

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 23, 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 Cheek, Grambley, Meyer, Schuyler and Mayor Clark. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson was not present for the roll call. Councilor Lakin was absent.

Town Clerk's Notice and Call of Special Meeting dated June 22, 2020.

1. Request for waiver of fees to use Hartwell Park and the Performing Arts Stage for worship/faith based gatherings

Pastor Pam Stofferahn with United Church of the San Juans, explained COVID 19 guidelines limit the church's capacity for seating during worship services. The sanctuary will house 40 participants, versus the typical 100 persons in attendance during the summer months. The congregation has expressed interest in holding services outdoors in Hartwell Park on Sundays at 10:00 am. She requested waiver of the fee to use the park and stage due to financial constraints.

There were questions from the Council and discussion with the Pastor.

The Town Manager suggested if Council waives the fee it be made applicable for all churches and faith based organizations. The Council agreed.

ACTION:

Councilor Cheek moved to approve the request of the Church of the San Juans to waive the fee for park and stage use for the months of July and August, and offer other faith based organizations the same waiver; authorize staff to administer approvals and waivers and extend the date for use requests if needed. Councilor Meyer seconded the motion, on a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

2. Intergovernmental Agreement related to distribution of CARES Act Funds

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 6-22-19 presenting an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the County and City of Ouray for CARES Act funds.

Manager Neill explained the federally funded Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding is being made available to governmental agencies, administered through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. The Town, City of Ouray and Ouray County have prepared an agreement to request the funds. The Town's per per capita basis of the county wide allotment could be \$91,631 for eligible expenses from March 1, 2020 through the end of the year.

ACTION:

Councilor Schuyler moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement related to distribution of CARES Act Funds. Councilmember Grambley seconded, and on a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

3. Purchase of water meter equipment

Staff Report from the Public Works Services Administrator dated 6-22-20 presenting a request to purchase a water meter handheld reading device, new water meters and meter reading technology.

The Public Works Services Administrator reported Sensus, the company supplying Town water meters and the reading device, will no longer be offering the meter types currently being used, and the meter reading handheld device will become obsolete. The new meters require a new handheld reading device with an interface of VGB technology to read meters from the internet instead of manual reading by staff. Customers are being offered a reduced rate to transition to the new meter technology if a package including new meters, support services, VGB technology and the handheld device are purchased at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

There were questions from the Council.

ACTION:

Council Meyers moved, with Councilor Cheek seconding to approve deviation from procurement procedures and authorize staff to purchase the Sensus IPerl water meter handheld package for \$27,615.20. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

4. Amended Electronic Participation Policy for Regular and Special Meetings

Staff Report dated 6-22-20 from the Town Manager presenting an amended version of the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Town Manager reported on March 20th the Council adopted the Electronic Participation Policy During Town Council Meetings which defines circumstances in which Council can conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means. On April 24th the policy was amended to include advisory boards, commissions and committees. He noted based on Council direction at the prior meeting, the policy has been modified to allow for quasi-judicial hearings for matters that are subject to referendum.

ACTION:

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk