

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Town Council convened for a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Austin, Cheek, Hunter, Lakin, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark. Councilmember Meyer was absent.

Notice and Call of Special Meeting dated November 15, 2019.

Mayor Clark announced after completing background checks with current employer, the Council is meeting to formally ratify hiring of the new Town Manager, and to approve the employment contract.

ACTION:

Councilor Hunter moved to appoint Preston Neill as the new Town Manager. Councilmember Cheek seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Mayor presented a proposed employment contract with Preston Neill to serve as the Town Manager. He explained start date of the position is January 6, 2020. If the Town Manager resides within the Town limits, a \$500 monthly housing stipend will be paid. There will be a six month probation period and if Council chooses to not extend the contract after that period, Mr. Neill will be compensated three months salary. The Mayor reported a formal background investigation from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation has not been received, and suggested the approval be made contingent on receipt of the investigation.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Lakin and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to approve the contract with Preston Neill as Town Manager, contingent on a background check. The motion carried unanimously.

Speaking from the audience John Countryman questioned the hiring procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk