other areas with competing uses. Our Board does not consider population growth a measure of success. There was brief discussion about Budgets. Question was asked and answered that there has been a large increase in requests to replat in the last few years. Time was up.
- b) A resolution was in the packet to set rates for open record requests. It is not necessary because of State Law, but would put it all in a place to easily access when a request comes in. Aitken made **Motion, Seconded** by Lee to defer this to the next meeting. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.**
- 12) Public Comment: Because of the number of people in the room wanting to participate in the comments, Lee made **Motion, Seconded** by Aitken that each person speaking identify themselves and then gets 3 minutes to speak. All voted "Aye". **Motion carried.**
- \*Gina Ortmeyer-wanted it to be on record that some Board members are showing attitude and hostility.
  - \*Carolyn Smith-asked what's the main reason for annexation? Answer-orderly growth.
  - \*Colton Kissinger-questioned why are areas already developed included? Answer-in the past we have made deals with others and not had an agreement in writing. This Board is trying to maintain the small-town feel.
  - \*Josh Benchpresser-asked about the expansion of infrastructure (ie: the waterline) and the possibility of maps and information being able to be on the website. We will work on the website. The Board also explained that we have engineered preliminary expansion plans for the waterline however the DOT holds a great deal of commercially zoned excess land, and the City would rather not spend our tax payers dollars to increase the value of the land for the seller.
  - \*Carolyn Smith-asked when the next Annexation meeting would be? Answer-no schedule at this time.
  - \*Ky Gossard-when annexing why not get upper Main Street or Housing subdivision off Chimney Canyon Road? Answer-those areas are already developed, have a commonality of use and effectively already zoned. We are not in the business of annexation simply to increase tax revenue. Those areas don't want to be annexed. \*Crowd-neither do we. Don't want to be in the City limits.

\*Peg Chilvers-feels targeted. Wanted to separate her horse ranch from Sturgis Road and I-90 by putting in a few houses. Taking it off the market. Do not want to be a part of Piedmont.

\*Todd Gossard- one word "Freedom".

\*Brenda Flottmeyer- wants the Board to be transparent with the community and didn't appreciate that she was asked not to spread misinformation.

\*Colton Kissinger-when is the next meeting? Answer-no schedule at this time.

\*Amanda Swett-who gets the Black Hills Pioneer? Discussed no one gets papers anymore. The Black Hills Pioneer is in our Library and all minutes and notices are on our Website and copies of all minutes are posted at the Piedmont Post Office.

\*Erica Kemp-indicated that she wasn't happy with the way the City responded to a complaint that was filed against her.

\*Keith Swett-pointed out that he felt that a part of the Minutes 3b) caused confusion about the meeting. He also said that he had some positive phone calls earlier and to Thank them for that.

\*Talbot (City attorney) wanted to clarify a response to Colton about contiguous property in his area.

**13)** Executive Session: No Need.

**14)** Being there was no other business, Parks made **Motion** to adjourn the meeting, **Seconded** by Lee. All voted "Aye". **Meeting Adjourned. 8:00p.m.**

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Philip C. Anderson, President  
Piedmont Board of Trustees

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