

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held both in person and via a virtual meeting portal, Zoom Meeting, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Beck, Grambley, Lakin, Schuyler, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2022.
2. Register of Demands for March 2022.
3. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for the True Grit Cafe.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Lakin , seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to approve the consent agenda.

POLICY MATTERS

4. Discussion regarding indoor masking requirement at Town facilities

The Mayor reported a number of months ago the Council instituted a mask mandate for Town facilities to support Ouray County, and yesterday the County discontinued the measures.

There was discussion by the Council.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved to end the current mask mandate at Town facilities, seconded by Councilor Lakin and on a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. Request for use of park and rights-of-ways for San Juan Barrel Fest and Fete-de-Musique

The Mayor stepped down due to a potential conflict of interest, and turned the gavel to the Mayor Pro Tem.

The Town Clerk presented two requests for use of park and rights-of-ways for the San Juan Barrel Fest hosted by Ridgway Chautauqua Society on October 1, and Fete-de-Musique on June 19 hosted by Weehawken Creative Arts.

Trisha Oakland speaking on behalf of the applicants presented two proposed route maps for Fete-de-Musique in the event of street construction on North Lena Street.

There was discussion by the Council.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Lakin, seconded by Councilmember Schuyler and unanimously carried by a roll call vote to approve the use of Hartwell Park and use of rights of way for Fete-de-Musique; and use of Hartwell Park for the San Juan Barrell Fest.

The Mayor returned to sit with the Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Request for extension of River Park Ridgway Business Park Filing 3 Preliminary Plat

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 3-3-22 presenting a letter dated 1-28-22 from Ridgway Light Industrial LLC requesting an extension of the preliminary plat for Phase 3 of River Park Business Park.

Manager Neill reported Ridgway Light Industrial LLC is requesting an extension of the approved preliminary plat for River Park Ridgway Business Park Planned Unit Development (PUD) as it relates to Filing 3, planned Blocks 9-12 of the industrial park. The same request for extension was been made and approved by the Council every two years between 2010 and 2020. The current extension expires on July 8, 2022. The PUD comprises approximately 141 acres and is located at the north-central area of the municipal boundary, and consists of medium density single family housing, low density multi-family residences, industrial/commercial properties, open space and a trail network. Approval of the preliminary plat was given by the Council on February 13, 2001, and since that time the applicant has received final plat approvals for Filings 1 and 2. The preliminary plat continuation for Filing 3 consists of roads, infrastructure and easements, and the property is zoned Light Industrial.

Jack Petrucelli speaking on behalf of the applicant, reported the extension of Laura Street should be undertaken within two months, and the applicant is negotiating with another development on participating in the street extension; he reported "it is hoped before requesting the final plat, the construction is done".

There were comments by the Council.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Schuyler and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer to extend the preliminary plat dated December 27, 2022 and as amended April 29, 2008 subject to all prior conditions of approval and other requirements associated with the PUD, extension is granted with the requirement that the applicants plans be updated to reflect updated Town standards and specifications. After a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

POLICY MATTERS (Continued)

7. Resolution No. 22-03 Amending the Police Procedures Manual to add Section 27: Eyewitness Identification Policy

Staff Report from Marshal Schmalz presenting an addition to the Police Procedures Manual.

The Marshal explained during the 2021 Legislative Session House Bill 21-1142 was signed into law and requires each law enforcement agency to adopt written policies and procedures relative to eyewitness identifications. He reported a new section has been drafted for the Town Procedures Manual creating an Eyewitness Identification Policy.

ACTION:

Councilor Lakin moved to approve Resolution No. 22-03 Amending the Police Procedures Manual to add Section 27: Eyewitness Identification Policy. Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. Resolution No. 22-04 appointment interim Municipal Court Judges

The Town Attorney explained the existing County Judge is relocating and the appointment of a replacement is "taking longer than expected". Two judges have agreed to act as replacements until the final appointment is made, Anna Cooling and Jock Fleming.

There were questions from the Council.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Lakin to approve Resolution No. 22-04 Approving Alternate Judges to Preside over the Ridgway Municipal Court for March and April of 2022, seconded by Councilor Schuyler, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. Establishment of a Town Sustainability Committee

Town Manager Staff Report dated 3-4-22 presenting a recommendation regarding formation of a Sustainability Committee.

The Town Manager reported based on Council discussion staff has researched establishment of a sustainability committee to serve in an advisory capacity. He noted goals, roles and responsibilities could include advancing and encouraging environmentally sustainable practices; advising the Council on improvements to the Municipal Code regarding sustainable practices, resource conservation, renewable energy, waste reduction; collaborate with staff to implement goals and objectives from the Regional Climate Action Plan. He suggested if the board is created incorporating members of the existing Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee to serve as the board.

There was discussion by the Council.

Speaking from the audience, Dave Jones and Jake Niece spoke in support of formation of the Committee.

Consensus of the Council was to direct the Town Manager to draft eligibility of membership, terms and procedures to attach to a resolution, and present for adoption at another meeting.

10. Contribution request from the Home Trust of Ouray County

Andrea Sokolowski, President of the Home Trust of Ouray County, presented the Council with background on the model of the county wide non-profit organization; grant opportunities and future plans. She explained application for grant funds require showing local support; also there is a need for funds for Executive Director salary, insurance, software, and

marketing. The City and County of Ouray have been approached requesting funding and written support, and the Town is being asked to participate.

There was discussion by the Council.

Speaking from the audience, Jack Petrucelli noted slow construction process on a current affordable housing project; Mark Hitchcock spoke in support of the organization.

Consensus of the Council was to support the organization, and agreed to contribute to the organization after receiving information on the amount of support being pledged by the City and County.

11. Authorization for Mayor to sign a letter expressing opposition to proposals mandating collective bargaining for public employees

Mayor Clark reported the Colorado Municipal League is asking members to send letters to State legislators expressing opposition to a proposed bill mandating collective bargaining for public employees.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer, seconded by Councilor Schuyler and approved by a roll call vote to approve Mayor Clark sending a letter to Senator Coram and Representative McLachlan in opposition to mandating collective bargaining for public employees.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Manager Neill highlighted some of the items contained in the monthly managers report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk