

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

The Town Council convened for a budget workshop at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting, a virtual meeting platform, due to COVID-19. In attendance Councilors Cheek, Grambley, Lakin, Meyer, Schuyler and Mayor Clark. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson was absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop dated November 13, 2020.

1. Resolution closing Town facilities based on Ouray County COVID-19 status

The Town Manager suggested the Council adopt a resolution which establishes closing Town facilities based on the Ouray County status on the State of Colorado COVID-19 indicator. He reported based on the current indicator Town Hall will become closed to the public.

ACTION:

Councilor Lakin moved to approve Resolution No. 20-14 Closing Certain Town Facilities Based on Ouray County's Status of the State of Colorado's COVID-19 DIAL with the addition of level purple. Councilmember Meyer seconded the motion, which carried on a roll call vote.

2. Recession of restrictions on burning and fires within the Town

Manager Neill suggested the Council rescind the Stage 1 fire restrictions, reporting the County of Ouray has lifted the county wide restriction.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Schuyler, seconded by Councilor Meyer and unanimously carried on roll vote to rescind the emergency restrictions on burning and fires in the Town of Ridgway.

3. 2021 Fiscal Year Budget Workshop

Town Manager Preston Neill presented a PowerPoint overviewing the budget adoption process; financial overview of the general fund; the proposed operational and emergency reserves in the general fund, which total 25%; personnel costs across all three funds equaling approximately 36% of total expenditures; statewide revenue projections and a ten percent decrease in the Town's estimated sales tax revenues contained in the general fund.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer presented a draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget; Memorandum listing line item locations by funds, for expenditures and revenues in the draft budget; Five and Ten Year Capital Improvement Projects for each of the three funds; Memorandum dated 11-17-20 presenting the projected ending fund balances for all funds within the draft budgets.

The Town Clerk presented changes to the documents since the prior budget workshop, and reviewed the documents with the Council.

The Council reviewed funding requests from non-profit organizations contained in the Council initiatives section of the budget.

The Town Manager presented a draft of the 2021 Strategic Plan and answered questions from the Council.

Manager Neill reported on the State's Corona Virus Relief Funding Program being administered by the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). He explained DOLA is requesting a spending plan, and if funds are not being used there is now an option to reallocate to other recipients. He reported the City of Ouray is requesting the Town allocate any unused funds to assist with the cost to install a new air filtration system in City Hall.

The Council reviewed a list of proposed items and discussed them with staff.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk