

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023

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 Kroger, Grambley, Lakin, Schuyler, Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Attorney recommended the Council enter into a closed session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the possible purchase and/or condemnation of 539 Marion Overlook, Ridgway, Colorado.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Kroger and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer to go into closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council entered into executive session at 5:35 p.m. with the Town Attorney, Town Manager, Town Clerk and Attorney Joseph Riveria.

The Council convened from closed session at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2022.
2. Register of Demands for January 2023.
3. Designate Town Hall as the official posting place.
4. Renew Liquor Store license for San Juan Wine and Liquors.

ACTION:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vicki Hawse asked the Council to consider contacting the Department of Transportation (CDOT) regarding reducing the speed limit from 60 miles per hour to 45 from the street light at Highways 550 and 62 to the entrance of Vista Terrace Subdivision, noting the area is a "wildlife corridor" and there are concerns with "public safety pulling out from Vista Terrace".

The Town Manager noted staff has contacted CDOT to inquire about the speed limits in the area due to a potential new subdivision in Vista Terrace.

POLICY MATTERS

5. Resolution No. 23-01 Adopting the Town of Ridgway Master Plan Amendment Process

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 1-6-23 presenting a resolution establishing an amendment process to the Master Plan.

Contractual Planner TJ Dlubac explained after Council received a request from the Preserve PUD to annex a portion of land, and after review of Town codes, it was identified to meet annexation criteria in the Colorado Revised Statutes the Master Plan and Future Land Use Map must be updated. The proposed resolution contains an amendment process to the Master Plan which after submittal for annexation of a parcel in the Town's Urban Growth Boundary a public meeting would need to be held to present the request, after a notice is published in the local newspaper. After a meeting there would be a 21 day notice period for comments from the public. A hearing would then be held before the Planning Commission, and then a public meeting with the Town Council at which time a decision would be made, and the future land use map could be updated.

There were comments and questions from the Council.

ACTION:

Councilor Schuyler moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-01 a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, Adopting the Town of Ridgway Master Plan Amendment Process. Councilmember Thomas seconded. On a call for the vote the motion carried unanimously.

6. Resolution No. 23-02 Enacting the Ridgway Space to Create Community Room Fee Schedule

Staff Report dated 1-6-23 from the Town Manager presenting a resolution creating a fee schedule for the Space to Create Community Room.

Community Initiatives Facilitator Tera Wick reported the proposed fees are set for non-profit groups at \$25 for a half day, and \$50 for a full day; and private use or commercial ventures at \$50 a half day or \$100 a full day; with a deposit required and payment for electrical use. A half day is constituted by zero to four hours, and a full for four to eight hours.

There was discussion by the Council regarding increasing the proposed fees. Consensus was to eliminate the fee for utility usage and set the fee for non-profit organizations to \$40 for a half day, \$65 for a full day; private use \$65 for a half day and \$115 for a full day; create a new category for commercial ventures with a half day rate of \$115 and full day \$215; increase the damage deposit to \$300 and \$500 if alcohol will be served.

ACTION:

Councilor Lakin moved to approve Resolution No. 23-02 A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Ridgway, Colorado, Enacting the Ridgway Space to Create Community Room Fee Schedule with the changes as noted. Councilor Kroger seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

7. Presentation of the 2023 Ridgway FUSE Strategic Plan

Councilmember Grambley explained he is the Council's Creative District representative and last year the Creative District and Main Street Committee merged to form a new entity FUSE. The group has prepared a strategic plan and it is being presented to the Town Council for review and direction.

Community Initiatives Facilitator Tera Wick presented the document which contains directives in five focus areas, each which has a subcommittee to work with the goals. The focus areas are Build which addresses the Space to Create project, Heritage Park expansion and exploring formation of an arts district; Connect which focuses on relationships with other non-profits and agencies, and facilitating community conversations; Gather devoted to executing events such as the Film Festival and First Fridays; Share which addresses social media to promote creative, historical and cultural assets; Organize used internally within the structure of FUSE to align with areas of the Master Plan and Main Street America Transformation Strategies.

She noted the document will be used to guide the program for the next two to three years, with an opportunity for annual updates.

8. Request for appointment to the Home Trust of Ouray County Board of Directors

The Mayor noted at the previous meeting the Council received a request to appoint a member to serve on the newly formed Home Trust board. He noted the board is "diverse with members from all over the county" and asked if any member of the Council "has time to take on another commitment".

There was not a member of Council able to accept the appointment, and the Town Manager noted he would be happy to serve on the board.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved to appoint Preston Neill to represent the Town of Ridgway on the Home Trust of Ouray County Board of Directors. Councilor Schuyler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Ridgway, City of Ouray and Ouray County for Shared Victim Advocate Services

Staff Report dated 1-6-23 from the Town Manager presenting the annual intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for shared victim advocate services with the City and County.

Manager Neill reported Ouray County has taken over the Victim Advocate Services from the Town, and this year's contribution to meet the deficit in grant funding is \$1622.50.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Lakin and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer to approve the IGA between the Town, City of Ouray and Ouray County for Shared Victim Advocate Services. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Workshop to discuss and evaluate strategies for a dedicated revenue source for affordable housing

Manager Neill reported in July during a conversation to possibly modify distribution of lodging taxes to include a new dedicated source of funds for affordable housing, the Council asked that at the beginning of the new year discussions begin to find dedicated revenue sources.

The Council agreed to hold a workshop meeting on February 15th at 6:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Town Clerk reported the 2023 Municipal Election will be held on April 4th. Three councilmember seats, for two year terms, will become vacant, those currently held by Councilors Kroger, Lakin and Meyer. The nomination period begins on January 30th and closes on February 17th.

Manager Neill highlighted some items contained in the monthly Managers Report.

Councilor Lakin gave an update on the CC4C committee.

Councilmember Thomas presented an update on the Sustainability Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk