

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF JOINT WORKSHOP

WITH OURAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 26, 2022

The Town Council convened at 4:30 p.m. for a Joint Workshop with the Ouray County Commissioners at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Enochs, Grambley, Lakin, Schuyler, Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark in attendance.

Town Clerk's Notice of Joint Workshop Meeting dated October 5, 2022.

Discussion regarding Ouray County Victim Assistance Program

Sheriff Justin Perry presented a history of the victim advocacy program which is a county wide program utilized by all three local jurisdictions to provide system based advocacy to citizens. He noted the program is expanding, and with the new grant cycle it would be best to transition the program, which has been based with the Town Marshals Department, to the Sheriffs Office.

Deputy Sheriff Tammy Stroup explained the difference between a community based and system based advocacy program; and reported state statutes require local jurisdictions to provide victim services. Sheriff Perry reported the department is forming a sex assault team which will assist all country agencies in investigations, and the victim advocate will become a part of the team. He noted the Sheriffs Department has more call volume for services, and the City of Ouray has given support to housing the program at the County.

Marshal Schmalz presented information on grants which have been received to fund the program over the past few years. The program provides staffing of a victim advocate for 20 hours a week, and two part time on call advocates. Two grants will provide program funding for the next year, with a contribution from all three agencies of \$1622.

The Council agreed the program should be located at the Sheriffs Department.

Discussion regarding the Preserve Planned Unit Development

The Mayor explained at the September meeting Council received a request from the Preserve Planned Unit Development (PUD) to review responses from the County Commissioners pertaining to the development which is located both in the Town and County. This includes a road within and servicing the subdivision, and location of a sewer lift station.

The County Commissioners requested the Town annex the area which would place the road entirely within Town boundaries, to avoid easements from both jurisdictions.

Chris Hawkins, planner for the PUD, presented a map detailing the proposed lift station location, which lays within adjacent property owned by the developers, and within the county limits. He explained the owners are in favor of annexing the property, and would dedicate the 3.77 acre parcel to the Town if the annexation option is approved. He noted the area is outside the Towns Urban Growth Boundary, and questioned if annexation would trigger the need for changes to be memorialized.

There was discussion by the Council and it was agreed to pursue annexation. Staff was directed to work with the developer; and the Town Attorney to work with the County Attorney to determine proposed adjustments to the Urban Growth Boundary.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk