

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 20, 2019

The Town Council convened for a budget workshop at 6:10 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Cheek, Hunter, Lakin, Meyer, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark. Councilor Austin was absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Budget Workshop dated October 24, 2019.

1. Legislative update for 2019

Town Attorney Nerlin presented recently enacted state and case laws affecting municipalities.

2. Review of draft 2020 budget

The Council received the draft 2020 Fiscal Year Budget; capital outlay summary for all funds; budget impacts for cost of living and merit considerations; ten year capital outlay and projects with proposed 2020 funding; strategic plan for 2020.

The Town Manager reviewed line items and presented changes to the draft budget since the last budget workshop meeting.

The Council discussed a cost of living increase and merit pool for 2020. It was agreed to issue a 1.30% cost of living increase and create a four percent merit pool for performance evaluations. There was consensus to attempt to keep the ending fund balance equivalent to three and half months of the proposed budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The Council reviewed items within the capital improvement plan and agreed upon council initiatives for 2020.

The Town Manager explained at the previous meeting Council was approached with a request to change marshal department on call regulations from a 15 minute response time to 25 minutes. Staff was directed to speak to other agencies regarding assisting in calls after hours. She reported all agencies in the area have agreed to joint agency response for criminal calls. She noted health, safety and welfare calls will be responded to by the EMS. The Marshal has offered to apply the 15 minute response to the position, and is requesting Deputy Marshals be given a 25 minute response time. The Council agreed to the change in response time, and discussed housing allowance.

The Town Manager presented proposed changes to use of the community center on weekends by the public. It was agreed to restrict use to public events and discontinue renting the facility to private parties, and increase the hourly rental to \$25 hour.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk