

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2018

The Town Council convened for a budget workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Austin, Heffernan, E. Hunter, N. Hunter, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark. Councilor Malone was absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop dated October 2, 2018.

The Council received the draft 2019 Budget; list of major expenditures by line items; and requests for funding from the Uncompahgre Volunteer Legal Aid, Partners Program, Voyager Program, Public Art Ridgway Colorado, Juvenile Diversion Program, Second Chance Humane Society, Colorado West Land Trust, Eco Action Partners, Ouray County Food Pantry, Ridgway Chautauqua Society and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership.

1. 2018 Legislative Update

Town Attorney Bo Nerlin presented a legislative update of recently enacted State legislation and case laws affecting municipalities. The Town Attorney answered questions from the Council.

2. Review of draft 2019 Budget

Town Manager Jen Coates presented a draft budget noting it contains modifications and additions since the last budget workshop. She noted sales tax revenues have risen, and others have remained steady with the prior year. A few items not contained in the draft document include the Public Works Manager position; IT services and broadband installation.

Manager Coates explained the draft budget has reserves in the general fund for three months. Council and staff discussed capital projects which affect the ending fund balance. The Council agreed to discuss funding of capital projects at the next budget workshop and directed staff to attempt to ensure reserves in the ending fund balance are at four percent.

There was discussion pertaining to increasing stipend for members of Council and the Planning Commission and it was agreed to review the increase at the next meeting. Council agreed to include a merit increase or cost of living increase for staff

The Council reviewed and discussed the requests for funding.

Councilor E. Hunter left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk