

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Grambley, Kroger, Lakin, Schuyler, Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 10, 2024.
2. Register of Demands for February 2024.
3. Continue the Solar Energy Incentive Program pursuant to Ridgway Municipal Code Section 6-1-12.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Lakin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Extension request to meet conditions of approval for Preserve PUD Preliminary Plat; Location: TBD County Road 23; Zoned: Residential; Owner: Dalwhinnie Group LLC

Staff Report dated 2-9-24 from the Town Manager presenting a request for extension to meet conditions of approval for the Preserve PUD Preliminary Plat.

Town Attorney Nerlin noted the staff report outlines the history of the planned unit development. Preliminary approval was given in 2006; due to economic conditions an extension was issued in 2018; and two, two year extensions to 2020 and 2022. The applicant is now seeking a three year extension. He explained the Town and applicant are looking at annexing into the Town a small parcel to the south of the subject property. Staff is supportive of the request except is recommending a six month extension to allow review of the annexation process component and proposed lift station infrastructure, to determine a "true time frame".

Based on a question from the Council, the Town Attorney explained the development is a "pre-existing non-conforming development not subject to the river overlay district regulations, but the annexed parcel would be.

Michael Cox representing the applicant, noted this is the second request from the Dalwhinnie Group, previous requests were made by the previous owner. He stated the applicant desires a three extension, but is understanding of the staff recommendation, and will approach the Council again after the review process is completed.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer, seconded by Councilor Lakin and unanimously carried to approve an extension for the Preserve PUD Preliminary Plat, of the Savath Subdivision part of Outlot A and the Woodford Addition, for a period of six months with the conditions assigned at the March 14, 2018 approval, and allow up to six months to meet those conditions.

POLICY MATTERS

5. Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce presentation on marketing and promotion activities

Ashley Perkins, Executive Director for the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the 2023 Annual Report and addressed changes to the Board of Directors; search engine platforms; presented events and projects in 2023; explained the Visitor Guide prepared last year will be used again this year; the Visitor Center will be open from Memorial Day to the end of October; the financials are similar to 2022; reorganization of the board; her position has become full time; the Gravel Adventure Field Guide has been launched.

There were questions from the Council.

6. Sustainability Advisory Board applicants and appointment of member

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 2-9-24 presenting applicants to the Sustainability Advisory Board.

Manager Neill explained a vacant seat on the Sustainability Advisory Board was advertised and four letters of interest received, two of which have been rescinded. The two remaining applicants are present and available to introduce themselves to the Council, he noted.

Dave Kehmeier and Brian Patton addressed the Council and presented their backgrounds.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Schuyler to appoint Dave Kehmeier to the Sustainability Advisory Board for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lakin and carried unanimously.

7. Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs concerning the Colorado Main Street Program

The Town Manager presented a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to continue participation in the Main Street Program.

ACTION:

Councilmember Lakin moved, Councilor Kroger seconded, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Department of Local Affairs regarding the Colorado Main Street Program. The motion was unanimously carried.

8. Ratification of letter of support for Sonoran Institute Growing Water Smart application to the Colorado River District Community Funding Partnership

The Mayor presented a letter of support for the Sonoran Institute Growing Water Smart application for the Colorado River District Community Funding Partnership, seeking funding for education, training and project support.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved to ratify the letter of support for the Sonoran Institute Growing Water Smart application to the Colorado River District Community Funding Partnership. Councilor Kroger seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk