

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 19, 2018

The Town Council convened for a special meeting at 7:05 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Austin, Heffernan, E. Hunter, Malone, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark. Councilmember N. Hunter was absent

Town Clerk's Notice of Special Meeting dated June 14, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Adoption of an Emergency Ordinance of the Town of Ridgway Amending Chapter 12 of the Ridgway Municipal Code to Provide for Additional Burning and Fire Restrictions During Times of Significant Drought and Other Periods where Fire Danger and Risk to the Public are Determined to be High

Town Manager Coates reported at the regular meeting the Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance adopting fire restrictions which comport with those recently enacted by Ouray County. She presented an emergency ordinance, noting the adoption would be based on the public health, safety and welfare. The draft document is based on a recent ordinance adopted by a neighboring municipality, and will amend the municipal code to authorize the Town Manager to determine instituting fire restrictions, with subsequent confirmation and approval by the Town Council.

There was discussion between the Council and Town Manager regarding the proposed ordinance. There was no one in the audience wishing to speak.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, and seconded by Councilor Austin the motion to adopt the Emergency Ordinance of the Town of Ridgway Amending Chapter 12 of the Ridgway Municipal Code to Provide for Additional Burning and Fire Restrictions During Times of Significant Drought and Other Periods where Fire Danger and Risk to the Public are Determined to be High carried unanimously.

POLICY MATTERS

2. Confirmation or amendment of emergency restrictions promulgated by the Town Manager pertaining to burning and fires with the Town limits

Manager Coates asked for Council confirmation to distribute to the public a memorandum placing fire and burning restrictions in the Town limits.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to endorse the memo from the Town Manager initiating the current fire ban restrictions. Councilmember E. Hunter seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Town Manager introduced Chase Jones who will be working on public works administration. Under a six month contract he will be undertaking special projects including department succession planning, GIS implementation and capital asset and assessment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk