

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 27, 2020

The Town Council convened for a special meeting at 6:05 p.m. via Zoom Meeting, a virtual meeting platform, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy, due to COVID-19. In attendance Councilors Grambley, Lakin, Meyer, Schuyler and Mayor Clark in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson was not present for the roll call. Councilor Cheek was absent.

Town Clerk's Notice and Call of Special Meeting dated May 21, 2020.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

The Town Council met as the Ridgway Main Street Board. They received a PowerPoint presentation from Melissa Antol, planning consultant with hrQ, on behalf of the Colorado Main Street Program. She addressed Main Street basics; the role of the Main Street Board; history and current status of the Ridgway Main Street program; and Main Street activities in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

There was discuss between Council, staff and members of the public.

POLICY MATTERS

1. Resolution advising the use of masks or facial coverings in public places

Staff Report dated 5-22-20 from the Town Manager presenting a resolution encouraging the use of facial coverings in public places.

Manager Neill reported based on a request from the Council at the recent regular meeting, staff has prepared a resolution strongly advising the use of masks or face coverings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. He noted the Unified Command is preparing an educational campaign regarding the use of face coverings in public places.

There was discussion between staff and Council; and comments from the audience.

ACTION:

Councilor Lakin moved to approve Resolution No 2020-04 a Resolution of the Town Council for the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, Strongly Advising the Use of Masks or Face Coverings by Members of the Public in the Town of Ridgway. Councilmember Meyer seconded, and on a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution providing administrative modification for liquor licensed premises and issuance of encroachment permits to facilitate outdoor dining

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 5-25-20 presenting a resolution to assist with re-opening of restaurants after closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Town Manager explained as restaurants open after closures due to COVID-19, communities across the state are streamlining processes to assist with permitting to expand outdoor dining premises to allow for social distancing requirements. He reported staff has

prepared a resolution which would allow the Town Clerk to administratively review and approve modifications to liquor licensed premises; and authorizes the Town Manager to administratively review and approve temporary permits to encroach on public rights-of-ways to facilitate expansion of outdoor seating areas.

There were questions from the Council.

Speaking from the audience business owner Tammy Tuttle expressed opposition to creating shared locations.

Trish Oakland presented questions regarding the application process.

The Town Attorney noted the resolution is only tied to the COVID-19 local disaster.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Meyer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson to adopt Resolution No 2020-05 a Resolution of the Town Council for the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, Amending it's Local Disaster Declaration to Provide for the Administrative Modification of Liquor Licensed Premises and the Issuance of Encroachment Licenses to Facilitate Outdoor Dining within the Town's Rights-of-Way. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. Discussion regarding proposed reopening plan for Town facilities

Manager Neill presented the Council with a draft reopening plan for Town facilities and Town Hall. He reviewed some of the highlights of the draft plan with the Council.

There was discussion between Council and staff. Council discussed time frames to begin meeting in the Community Center. It was agreed to discuss the draft plan at the regular meeting in June.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk