

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2019

The Town Council convened for a special meeting at 7:15 a.m. in Ridgway Town Hall at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Austin, Cheek, Hunter, Lakin, Meyer and Mayor Clark. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson was absent.

Notice and Call of Special Meeting dated October 10, 2019.

Notes which outline the interview process from Mark Garcia, hiring consultant with Gov-Plus, LLC, are on file in the Town Clerks office.

The Council met with hiring consultant Mark Gonzales to prepare questions, and then interview candidates for Town Manager.

Simultaneously, a citizen panel comprised of members previously chosen by the Council, met in the Community Center to meet and ask questions of the candidates. This group meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:05 p.m. and was comprised of Susan Lacy, Ridgway School Superintendent; Ouray County Commissioner Don Batchelder; Shirley Diaz, Ouray County Housing Advisory Commission; Justin Perry, Ouray City Manager; Ouray County Administrator Connie Hunt; Pam Kraft, Ridgway Town Clerk/Treasurer; Colin Lacy, former president of Ridgway Chamber of Commerce; Darin Hill, business owner; Bank President, Doug Price; Sue Husch, Ridgway Chautauqua Society and Second Chance; Shane Schmaltz, Town Marshal; Ashley King Grambly, Weehawken Creative Arts; Roze Evans, Ridgway Ouray Community Council; Shay Coburn, Town Planner; Chase Jones, Ridgway Public Works Department. Bill Bell, Montrose City Manager and Patrick Rondinelli, former Ouray City Manager and current area representative with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs oversaw the group.

The Council and citizen panel interviewed the following candidates: Dan Chandler, Robert Joseph, Preston Neill and Brenda Ritenour.

At 5:10 p.m. the Council meet with the citizen panel to discuss the applicants.

The Council met with the hiring consultant and Town Clerk at 6:15 p.m. The Mayor left the meeting and turned the gavel to Councilor Austin.

There was discussion by the Council. Consensus of the Council was to direct Mr. Gonzales to contact candidate Preston Neill regarding contacting his employment and personal references. The Mayor and Mr. Gonzales were directed to work on background checks of the candidate.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk