

## MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING

### RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL 25, 2018

The Town Council convened for a workshop meeting at 6:05 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Austin, E. Hunter, N. Hunter, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark in attendance.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop Meeting dated 4-20-18. Staff Report dated 4-23-18 from the Town Manager presenting a comprehensive background and analysis of proposed requirement for use of animal resistant refuse containers.

Town Manager Coates presented a background on the proposed requirements for use of animal resistant residential and commercial refuse containers. She provided a synopsis of the staff report, introductions of ordinances and need for compatibility with the five year residential curbside refuse collection contract. The sole bidder for the recently advertised refuse collection contract was from Bruin Waste, the current provider. At the previous meeting Council expressed the desire to provide an option for residential users to lease or purchase an animal resistant container. She reported Bruin can provide the containers, after ordering there will be 6 to 8 week lapse before receiving, and if there are both lease and purchased containers, the contractor requests they be different colors. If offered options, staff must contact utility users and request a response of which option is preferred. Responses will need to be received by May 9<sup>th</sup> to allow reporting findings at the regular meeting. She asked the Council to discuss the option of buying or leasing the containers, and any direction to staff regarding contacting refuse customers.

Manager Coates reported at the prior meeting there was also discussion regarding container size of 65 gallon versus 32 gallon. The contractor has stated that 30% of residences have an average weekly pick up of 32 gallons; 50% on average have up to 65 gallons a week; and 20% have more than 65 gallons. Due to variations offered by different manufactures the cost to purchase a 32 gallon animal resistant container would be \$200 and a 65 gallon \$157. If a choice were made to only provide 32 gallon containers, a user needing 65 gallons would need to purchase two containers, she noted. The option to lease a 65 gallon container would be \$7.33 a month.

There was discussion by the Council.

#### SPEAKING FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Doug Canright supported the 65 gallon container as the "better option".

David Stytz stated he does not need a 65 gallon container.

Pam Forester stated "I don't need, and don't want to pay for, a 65 gallon" container; noting "I agree it has be mandatory" and "I would prefer a smaller container".

There was discussion between the Council and staff.

Consensus of the Council was to pursue the option of leasing the animal resistant containers if the contractor will reduce the proposed fee by at least \$1.50 a month. If the monthly lease rate is not reduced, to move forward with mailing a questioner to utility users requesting preference of leasing or purchasing; containers will be a Totter brand 65 gallon finger latching vessel.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk