

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 24, 2020

The Town Council convened for a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting, a virtual meeting platform, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy, due to COVID-19. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Cheek, Grambley, Lakin, Meyer, Schuyler, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark in attendance.

Town Clerk's Notice and Call of Special Meeting dated April 17, 2020.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Mayor invited questions and comments from the public.

Pam Foyerster asked for an update on County regulations pertaining to COVID 19.

Manager Neill explained County Health Orders 1 & 2 have been rescinded by the Board of Health, and Orders 3 & 4 were extended to May 15th. The Governor has issued new orders pertaining to stay at home and social distancing; and an upcoming order will address transitioning to re-opening businesses.

POLICY MATTERS

1. Award of bid for construction of the Athletic Park Pavilion

Staff Report dated 4-24-20 from the Town Planner presenting a recommendation for award of bid for the construction of the pavilion in the Athletic Park.

Planner Coburn reported bids to construct a pavilion in the Athletic Park were received on 3-20-20. Four bids were received ranging from \$747,200 to \$503,470. Staff and the company retained to design the structure reviewed all bids and interviewed the two lowest bidders. The design was modified, and the finalist in the bid process refined the proposed construction budget. The total project cost, which will be funded from donations, will be approximately \$516,000. She explained staff and the design firm agree the bid should be awarded to Kuboske Construction.

ACTION:

Councilor Lakin moved to issue the Notice of Award of Bid for the Ridgway Athletic Park Pavilion Construction Project to Kuboske Contractors, LLC with revisions as presented. Councilmember Cheek seconded, and on a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Update to the Electronic Participation Policy

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 4-21-20 presenting an amended and restated version of the Electronic Participation Policy.

The Town Manager explained the Electronic Participation Policy, which was adopted last month, has been modified to make the policy applicable to advisory boards, commissions and committees, including the Planning Commission. Also rules pertaining to quasi-judicial matters have been incorporated into the document. Applicants with a scheduled public hearing which must be held by an electronic meeting, he noted, shall be given options, and acknowledge in writing areas of legal uncertainty, and agree to the hearing at their own risk.

Speaking from the audience Tammy Tuttle spoke in support of “merged meetings” noting they “would allow for more participation”, and encouraged continued use.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Cheek and seconded by Councilmember Meyer to adopt the Town of Ridgway Electronic Participation Policy for Regular and Special Meetings. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. Letter to Congress requesting addition of Land and Water Conservation Funds in the next stimulus package

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 4-23-20 presenting a draft letter to Congress.

Mayor Clark explained as a member of Mountain PAC organization, Council is asked to endorse items which would support small mountain communities across the west. He presented a letter which would be sent to Congress endorsing the addition of Land and Water Conservation Funds to the next stimulus package.

There was discussion by the Council and it was agreed each member of the Council would be listed as a sender on the letter.

Speaking from the audience Mitch Green encouraged the Council to move the third paragraph of the letter, and place it as the first paragraph.

There was discussion by the Council. It was agreed to give the Mayor the option to change the formatting of the proposed letter.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Lakin to approve a letter from the Town Council to Congress to add Land and Water Conservation Fund funding into the next stimulus package, and give the Mayor the ability to word smith the letter. Councilmember Cheek seconded, and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Councilor Meyer explained the County Water Board has prepared a water management plan, and is asking for comments. He stated he will circulate the document to all members of the Council. If any member has comments, send them to him and he will submit them at the upcoming meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk