

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2018

The Town Council convened for a budget workshop meeting at 5:40 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 Budget Workshop dated November 20, 2018.

The Council received the draft 2019 Fiscal Year Budget; list of major expenditures and revenues by line items; requests for funding from Ridgway Area Trails Group and George Gardner Scholarship Fund; Five and Ten Year Capital Improvement Plans; draft 2019 Strategic Plan; proposed Council meeting dates in 2019.

Town Manager Jen Coates presented a draft of the final budget noting it contains modifications and additions since the last budget workshop. She updated the Council on the changes contained in the document and amount of reserves held in the capital project fund.

Council reviewed and discussed capital improvements and projects for 2019 and the five and ten year capital plans. It was agreed to not include paving of Amelia Street in the budget and wait until completion of the storm drainage plan, and allow for discussions with Ouray County regarding participation in funding the project.

The Council reviewed and discussed the requests for funding. There was discussion pertaining to increasing stipend for members of the Planning Commission and it was agreed to increase the Councilors and Commissioners stipend by \$50 a month. Council agreed to include in the budget a two percent cost of living increase and two percent merit pool for staff.

The Council discussed services shared among regional governments in the Eco Action Partners program, and services specific to the Town.

The Town Manager reviewed the draft 2019 Strategic Plan with the Council. The Council reviewed and discussed the memo dated November 26, 2019 presenting proposed 2019 meeting, workshop and training schedule, and conference opportunities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk