

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Austin, Heffernan, E. Hunter, N. Hunter, Malone, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Attorney requested entering into a closed session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(b) and (e) for conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding Council actions, and to discuss matters subject to negotiations regarding public property, water rights and water supply.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor E. Hunter, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and unanimously carried to enter into closed session.

The Council entered into executive session at 5:35 p.m. with the Town Attorney and Town Manager.

The Council reconvened to open session at 5:55 p.m.

The regular meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018.
2. Register of Demands for January 2019.
3. Pursuant to State Statute, designate the Town Hall bulletin board as the official posting place for Town notices.
4. Renewal of liquor store license for San Juan Liquors.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor E. Hunter and seconded by Councilmember N. Hunter to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. 2018 Year End Report from the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Board President Colin Lacey presented the annual report for 2018. He noted it was a 'significant year for the Chamber' with 'staffing team established'; 'not being reliant on board members' for staffing duties; and 'tapping into new funding sources'. He noted the new board

will be meeting to prepare the 2019 budget, and it will be presented to the Council at the February meeting.

Mr. Lacey reviewed the annual report with the Council. The report outlined marketing themes; the joint visitors guide with the City of Ouray; a seventy percent increase in website use last year; participation in the Creative Corridor; online and printed promotional materials; redesign of the visitors center; expanded benefits for members; Youth Ambassador Program; and outsourcing of financial management.

6. Update from the Creative District and Main Street Programs

Community Initiatives Facilitator Diedra Silbert presented a document outlining the 2018 accomplishments of the Ridgway Creative District, Main Street Program, and Space to Create. The report included participating in the Creative Corridor Initiative; the Creative District being re-certified through 2024; installation of wayfinding maps; collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce; and the proposed use of Creative Industries grant funds. The Council agreed with the proposed plan for use of the grant funds.

POLICY MATTERS

7. Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the Colorado Create Partnership and Program

The Community Initiatives Facilitator presenting a Memorandum of Understanding for 2019 participation in the Colorado Creative Corridor Partnership and Program. She noted participants include the communities of Carbondale, Gunnison, Crested Butte; North Fork Valley, Salida and Ridgway.

ACTION:

Councilor Austin moved, with Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconding to approve the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding for the Colorado Creative Partnership and Program. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and follow up to adoption of ordinance prohibiting use of plastic bags

Town Manager Coates presented an update on outreach efforts on staff and Council to businesses regarding implementation of the ordinance adopted at the previous meeting prohibiting the use of plastic bags. She presented a report dated 12-10-18 prepared by staff summarizing actions taken by other municipalities, along with outreach and enforcement, pertaining to prohibiting the use of plastic bags.

There was discussion by the Council pertaining to responses from businesses. After further discussion consensus of the Council was to extend the date for implementation of the regulations to June 1, 2019, and prior to that time hold a forum to provide information to businesses.

9. Thirty day extension for access to Railroad Street from Lot A, Park Subdivision

Town Attorney Nerlin explained to the Council negotiations are continuing on granting access to Railroad Street from Lot A in Park Subdivision. In conjunction the Town is requesting public access to the river corridor from the north side of the property.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved, with Councilor N. Hunter seconding to grant a thirty day extension for access to Railroad Street from Lot A, Park Subdivision. With the motion on the floor there was discussion. On a call for the motion it carried unanimously.

10. Agreement to purchase Spillman Software

The Town Attorney explained that the previous meeting Council approved an agreement with Spillman Software which was consistent with language to address TABOR regulations. The company has asked for approval of the standard contract they use for all law enforcement agencies, and he noted it is compliant, and there are no violations with TABOR.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor N. Hunter, seconded by Councilmember E. Hunter and unanimously carried to approve entering into an agreement to purchase Spillman Software for 2019.

11. Appointments to the Ouray County Joint Planning Board

The Mayor reported the Town needs to reappoint Council representation to the Ouray County Joint Planning Board.

ACTION:

Councilmember N. Hunter moved to reappoint Eric Johnson and Ellen Hunter to the Ouray County Joint Planning Board. Councilor Austin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Request for letter of support for Mautz Brothers' recycling grant application

Manager Coates presented a letter of support for a recycling resources grant application being made by the Mautz Brothers' 3XM, LLC to develop a composting facility at the Thunderbird Raceway in Olathe. She requested Council endorsement. The Council agreed.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Coates reported on proposed Council workshops in 2019; the water rate changes effective December 1st; follow up on discussion regarding establishing a marijuana drop off station; staff is preparing a year end newsletter and the 2019 outlook.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson reported on the Parks Committee; and Mayor Clark on the need for Council to meet to prepare the Town Managers annual evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk