

Ridgway Town Council Regular Meeting Agenda Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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OATH OF OFFICE

The Town Clerk will administer the oath of office to recently elected Council Members Polly Kroger, Beth Lakin, and Michelle Montague.

5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL Councilors Kevin Grambley, Polly Kroger, Beth Lakin, Michelle Montague, Terry Schuyler, Josey Scoville and Mayor John Clark

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine by the Town Council and enacted by one motion. The Council has received and considered reports and recommendations prior to assigning consent calendar designations. Copies of the reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and are available to the public. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is requested, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2025.
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2025.
3. Register of Demands for April 2025.
4. Renew tavern liquor license for Steps Tavern.
5. Renewal of tavern liquor license for Steps Patio.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Established time for the public to address the Council regarding any item not otherwise listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

6. Update on the Home Trust of Ouray County's Parkside Townhomes - Andrea Sokolowski, Home Trust of Ouray County.

7. Request to block South Lena Street, after entrance to Mountain Market, to Hyde Street intersection, on June 14, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, for 40th Anniversary Party of Ridgway Hardware - Stephen Laster.
8. Quarterly update from the Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board.

POLICY MATTERS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; overall discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

9. Resolution No. 25-06 Reaffirming Ridgway's Commitment to Climate Action, Establishing a Goal for Net Zero Carbon Emissions, and Establishing an All Electric, Net Zero Energy Use Policy for Housing Projects with Financial Investment from the Town of Ridgway - Town Manager.
10. Request for authorization of Mayor Clark to sign a letter of support for the Town's application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' Housing Planning Grant Program to support the Housing Needs Assessment Project - Senior Planner.

PUBLIC HEARINGS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; overall discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

11. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 01-2025 Amending Section 7-4 "Zoning Regulations" and Section 8-5 "Short-Term Rentals" of the Ridgway Municipal Code - Senior Planner.
12. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 02-2025 Amending Chapter 11 of the Ridgway Municipal Code Concerning the Sale of Dogs and Cats Born or Raised in Inhumane Commercial Breeding Facilities - Town Manager.

POLICY MATTERS Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; overall discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

13. Request for authorization of staff to expend budgeted funds and enter into a contract to purchase two patrol vehicles for the Ridgway Marshal's Office - Town Manager.
14. Review and action on Water Lease Agreement between the Town of Ridgway and the Hess Family Trust - Town Manager.
15. Review and action on request for Ridgway Area Trails (RAT) bike ride/race start on Palomino Trail and camping on private property adjacent to MTN Lodge by riders in event - Town Clerk.
16. Review and action on Special Event Permit Application from Ridgway Youth Advisory Council for a Pickleball Tournament at Ridgway Athletic Park - Town Manager.
17. Annual appointment of Mayor Pro Tem and review of Council representation on commissions, committees and boards - Mayor Clark.

WRITTEN AND VERBAL REPORTS Written reports may be provided for informational purposes prior to the meeting updating Council on various matters that may or may not warrant discussion and action.

18. 2025 First Quarter Update on Ridgway Wetterhorn Deed Restricted Community - Jim Kolnik, Impact Development Services.

19. Town Manager's Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS Informational verbal reports from Councilors pertaining to the following committees, commissions and organizations:

Committees & Commissions:

Ridgway Planning Commission - Councilor Meyer and Mayor Clark
Ridgway Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee - Councilor Kroger
Ridgway FUSE - Councilor Grambley
Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board - Councilor Schuyler; alternate - Councilor Lakin
Ridgway Scholarship Committee - Councilor Lakin and Mayor Clark

Board Appointments:

Ouray County Weed Board - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Manager
Ouray County Joint Planning Board - Councilor Meyer, citizens Rod Fitzhugh & Tom McKenney; alternate - Councilor Schuyler
Sneffels Energy Board - Councilor Schuyler and Town Manager; alternate - Mayor Clark
Region 10 Board - Mayor Clark
WestCO Dispatch Board - Town Marshal; alternate - Town Manager
Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region - Town Manager
Ouray County Transit Committee - Town Manager
Ouray County Water Users Association - Councilor Meyer; alternate - Councilor Lakin
Water and Land Committee for the Uncompahgre Valley - Councilor Meyer; alternate - Town Manager
Colorado Communities for Climate Action - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Manager
Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee - Town Manager
Home Trust of Ouray County - Town Manager

Liaisons:

Chamber of Commerce - Councilmember Scoville
Communities That Care Coalition - Mayor Clark
Ouray County Fairgrounds - Councilor Schuyler

ADJOURNMENT

Deadline for agenda items for next regular meeting, Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., Town Clerk's Office, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

Consent Agenda

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2025

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 5:30 p.m. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Grambley, Kroger, Lakin, Scoville, Schuyler, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Attorney suggested the Council enter into a closed session for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e) concerning the possible condemnation of real property for the creation of a recreational trail along real property located at 539 Marion Overlook.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved with Councilmember Schuyler seconding, to enter into closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Council entered into a closed session at 5:30 p.m. with the Town Manager, Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Attorney Joseph Rivera.

The Council reconvened from closed session at 5:45 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2025.
2. Minutes of the Workforce and Affordable Housing Committee meeting of January 8, 2025.
3. Register of Demands for February 2025.
4. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for Lazy Dog Saloon Bar and Grill.
5. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for True Grit Cafe.
6. Renew brew pub liquor license for Colorado Boy Depot.

ACTION:

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

POLICY MATTERS

7. Introduction of Ordinance No. 01-2025 Amending Section 7-4 "Zoning Regulations" and Section 8-5 "Short-Term Rentals" of the Ridgway Municipal Code

Staff Report dated 2-6-25 from Planner Angela Kemp presenting Ordinance 1-2025.

Planner Kemp reported at the last Planning Commission meeting a proposed ordinance was finalized to forward to the Council. After the Commissions action staff identified an item which will require further discussion, and recommended Council refer the item back to the Commission. She reviewed the proposed changes to Section 7-4-6 of the Municipal Code which address licensing of Short Term Rentals.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Schuyler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer to send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. Resolution No. 25-03 Amending the Fees and Charges for Short Term Rental Licenses

Staff Report dated 2-4-25 from Planner Kemp presenting a proposed ordinance changing the fees related to short term rental licenses.

Town Manager Neill presented a resolution amending fees for Short Term Rental Licenses. He stated staff is recommending establishing fees for short term rental inspections made by the Building Official. It is hoped the fee will prompt license holders to be prepared and avoid follow up inspections, he noted.

There were questions from Council to staff.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Scoville, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer, the motion to approve Resolution No 25-03 Amending the Fees and Charges for Short Term Rental Licenses carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. Award of bid for Planning and Design Services for the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project

Staff Report dated 2-11-25 from the Town Manager presenting proposals received to perform design services for the restoration of the Beaver Creek Diversion.

Manager Neill explained requests for proposals (RFP) for Planning and Design Engineering Services for the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project were issued on January 2nd. Proposals were due on January 30th and three were received. The following week staff interviewed the prospective design firms, along with representatives from the Colorado Emergency Watershed Protection Program, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Colorado Water Conservation Board. He noted the three proposals differed due to scope of services, approaches and timelines, along with inclusions and assumptions. Based on the quality of the proposals, interviews and selection criteria outlined in the RFP, the interview board is recommending awarding the bid to RESPEC Company LLC.

The Town Manager explained RESPEC can meet the May deliverable date for final design, however they recommend to properly provide an alternative analysis, final design should be targeted for the end of July 2025, and construction should begin with the design phase to allow for completion by the end of the year. Staff is recommending design of the access road improvements and ditch piping be completed separately to allow RESPEC to concentrate on the diversion. He explained staff will prepare a request for proposals to solicit bids to construct the improvements, with the aim to have work completed by the end of May or early June. These will be undertaken in conjunction with the design process, he noted.

There were questions from Council to staff.

ACTION:

Councilor Schuyler moved to issue Notice of Award for the Planning and Design Engineering Services for the Beaver Creek Diversion Restoration Project to RESPEC Company, LLC not to exceed the amount of \$568,750. Councilmember Lakin seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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

Ashley Perkins, Director of the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce presented the 2024 Annual Report. Items highlighted from the document were sustainable tourism focus; visitors guide and gravel adventure field guide; visitor center; online and print media; statewide promotion and off season marketing strategies; Colorado Creative Corridor; support to business community; financial management plans for 2025 and projected use of lodging tax funds.

There were questions from the Council and staff.

11. Discussion regarding tourism promotion and marketing services for the Town, and potential action on Professional Services Agreement with the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce

Staff Report dated 2-7-25 from Manager Neill presenting a draft tourism and marketing agreement with the Chamber of Commerce, and a number of potential actions for Council consideration.

The Town Manager reported staff is requesting direction on how to proceed in implementing tourism promotion for 2025. Options include renewal of the Professional Services Agreement with the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce, or exploration of other options which could include renewing the agreement for a specific term; pursue a competitive process through requests for proposals allowing entities or individuals with proven marketing and tourism promotion experience to submit proposals; renew the existing agreement for a one year term and direct staff to pursue competitive solicitation in late summer or early fall to allow award of the contract to be made in conjunction with the 2026 budget process; bring tourism promotion in house and hire staff to fill rolls previously assigned to contractors.

Manager Neill noted fifty percent of the lodging tax is earmarked for tourism and marketing, and for many years the Town has been contracting the service to the Chamber of Commerce.

There were questions from Council to staff.

Interim Chamber Board President Mishi Countryman noted the funds are also earmarked for economic development, and this is an area in which "the Chamber can also shine".

Community Development Coordinator Tera Wick reported last year the Council directed staff to set measurable deliverables within the Chamber agreement. These included not intermingling public funds with other funding sources; provide a website and social media through the use of a multi-media campaign; maintain a business inventory separate from the one maintained by the FUSE Committee; operate the visitors center; and prepare a survey to ascertain community perception of the organization.

Coordinator Wick reported deliverables from the 2024 agreement have been reviewed and it was found the website is not up to date and is advertising businesses which have not operated within the past year, and does not include all existing businesses within Town; the business inventory is not up to date, and there was duplication in efforts between the Chamber and FUSE Committee; the request to move away from using printed pieces to using a multi-media campaign approach for the four different seasons, was not implemented; and the community survey was not performed. She noted these deliverables have been added into the proposed 2025 agreement.

There were comments from the Council.

The Mayor noted the Council has received a letter from Sue Husch dated 1-29-25 and Ashley King-Grambley dated 2-7-25 suggesting a change in the way the funds earmarked for tourism and marketing are allocated.

Speaking from the audience Ashley King-Grambley stated the lodging tax funds “can achieve many objectives” if distributed to other sources. She noted “Chambers rarely are funded by government” as they are “member based organizations to serve the members”. The current model requires “serving all the businesses in the community” and questioned how “self sufficiency has increased or decreased over ten years of receiving lodging tax funds”. She expressed the opinion that the organization should be “completely member funded”.

There were comments from the Council. The Council reviewed the proposed options with the Chamber representatives. Consensus of the Council was to conduct a work session with the Chamber and FUSE Committee to review missions and goals, and determine if there is duplication in marketing efforts.

Speaking from the audience business owner Brittany Miller supported the idea of a workshop, to “determine inefficiencies” and the amount of funds being spent by the FUSE Committee and Chamber to achieve the same goals.

ACTION:

Councilor Scoville moved to renew a Professional Services Agreement with the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce for a term of one year and direct staff to pursue competitive solicitation in late summer or early fall so a contract can be awarded in conjunction with the budget process for Fiscal Year 2026 Councilor Lakin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

12. Update on 2025 priorities for the FUSE Committee

Community Initiatives Facilitator Tera Wick, and Allison Etheridge co-chair of the FUSE Committee, gave a presentation on the Committee which represents the Town in the Colorado Creative Main Street Program. They presented the mission statement, accomplishments in 2024, and the strategic priorities planned for 2025.

13. Future direction of the Ridgway Independent Film Festival

Tera Wick Community Initiatives Facilitator, and Arielle Bielak volunteer director for the Ridgway Independent Film Festival (RIFF), gave a presentation regarding the 2024 festival. The tenth anniversary festival was held over four days in three locations, utilizing 3,268 volunteer hours, and was funded from the FUSE budget. They explained the goal in 2025 is to maintain a quality program and improve logistics and marketing, within a budget doubled from the previous year.

Facilitator Wick stated the festival has “outgrown the bounds of the FUSE program scope”. Options for the current year are to scale down operations or invest in contractual personnel; bring the festival “in house” and hire more staff; or form strategic operation partnerships with other organizations. She noted she has spoken to the Sherbino Theater which is considering “strengthening the partnership” they have had with the Town during the festivals.

There were questions and comments from the Council.

Ashley King-Grambley, Director of the Sherbino Theater, stated the theater “has been part of RIFF from its inception” and it has “grown over the past ten years” and “I do not have the resources and manpower to take it over”. She noted “as the festival grows” “there will be continued pressure to grow staff” and “we would still look to partner in some way”. She noted the theater has “dedicated a number of resources over the years” and so we have “collectively invested in the program”.

There was discussion between the Council and Ms. King-Grambley, then between Council and staff. Consensus of the Council was to proceed with a partnership with the Sherbino for a four day event, refocusing on the level of program offerings.

14. Order Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster in and for the Town of Ridgway related to the Beaver Creek Diversion

Manager Neill presented a declaration extending a local disaster related to damages to the Town water system from flooding at the Beaver Creek Diversion. He noted the order will end on December 11th unless it is extended or amended by the Council.

ACTION:

Councilor Lakin moved to approve the Order Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster in and for the Town of Ridgway related to the Beaver Creek Diversion. Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

15. Request to authorize staff to hire a part-time deputy for the Marshals Office

Staff Report from Marshal Schmalz dated 2-7-25 presenting a request to hire a part-time Officer.

The Town Manager explained the Marshals department is in need of additional officer coverage which was not budgeted in the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget. He noted the Marshal is requesting hiring a part-time deputy to provide coverage for 20 hours a week, and noted staff feels the General Fund can accommodate the request.

Marshal Schmalz addressed the Council regarding the need for additional coverage during full-time officers vacations, use of sick time, or when unexpected staffing shortages occur. He recommended hiring a part-time officer for the extra coverage.

ACTION:

Councilmember Schuyler moved to authorize recruitment and hiring of a part time officer for the Marshals Department. Councilmember Grambley seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

16. Request for authorization to expend budgeted funds and enter into a contract to purchase a fleet vehicle for the Public Works Department

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 2-7-24 presenting a request to purchase a public works vehicle.

Manager Neill noted funds were earmarked in the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget for purchase of a fleet vehicle for the Public Works Department, and staff is requesting to expend the funds and enter into a contract to purchase a hybrid pickup truck.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Lakin, seconded by Councilor Scoville to authorize staff to expend budgeted funds and enter into a contract to purchase a hybrid pickup truck for the Public Works Department at a price not to exceed \$40,000. After a call for the vote the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

17. Resolution No. 25-04 Amending the Town of Ridgway Standard Specification and Typical Drawings for Infrastructure Construction

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 2-5-25 presenting a resolution amending the standards for infrastructure construction.

The Town Manager presented a resolution amending the Standard Specifications and Typical Drawings for Infrastructure Construction.

ACTION:

Councilor Grambley moved to approve Resolution No. 25-04 Amending the Town Standard Specification and Typical Drawings for Infrastructure Construction. Councilmember Lakin seconded the motion which called unanimously on a roll call vote.

18. Intergovernmental Agreement with Ouray County concerning Noxious Weed Management and Control Services

Staff Report dated 2-5-25 from the Town Manager presenting a proposed agreement with Ouray County for noxious weed control services.

The Town Manager noted the Town has entered into an agreement with Ouray County for a number of years to retain services of the County Weed Department to survey, and make recommendations for the treatment of noxious weeds.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Schuyler, seconded by Councilor Kroger and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Ouray County and the Town of Ridgway concerning Noxious Weed Management and Control Services as presented.

19. Sign-on to an amicus brief to be submitted on behalf of local governments in a state lawsuit challenging the federal funding freeze

Mayor Clark presented a proposed letter to become a part of a amicus brief from the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University, in a state lawsuit challenging the federal funding freeze.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Lakin to ratify the letter to sign on to an amicus brief from the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University to be submitted on behalf of local governments in the states lawsuit challenging the federal funding freeze, seconded by Councilor Kroger, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

20. Letter in support of the Billy Creek State Wildlife Area Uncompahgre River Fisheries Improvement Project

The Mayor submitted a proposed letter supporting the Billy Creek State Wildlife Area Fisheries Improvement Project, which will improve over a half mile of the Uncompahgre River aquatic habitat.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Lakin to approve the letter supporting the Billy Creek State Wildlife Area Uncompahgre River Fisheries Improvement Project, seconded by Councilor Kroger, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

21. Letter requesting Colorado monuments and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands be excluded from plans resulting from the Department of Interior Order 'Unleashing American Energy'

The Town Manager presented a proposed letter submitted by Robyn Cascade expressing concern with the Department of Interior Secretarial Order 3418 'Unleashing American Energy' and asking that Colorado be excluded from any "action plans".

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Lakin to approve sending a letter to Senator Hurd regarding excluding Colorado monuments, BLM lands and Colorado River Vally Resource Management Plan from the Department of Interior Secretarial Order 3418, seconded by Councilor Kroger, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Marshal presented a 2024 End of Year Report, and reviewed some notable calls for assistance.

The Town Manager gave an overview of the monthly written Managers Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2025

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 5:35 p.m. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Grambley, Kroger, Lakin, Scoville, Schuyler, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Register of Demands for March 2025.
2. Renew restaurant liquor license for Taco Del Gnar.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Lakin, seconded by Councilor Kroger and unanimously carried on a roll call vote to approve the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Krista Meyer suggesting acknowledging the passing of Wanda Taylor by naming a site in Town in her honor, and including her remembrance at the annual Love Your Valley Festival.

The Mayor noted an acknowledgement is currently being explored, and asked staff to investigate inclusion at the annual festival.

INTRODUCTIONS

3. Introduction of new Administrative Assistant Julie Huun

The Mayor introduced Julie Huun, new Administrative Assistant in the Clerks Department.

POLICY MATTERS

4. Approval of Ouray County Multijurisdictional Emergency Evacuation Plan

Ouray County Emergency Manager Glenn Boyd, presented the final version of the Multijurisdictional Emergency Evacuation Plan, and requested Council approval.

Manager Boyd explained the plan, which took a year and half to develop, will serve all of the County including the Town and City of Ouray. The plan addresses response to disasters and hazards through creation of evacuation routes; shelter and re-entry procedures; communication and public notification; and identifies the at risk population. He explained a "full scale exercise to test the plan" will be conducted on November 3rd.

There were questions from the Council.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer, seconded by Councilmember Kroger to approve the Ouray County Multijurisdictional Emergency Evacuation Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation regarding the Cimarron Athletic Field Project

Susan Lacy, Ridgway School District Superintendent, and Secondary School Principal Russell Randolph, addressed the Council regarding the school project to install the Cimarron Athletic Field. Permitting is being done through the State, and the process requires a letter of support from the Town. Construction should begin by the end of August, and a synthetic turf will be utilized after placement of varying types of gravel. The turf will be topped with a sand and calcium carbonite material “to keep temperatures down on the field by 20-30 degrees”. A vertical drainage system will reduce the need for the rubber product by half, it was noted. On the north east side of the field a retention pond will be constructed, which “will remain dry most of the time”.

There were questions from the Council.

6. Presentation regarding Homegrown Pathways Spark Lab Youth Accelerator Program

Taylor Poyner Director of Operations and Communications with Homegrown Pathways ‘Empowering Colorado Talent’, an organization founded in Ridgway, explained the new program is geared toward “providing youth with entrepreneurial ventures”. The mission of the organization is to “drive economic mobility by connecting rural Colorado youth and young adults to quality career and entrepreneurial pathways in their home region”. She explained Homegrown Pathways is collaborating with Start-up Colorado to provide support and financial resources for “rural entrepreneurs”. Using a model called ‘The Idea Factory,’ and gearing it to a youth specific audience, a new program called ‘Spark Lab’ has been created. The program is designed for young entrepreneurs aged 14-24 with active businesses, and those with a new business concept.

Ms. Poyner further explained the model focuses on refining business concepts and preparing “a pitch” to be presented at a “pitch event”. The six week course includes 15 hours of engagement with other young entrepreneurs, and provides stipends for “launch packages”. Participants in the winter program ranged in age from 15 to 19; five with existing businesses; from six different Towns, within four different counties, including three from Ridgway. \$10,000 in funding was awarded at a “pitch event”, with sixty people in attendance. She noted “entrepreneurship is an essential pathway to drive economic mobility, especially in rural Colorado”.

7. Request for permanent access into the Ouray County Ranch History Museum and Ridgway Railroad Museum

Joan Chismire, Board President for the Ouray County Ranch History Museum and Hall Hawtz with the Ridgway Railroad Museum, addressed access to the 16 acre parcel the two organizations share off of North Railroad Street.

Ms. Chismire explained the organizations desire to receive “permanent access” from the Town. She stated “since 2019 only annual temporary permits” have been granted, “prohibiting us from expansion plans and fundraising for projects”. She stated “we have met over the past five years” with staff and the landowners attorney and “the issue has not been resolved”.

The Mayor noted the issue is related to re-establishing the trail easement across the east side of the property, along the river trail system.

Town Attorney Nerlin stated staff has met numerous times with representatives of the museums and the landowner, and have been “very supportive of the projects”. A condition for granting permanent access on to the property has been re-establishing an easement to allow trail connectivity on the north side of the property, and the property owner has not been willing to consent. When a development agreement is submitted a component of the application would be review of the access, he noted.

Ms. Chismire stated “we cannot force the landowner, we are leasees”. Mr. Hawtz noted “we are in the process of developing the site plan” which will be submitted in “the near future”.

8. Proclamation acknowledging International Dark Sky Week

Mayor Clark asked the Council to adopt the proclamation declaring April 21-28 as International Dark Sky Week.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor Schyler, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meyer, the motion to adopt the official proclaiming the week of April 21-28, 2025 as International Dark Sky Week carried unanimously.

9. National Donate Life Month Proclamation

The Mayor noted the importance of recognizing the value of being an organ donor, and asked the Council to acknowledge the 22nd National Donate to Life Month, and declare April 2025 as National Donate Life Month.

ACTION:

Councilor Kroger moved to proclaim April 2025 as National Donate to Life Month. Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICY MATTERS (Continued)

10. Appointment of member to the Sustainability Advisory Board

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 3-4-25 presenting a letter received expressing interest in serving to fill the vacancy on the Sustainability Advisory Board.

Manager Neill presented a letter of interest from Kristina Lemon to serve on the Sustainability Advisory Board.

ACTION:

Councilor Schuyler moved to appoint Kristina Lemon to the Sustainability Advisory Board for a three-year term. Councilor Scoville seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

11. Introduction of Ordinance No. 01-2025 Amending Section 7-4 "Zoning Regulations" and Section 8-5 "Short-Term Rentals" of the Ridgway Municipal Code

Staff Report dated 3-4-25 from the Town Planner presenting proposed code amendments to Short Term Rental regulations.

Planner Kemp explained revisions made to accessory dwelling unit provisions promulgated the need for changes to the short term rental regulations contained within the Municipal Code. She reviewed the proposed changes with the Council.

There were questions from the Council.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Meyer moved to approve the first reading and introduction of Ordinance No. 01-2025 Amending Section 7-4-6 (N) Short Term Rental Regulations, 8-5 Short Term Rentals of the Ridgway Municipal Code. Councilmember Grambley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Introduction of Ordinance No. 02-2025 Amending Chapter 11 of the Ridgway Municipal Code Concerning the Sale of Dogs and Cats Born or Raised in Inhumane Commercial Breeding Facilities

Staff Report dated 3-7-25 from the Town Manager presenting an ordinance concerning the sale of dogs and cats born or raised in commercial breeding facilities.

Manager Neill reported at the September 11th meeting staff was directed to prepare an ordinance enacting regulations to ban the sale of dogs and cats raised in inhumane commercial breeding facilities. He presented the Council with a draft ordinance.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilmember Schuyler, seconded by Councilor Scoville to introduce on first reading, Ordinance No. 02-2025, an Ordinance of the Town of Ridgway Colorado Amending Chapter 11 of the Ridgway Municipal Code Concerning the Sale of Dogs and Cats Born or Raised in Inhumane Commercial Breeding Facilities. After a call for the vote the motion carried unanimously.

13. Resolution No. 25-05 Canceling the April Regular Election

The Town Clerk explained the annual April election has been cancelled. On the legal filing deadline of February 14th three nomination petitions were received for three Councilor positions. She presented the Council with a resolution accepting the Clerks cancellation of the regular election slated for April 1, 2025, acknowledging the Clerk has published and posted notice of the cancellation and deemed the candidates elected.

ACTION:

Councilor Schuyler moved to approve Resolution No. 25-05 Canceling the April Regular Election. Mayor Pro Tem Meyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

14. Setting date for a special meeting the week of April 28th

The Town Manager reported the firm hired to provide design services for the Beaver Creek Diversion project, is hoping the Town has a construction contractor hired by the time the design is at thirty percent to help inform the remainder of the design. Staff is compiling a request for proposals which will be due on April 14th, and he asked the Council to set a special meeting the week of April 28th to issue a notice of award, to allow construction to begin by May 1st. Additionally staff should also have a notice of award for the design of the baseball field and pickleball courts at the Athletic Park, he noted.

He asked Council to set a date for a special meeting during the week of April 28th. It was agreed to meet on April 29th at 5:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Town Manager gave an overview of the monthly written Managers Report.

Councilor Schuyler addressed the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk

Town of Ridgway
Register of Demands
Jan 2025

Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Alternative Power Enterprises		Alpine-Operating Account	
	microgrid - final	778PO1 · Decker Room	-31,937.49
TOTAL			-31,937.49
Randy D. Barnes		Alpine-Operating Account	
	R. Barnes	919WOO · Wellness Program	-105.00
	R. Barnes	919WOO · Wellness Program	-380.29
TOTAL			-485.29
Preston Neill		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Neill	536GOO · Wellness Program	-156.71
TOTAL			-156.71
Ryan Hanson		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Hanson	536GOO · Wellness Program	-127.27
TOTAL			-127.27
NAPA		Alpine-Operating Account	
	catalytic cleaner - 2018 Explorer	861GO3 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	-16.99
TOTAL			-16.99
Artspace Projects Inc.		Alpine-Operating Account	
	mngmnt & cleaning - Feb 2025	778PO1 · Decker Room	-250.87
TOTAL			-250.87
Black Hills Energy-Broadband		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	783PO1 · Broadband Station	-16.31
TOTAL			-16.31
Black Hills Energy-Hartwell Park		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	742POO · Utilities	-38.41
TOTAL			-38.41
Black Hills Energy-Lift Station		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	942SOO · Utilities	-25.45
TOTAL			-25.45

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Black Hills Energy-PW Building		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	742POO · Utilities	-62.79
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	642GO2 · Utilities	-62.80
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	942SOO · Utilities	-62.79
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	942WOO · Utilities	-62.79
TOTAL			-251.17
Black Hills Energy-PW Office		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	642GO2 · Utilities	-29.02
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	942SOO · Utilities	-29.00
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	942WOO · Utilities	-29.00
TOTAL			-87.02
Black Hills Energy-Town Hall		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	742PO1 · Utilities - comm cntr/town hall	-71.12
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	842GO3 · Utilities	-71.12
	2/21/25 - 3/24/25	542GOO · Utilities	-71.12
TOTAL			-213.36
Christopher J Bolane		Alpine-Operating Account	
	plant operations - Mar 2025	914WOO · Consulting & Engineering Ser...	-5,100.00
	plant operations - Mar 2025	914SOO · Consulting & Engineering Servs	-900.00
TOTAL			-6,000.00
Filter Tech Systems, Inc.		Alpine-Operating Account	
	GAC - Filter Tech - final	931WOO · Maintenance & Repairs	-18,977.37
TOTAL			-18,977.37
Plasticmill, LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	trash bags	732POO · Supplies & Materials	-289.96
TOTAL			-289.96
Western Slope Party Rentals		Alpine-Operating Account	
	LYVF - table rental (1/2)	781POO · Events & Festivals	-243.00
TOTAL			-243.00
WestCo		Alpine-Operating Account	
	2nd qtr 2025	885GO3 · Dispatch Services	-16,086.31
TOTAL			-16,086.31

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Kim's Housekeeping LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Mar 2025	779POO · Janitorial Service - parks	-1,350.00
	Mar 2025	779PO1 · Janitorial Services-c c/t hall	-450.00
	Mar 2025	545GOO · Janitorial Services	-450.00
	Mar 2025	778PO1 · Decker Room	-337.50
TOTAL			-2,587.50
Western Paper Distributors		Alpine-Operating Account	
	paper products	732POO · Supplies & Materials	-439.90
TOTAL			-439.90
Clear Networx, LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Apr 2025	778PO1 · Decker Room	-100.00
TOTAL			-100.00
Clear Networx, LLC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Apr 2025	543GOO · Telephone	-56.00
	Apr 2025	643GO2 · Telephone	-56.00
	Apr 2025	843GO3 · Telephone	-61.00
	Apr 2025	943WOO · Telephone	-56.00
	Apr 2025	943SOO · Telephone	-56.00
	Apr 2025	530GOO · Computer	-50.00
	Apr 2025	630GO2 · Computer	-50.00
	Apr 2025	730POO · Computer	-50.00
	Apr 2025	830GO3 · Computer	-50.00
	Apr 2025	930WOO · Computer	-50.00
	Apr 2025	930SOO · Computer	-50.00
	Apr 2025	930WOO · Computer	-50.00
	Apr 2025	930SOO · Computer	-25.00
	Apr 2025	630GO2 · Computer	-25.00
	Apr 2025	843GO3 · Telephone	-40.00
TOTAL			-725.00
Rocky Mountain Aggregate & C...		Alpine-Operating Account	
		635GO2 · Gravel & Sand	-2,728.05
TOTAL			-2,728.05
Buckhorn Engineering		Alpine-Operating Account	
	engineering - banner poles	514GOO · Consulting Services	-6,820.00
TOTAL			-6,820.00
Mesa County HDR Laboratory		Alpine-Operating Account	
		990WOO · Testing - water	-25.00
TOTAL			-25.00

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Blackfords Welding & Construc...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	gravel removal	765POO · River Corridor Maintenance	-12,662.50
TOTAL			-12,662.50
Intermountain Controls Nichols...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	valve parts - plant	931WOO · Maintenance & Repairs	-384.72
TOTAL			-384.72
Consolidated Electrical Distrib...		Alpine-Operating Account	
	aerator cords - plant	931WOO · Maintenance & Repairs	-159.45
TOTAL			-159.45
USABlueBook		Alpine-Operating Account	
	hose kit - dewatering pumps	672GO2 · Equipment Purchase	-93.98
	hose kit - dewatering pumps	932WOO · Supplies & Materials	-93.97
TOTAL			-187.95
True Value		Alpine-Operating Account	
		632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	-92.32
		732POO · Supplies & Materials	-195.84
		932SOO · Supplies & Materials	-61.73
		932WOO · Supplies & Materials	-192.86
		778PO1 · Decker Room	-4.71
TOTAL			-547.46
RESPEC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	project coordination	2400B · State of CO Disaster Relief	-2,347.50
TOTAL			-2,347.50
UNCC		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Mar 2025	915WOO · Dues & memberships	-25.63
	Mar 2025	915SOO · Dues & Memberships	-25.63
	Mar 2025	915WOO · Dues & memberships	0.01
TOTAL			-51.25
Hartman Brothers Inc		Alpine-Operating Account	
	Mar 2025	661GO2 · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-8.48
	Mar 2025	961SOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-8.47
	Mar 2025	961WOO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	-8.47
TOTAL			-25.42

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Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Core & Main		Alpine-Operating Account	
	1 1/2 & 2" meters (12)	988WOO · Taps & Meters	-22,045.56
TOTAL			-22,045.56
VISA - Alpine Bank		Alpine-Operating Account	
		Alpine Bank	-4,051.99
TOTAL			-4,051.99
VISA-Wells Fargo		Alpine-Operating Account	
		Wells Fargo Visa	-5,015.20
TOTAL			-5,015.20

AGENDA ITEM #6



RIDGWAY PARKSIDE DUPLEX

HOME TRUST OF OURAY COUNTY

PARKSIDE DUPLEX

779 & 783 N LAURA STREET, RIDGWAY, CO

Homeownership Project for 120% AMI and below
(Actual AMI: 105% and below)

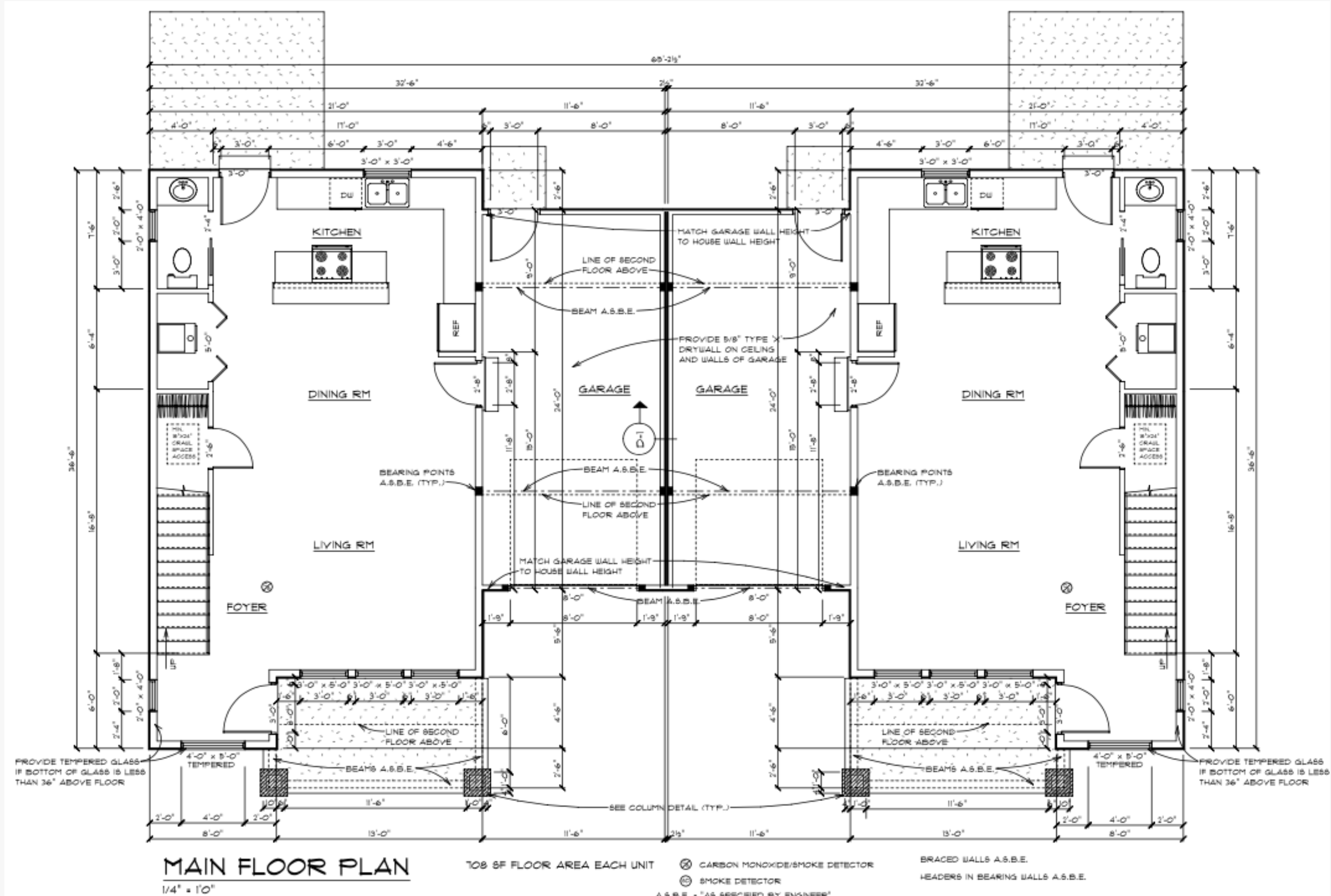


DESCRIPTION

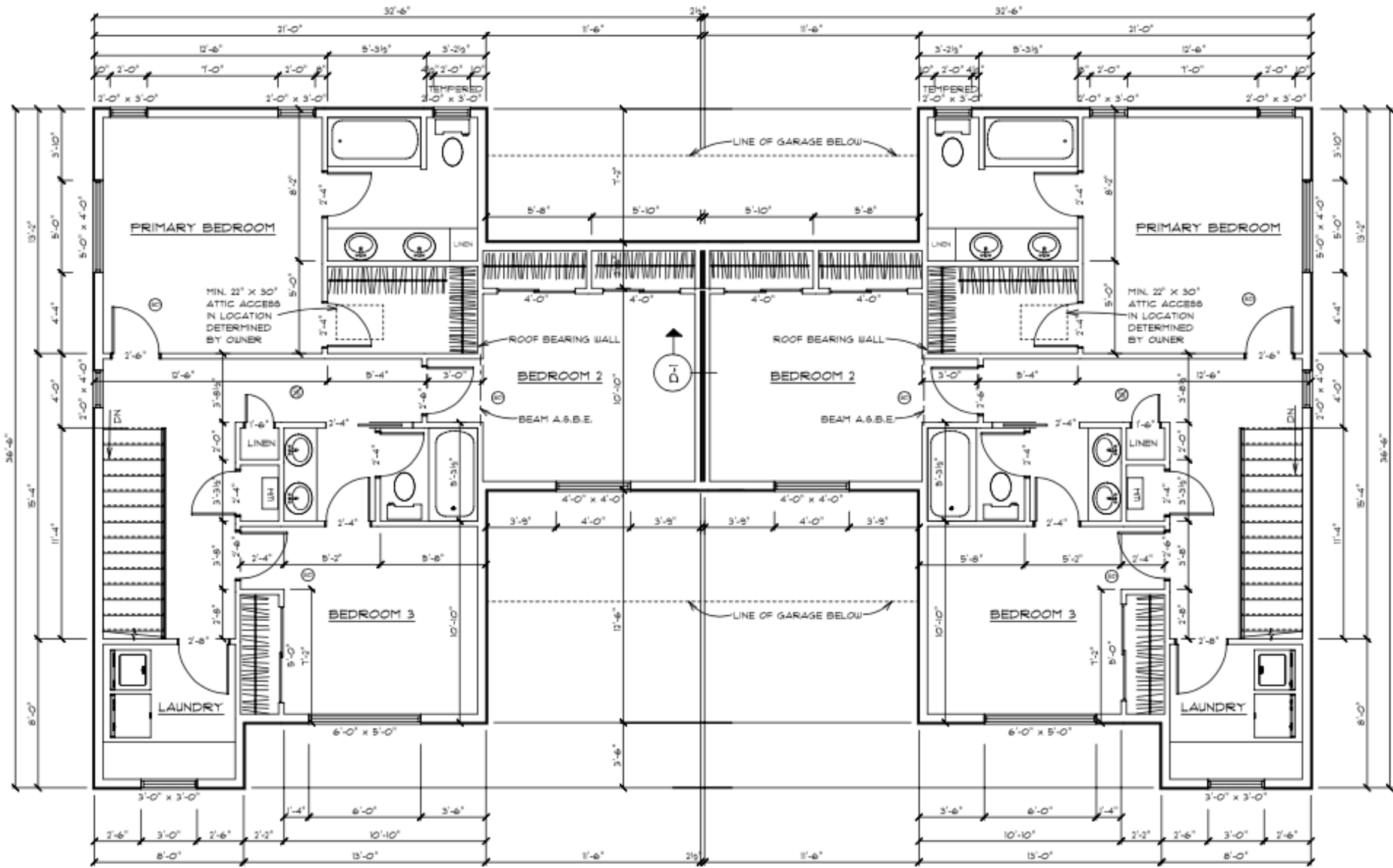
This 3,716 square foot duplex is comprised of two units, each at 1,582 of living space with a 276 square foot one-car garage. The units include three bedrooms, two full bathrooms, and a powder room. The ground floor is an open floor plan with a kitchen, dining room, and living room.



MAIN FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



874 SF FLOOR AREA EACH UNIT

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1/4" = 1'-0"

- ⊗ CARBON MONOXIDE/SMOKE DETECTOR
- ⊙ SMOKE DETECTOR
- A.S.B.E. = "AS SPECIFIED BY ENGINEER"

BRACED WALLS A.S.B.E.
HEADERS IN BEARING WALLS A.S.B.E.

COST

Market rate cost:

\$1,089,013 // \$293.06 per square foot

- Hard costs at market rate:
\$213.90 per square foot

Home Trust cost:

\$656,000 // \$177 per square foot

Came in WELL under budget.





SALES PRICE

779 N Laura St: **\$327,000**

783 N Laura St: **\$329,000**

SECURED FUNDING

- NuVista Federal Credit Union Construction Financing: **\$647,923**
- Land Donation: **\$180,000**
- DOLA DOH grant: **\$100,000**
- In-Kind Donations from General Contractor and Subcontractors: **\$52,398**
- Local Donations: **\$46,760**
- Local Organizations (SMPA and ROCC): **\$3,143**





GENERAL CONTRACTOR

CLINT ESTES – ON-SIGHT CONSTRUCTION

SUBCONTRACTORS

- Excavation- SAKO Excavation - Travis Sackman
- Concrete- Kings Concrete
- HVAC- SNIPPS Heating and Air
- Plumbing- Wild Country Plumbing
- Electrical- Potential Power Systems - Willy Krois
- Roofing- Pro-Services
- Gutters- In The Gutter
- Garage Doors- Montrose Garage Doors
- Insulation- Energy-Pro Insulation
- Sheetrock- GranMar Drywall
- Painting- Kraft Painting - Dean Kraft

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- ALL ELECTRIC
- INSULATION
 - WALLS - HYBRID INSULATION, R-30
 - ROOF - BLOWN IN LOOSE FILL, R-50
- WALL ASSEMBLY - DRAINABLE, WICKING, AND VAPOR OPEN HOUSE WRAP TO PREVENT CONDENSATION AND MOLD
- WINDOWS - LOW-E, HEAT LOCK, DOUBLE PANE, U-FACTOR OF 0.27



TIMELINE

October 18, 2023 – February 4, 2025 (15 months and 2 weeks)

Project received a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO). A certificate of occupancy (CO) will be obtained once landscaping is complete. Landscaping will be complete on April 15th.

DESIGN



GROUNDBREAKING



CONSTRUCTION



COMPLETION



SELECTION PROCESS

- Kelly Goodin, Community Outreach Director created the Home Trust's Homebuyer Selection Program
- Housing Resources completed the income and asset verification
- Homebuyer Selection Committee selected two of the five applicants based on a point system



HOMEBUYERS

- Lori and Brian Patton with two kids, Hunter and Sloan
- Sarah Burr with two kids, Tyce and Treyson

THANK YOU!

Big thanks to Patrick and Marti O'Leary, NuVista Federal Credit Union, Clint Estes and all subcontractors, DOLA, Town of Ridgway, Ridgway Planning Commission, TJ Dublac, Beanstalk Foundation, Telluride Foundation, Western Colorado Community Foundation, Ouray County Community Foundation, Impact Development Fund, Habitat For Humanity of the San Juans, Housing Resources, Black Canyon Engineering, Buckhorn Engineering, Julie Wolverton, and our local organizations and donors.

Join us in Celebration on Thursday, April 17th

AGENDA ITEM #7



Application for Special Event Permit

Applicant Name:	<u>Ridgway Hardware</u>	Contact Person:	<u>Stephen Laster</u>
Applicant Phone:	<u>970-626-5717</u>	Contact Phone:	<u>972-965-4493</u>
Applicant Email:	<u>ridgwayhardware1@gmail</u>	Event Date:	<u>June 14th 2025</u>
Event Name:	<u>40th Anniversary Party</u>	Event Time:	<u>12:00pm - 4:00pm</u>
Type of Event:	<u>live music Street Party</u>	# Attendees:	<u>50 - 100+</u>

Specify park, facility and/or public right-of-way for the event (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park Stage	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Weaver Memorial Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Concession Area (Athletic Park)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rollans Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):		

For use of Rights-of-Ways (streets, alleys, sidewalks) specify the exact location(s):

S. Lena St from just South of the entry to
Ridgway's Mountain Market to Hyde St intersection

Describe in detail the proposed use and activity for the park, facility and/or right-of-way:

Live music, free food and beer, wine, water, soda, Price
give aways

40th Anniversary Party

Event Type (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Music Concert	<input type="checkbox"/> Filming/ Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Run/Walk Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Show and Sales
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): <u>Anniversary Party</u>	



***Selling of alcoholic beverages** requires an application for a State of Colorado Special Events Liquor License. Application must be made with the Town Clerk, and the license received prior to holding the event.

****All sponsors of events are required to provide proof of insurance** listing the Town of Ridgway, officers and employees as additional insured and indemnifying the Town of Ridgway.

Applicant Signature: Strat Date: 4-3-2025

TOWN STAFF WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES:

Permit Application Fee (\$50): (Due at time of application)	\$	Date Paid:	Check #:
Large Event Fee (\$50 - if more than 100 people):	\$	Date Paid:	
Filming/ Production Fee (\$250 day):	\$	Date Paid:	
Parks Department Assistance (\$25 hour):	\$	Date Paid:	
Hartwell Park Stage Use Fee (\$50):	\$	Date Paid:	
Concession Area Use Fee (\$50):	\$	Date Paid:	
Community Center Fee: (\$25 hour):	\$	Date Paid:	
Electricity Use Fee: (\$15 day):	\$	Date Paid:	
Law Enforcement Fee: (\$30/hr/officer):	\$	Date Paid:	
Refundable Damage Deposit: up to 100 people: \$50 101-500 people: \$100 >500 people: \$200 Community Center: \$100 Hartwell Park Stage: \$500 Concession Area \$150	\$	Date Paid:	
Release of Damage Deposit:	\$	Date Paid:	

Local government & Ouray County special districts and non-profits can apply for a fee reduction/waiver for use of the stage and concession area

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Town Council Approval (Date: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance/ Indemnity
<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Liquor License <u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Event Vendor License	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sales Tax License(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



Vicinity Map/Site Plan

Attach a vicinity map and site plan. List all parks, trails, open space, facilities, roadways, bridges and other Town property proposed for use with the event. The following questions include items which, if applicable, should be included on the site plan.

Checklist for Vicinity Map/ Site Plan:

- ☐ Event Site (park, trail, open space, facilities, sidewalk, street)
- ☐ Parking Plan and Traffic Flow
- ☐ Locations of security personnel
- ☐ Locations of first aid and emergency services
- ☐ Routes for EMS and fire department
- ☐ Water stations
- ☐ Location and number of sanitation facilities
- ☐ Food service booths
- ☐ Temporary road closures
- ☐ Liquor sales and consumption (must match special event license)
- ☐ Electrical and lighting sources
- ☐ Sound and amplification plan
- ☐ Trash receptacles
- ☐ Signage type and location
- ☐ Proposed locations for staking or any penetration of the ground

Parking/Traffic Flow

Indicate the number of parking spaces, locations, traffic flow, personnel directing traffic, and traffic signage.

Name(s) authorized personnel to direct traffic: _____

Are you planning event parking on-site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you planning event parking off-site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How will you be moving people to/from the event site?

Security/Law Enforcement

Describe the emergency communications plan [e.g.: radio channels, cell phones, etc.]:

cell phone



Do you anticipate utilizing uniform deputy services for ground security or traffic direction?

If so, what are the plans to meet these needs?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will a private security company be used?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How will the security personnel be identified? _____

Phone number for security company/or personnel contact: _____

Will event interrupt the normal traffic flow on any street?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will event need authorization to park vehicles on any street?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Does event need Police or Sheriff or Fire Department services?

If yes, please list:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Emergency Medical Care

Describe emergency medical services arrangements/plan:

Spoke with DCEMS, other than letting them know
the date and time, they didn't feel any extra precautions
were needed.

Potable Water

Will the event provide participants/vendors with drinking water?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe water source, estimated amount and methods of distribution:

We will have no vendors. Free bottled water will be
provided

Sanitation

Events up to 250 attendees do not need to provide portable restrooms

Between 250 - 350 attendees at least 1 portable restroom

Between 350-550 attendees at least 3 portable restrooms must be provided



Will the event use Town restroom facilities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will portable sanitation facilities be supplied?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe portable sanitation plan, including company name and phone number:

Ridgway Hardware 970-626-5717

Sanitation Drop Off/ Pick Up Dates and Times:

Drop Off: / / est. time
mm / dd / yy

Pick Up: / / est. time
mm / dd / yy

Electricity

Will the Town be providing electricity for the event?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe electricity uses and locations:

Refuse Collection *Events with over 500 attendees with food vendors must provide a dumpster*

Will the event use Town trash receptacles?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Will the event have dumpsters on site?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe refuse removal plan; if dumpsters will be placed provide the company name and contact information:

Ridgway Hardware 970-626-5717

Refuse Container Drop Off/ Pick Up Dates and Times:

Drop Off: / / est. time
mm / dd / yy

Pick Up: 6/20/25 est. time
mm / dd / yy



Sound and Amplification

Will sound or amplification be used for the event?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe type of amplification system to be used, and where it will be placed:

Speakers placed on edge of Hyde St facing North

Street Closure

Are temporary street closures needed for the event?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Describe which streets would be impacted, proposed signage and the safety plan:

S. Lena from South of entry to Mountain Market
to Hyde St. no signage, spoke to OCERS

Signage

Will temporary signage be needed for event?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe the exact location for placement of signage: ~~stage~~ stage:

set up intersection
Lena & Hyde - stage will face North
-normal amplification

Indicate the date and time the temporary signage will be placed and removed:

Signage Up:

<u>mm</u>	<u>dd</u>	<u>yy</u>
____	____	____
<u>mm</u>	<u>dd</u>	<u>yy</u>
____	____	____

est. time

Signage Down:

<u>mm</u>	<u>dd</u>	<u>yy</u>
____	____	____
<u>mm</u>	<u>dd</u>	<u>yy</u>
____	____	____

est. time



Staking (ground penetration for tents, signs, fencing, etc.)

Will ground penetrations be needed for the event?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe location of where staking will be needed, and proposed types:

Food Service & Merchandise Vendors

Will food service and/or merchandise vendors be present at the event? ☐ Yes ☒ No

** If yes, an application for a Special Event Vendor License must be submitted to the Town, along with a detailed list of all vendors must be provided 15 days prior to the event. The Town will prepare sales tax remittance forms and it will be the responsibility of the event organizer to collect all sales tax remittances and ensure they are remitted to the Town within 30 days after the event.*

Which types of vendors will be present: _____

What plan will be in place regarding removal of hot coals and grease generated by food vendors:

Alcohol Use

No alcoholic beverages may be possessed, consumed or provided on any public property unless the event organizer has been issued a Town of Ridgway Special Event Liquor License. All provisions of the Colorado Liquor Code and local law related to liquor apply to all public properties. Contact the Town Clerk at 970-626-5308 Ext 211 to obtain a license.

Please list any special requirements or potential impacts of the event:

Have reached out to obtain a special event liquor licence
We will not be selling alcohol but offering free beer
and wine

**** Town equipment and furnishings cannot be removed from Town Hall for use in parks or the stage**

AGENDA ITEM #8



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board

First Quarter Update, 2025

Dave Jones, Chairman
Joyce Huang
Dana Ivers
David Kehmeier
Sheridan Ribbing
Christie Lemon
Terry Schuyler, Ex-Officio
Preston Neill, Town Manager

2025 SAB Goals

1. Advise the Town to adopt a resolution formally establishing a net-zero goal by 2030.
2. Establish a Ridgway “road map” to net zero.
3. Provide quarterly progress updates to the Town Council.
4. Draft and recommend adoption of idle-free (i.e., no idling) regulations.
5. Organize and hold two educational outreach meetings/public engagement events in 2025
6. Work to align our region on an approach and code package for 2024 International Energy Conservation Code adoption (this includes the model electric and solar ready code).
7. Evaluate establishment of a goal/date for all new Town construction projects to be all-electric.
8. Work to decrease festival and event waste by encouraging composting & recycling at Ridgway events.
9. Evaluate / recommend options for instituting incentives/rebates for participation in local composting.
10. Increase local organic/natural food production and consumption.
11. Evaluate and recommend options for instituting a turf replacement program.
12. Explore potential local wildlife corridors & possibilities for mitigating speeding on US 550 and SH 62.

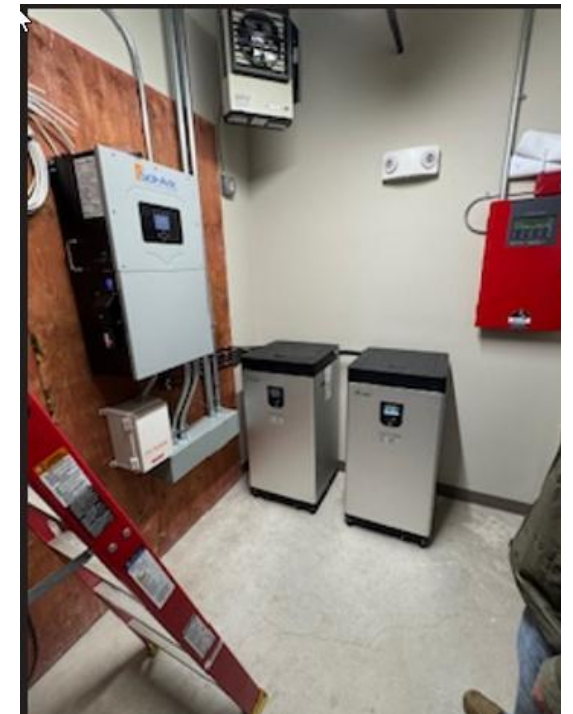
#5: Two Educational Outreach Events in 2025.

1. Decker Room “Resilience Hub” dedication event this summer.

“Live” microgrid with solar generation + battery backup.

2. EV Ride & Drive + electrification fair on Saturday 9 August.

Plus, a revamped Town Sustainability Website





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RIDGWAY SUSTAINABILITY

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Ridgway Sustainability

SUSTAINABILITY is based on a simple principle: Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment. To pursue sustainability is to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations. — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



#6 Ridgway & Regional Building Code Updates

#7 All Electric New Construction

- It is time to update Ridgway Building Codes. We are currently on the 2018 IECC code (since 2019) & generally update our codes every 6 yrs.
- Since July 2023, CO law has required that all municipalities adopt “electric and solar ready” code language with their next code update.
- We are part of a regional consortium working toward adoption of the 2021 IECC building code, the electric and solar ready code, the low energy / carbon code, & considering other potential code amendments.
- Our SAB Committee strongly recommends as part of our building code revision that *Ridgway specify a date for all new construction to be “all electric”*.

#1 Adoption of a Town Resolution formally establishing a net-zero goal by 2030.

This Resolution will:

- 1) establish a goal to electrify all Town building utilities, gas-powered maintenance equipment, and vehicles by 2030.
- 2) impact the decisions the Town makes when replacing appliances, equipment, and vehicles.
- 3) assure all Town-supported buildings are all-electric.
- 4) help raise public consciousness of our need to electrify and spur other Town residences and businesses to move toward electrification.

A Net Zero Resolution formally supports Town goals

- WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway Master Plan, adopted on June 12, 2019, contains POLICY ENV-4.2: Renewable Energy, which states:
“Encourage the use of carbon-free renewable energy systems within the Town and support the goal of carbon neutrality for CO
- WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has created a roadmap to reach 100% renewable energy by 2040, and in 2019, passed HB19-1261, which **sets a statewide goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2050**
- WHEREAS, on June 14, 2023 the Ridgway Town Council adopted the San Miguel and Ouray County Regional Climate Action Plan, which has a **goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2050**

What this “net zero” commitment will mean:

- 1) The Town will continue to buy SMPA’s “carbon-free clean energy”.
- 2) If Town carbon-fueled equipment needs replacement, electric options will be the first consideration / selection when reasonable.
- 3) The Town will identify current Town-owned vehicles, appliances, and maintenance equipment that are powered by fossil fuels.
- 4) We will identify a replacement schedule, where reasonable and feasible, to purchase electric vehicles, appliances and maintenance equipment to replace fossil fuel burning equipment.
- 5) The Town will require future buildings that receive Town funding to be both all-electric and net-zero.
- 6) We will encourage Ridgway residents to embrace electrification when replacing fossil fuel burning equipment (appliance/vehicles).

#2 Establish a Ridgway “road map” to net zero

[illegible]

Questions?

Thank you



AGENDA ITEM #9

RESOLUTION NO. 25-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO REAFFIRMING RIDGWAY'S COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE ACTION, ESTABLISHING A GOAL FOR NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN ALL ELECTRIC, NET ZERO ENERGY USE POLICY FOR HOUSING PROJECTS WITH FINANCIAL INVESTMENT FROM THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (the "Town") is a home rule municipality and political subdivision of the State of Colorado organized and existing under a home rule charter pursuant to Article XX of the Constitution of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Town has long been committed to sustainability and to preserve natural resources for current and future generations, and endeavors to be a leader in responsible stewardship of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change affect everyone regardless of age, gender or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, addressing climate change equitably requires transition from fossil fuels to emission-free, renewable energy that is ecologically sustainable for all people, especially those most impacted by climate change today and those who will be most impacted in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway Master Plan, adopted on June 12, 2019, contains **POLICY ENV-4.2: Renewable Energy**, which states: "Encourage the use of carbon-free renewable energy systems within the Town and support the goal of carbon neutrality for Colorado. Support the inspiration and innovation of those who live, work, and visit Ridgway to create a low-carbon economy and lifestyle that improves the health, shared prosperity, and long-term security of our unique mountain community."; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2023 the Ridgway Town Council adopted the *San Miguel and Ouray County Regional Climate Action Plan*, which has a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has created a roadmap to reach 100% renewable energy by 2040, and in 2019, passed HB19-1261, which sets a statewide goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and 90% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, carbon-free energy resources paired with energy storage, and microgrids, where feasible, are important strategies to build disaster resilience into our communities and will assist with disaster recovery; and ensuring equitable distribution of the benefits of these resources is imperative to adequately prepare for disasters, particularly those exacerbated by climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to establish a goal for net-zero carbon emissions and to promote all electric, net zero energy use in buildings around the Town of Ridgway.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO the following:

1. The Town pledges to address climate change at the speed and scale that it demands by committing to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for all municipal operations by 2030; and
2. The Town pledges to collaborate with other community leaders, residents and stakeholders to build our collective capacity, scaling the right solutions that grow our local economies, protect public health and create a sustainable carbon-free future for all; and
3. The Town commits the Sustainability Advisory Board to develop, for Town Council consideration and approval, a *Net-Zero Carbon Emission Roadmap* for implementation based on annual appropriation by the Town Council; and
4. Housing projects that receive financial investment from the Town of Ridgway, including but not limited to tax and fee waivers, shall be all electric and shall not include natural gas service or any appliances or equipment which use natural gas; and
5. Housing projects that receive financial investment from the Town of Ridgway, including but not limited to tax and fee waivers, shall achieve net zero energy use, which is preferred to be achieved on-site to the extent economically practicable and may be achieved by enrolling in San Miguel Power Association's Totally Green Program from 100% renewable sources.
6. By pledging to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030, the Town of Ridgway will serve as an example for Town residents and businesses to achieve the same goal. The Town will explore mechanisms and potential incentives to enable Town residents and businesses in this pursuit.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of April, 2025.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO

John I. Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

AGENDA ITEM #10



April 9, 2025

Colorado Department of Local Affairs
1313 Sherman Street
Suite 521
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Town of Ridgway Application to Housing Planning Grant Program

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Ridgway Town Council, I am writing to express enthusiastic support for the Town's pursuit of grant support through the Department of Local Affairs Housing Planning Grant Program for a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA), and a Housing Action Plan (HAP) to help our community to better understand our housing needs. The Ridgway Town Council has long supported analyzing community needs at a deeper level to help inform any policies or programs necessary to meet those needs. An updated HNA and HAP are recognized as crucial to our efforts to increase the availability of housing that is affordable to our residents and workforce.

The Ridgway Town Council earmarked \$25,000 in the Town's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for an HNA and it can be used as the 25% local match, if the Town is successful in its grant application. Ouray County has funding available to participate in this project as well. We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with Ouray County on the HNA in an effort to create a multijurisdictional HNA, and we recognize that the problem, and therefore the solution, crosses jurisdictional boundaries.

The HAP will be a fundamental tool in the Town of Ridgway's progress toward meeting our Proposition 123 commitment and continuing down a path of zoning reform to shift from prioritizing single-family housing developments, exploring other innovative housing strategies, and creating targeted programs that support those in need of housing security or at risk of displacement.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project for our community.

Respectfully,

John I Clark
Mayor
Town of Ridgway, Colorado

AGENDA ITEM #11



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and The Town of Ridgway Town Council

Cc: Preston Neill, *Ridgway Town Manager*
TJ Dlubac, AICP, *CPS* & Max Garcia, AICP, *CPS*

From: Angela Kemp, AICP, *Sr. Town Planner*

Date: April 4th, 2025

Subject: Amendments to the Ridgway Municipal Code Section ***7-4-6(N) Short-Term Rental Regulations, 8-5 Short-Term Rentals, and 7-9-2 General Definitions*** Staff Report for the April 9th Town Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

Ordinance 01-2025 seeks to Amend The Ridgway Municipal Code (RMC) Section 7-4-6(N) *Short-Term Rental Regulations*, 7-9-2 *General Definitions*, and Section 8-5 regarding licensing Short-Term Rentals. The actions of the Planning Commission and Town Council on these updates are described below.

At the January 28th regular meeting of the Planning Commission, a noticed public hearing was held regarding the Text Amendments to 7-4-6 (N) and 8-5 of the RMC. The Commission, with one absent member, voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 01-2025 regarding Text Amendments to Sections 7-4-6 (N) and 8-5 of the RMC to the Ridgway Town Council finding that the criteria for a Text Amendment had been met.

Following the January 28th Planning Commission meeting, staff found that the Ridgway Municipal Code lacked a clear definition of "owner-occupied", a term that is used in the sections with proposed amendments.

At the February 12th Regular Town Council Meeting, Staff brought the Ordinance to the Council and requested that the item get sent back to the Planning Commission for their review. At the February 19th Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission, a noticed public hearing was held regarding the Ordinance and Text Amendments and including the addition of the appropriate definition for "owner-occupied". The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the Text Amendments, finding that the criteria for approval were met and recommended approval of Ordinance 01-2025

At the March 12th Regular Town Council Meeting, the Ordinance was Introduced by Title only at First Reading. If adopted by the Town Council at Second Reading, the Ordinance goes into effect 30 days from the approval date.

UPDATES AND ANALYSIS

A summary of the Amendments to the Code for Short-Term Rental Regulation and STR Licensing which have been completed as part of this update are listed below:

- a) Reorganize the STR Regulations and Licensing to add clarity between the two portions of the Code discussing the same topic and removed a reference to an old code section that



no longer exists and added a cross-reference prompt to connect 8-5 and 7-4-6 (N) so that applicants (and reviewers) look at both sections of the code.

- b) Add the Downtown Services "DS" zone to the Zoning districts (with General Commercial "GC" and Historic Business "HB") where multi-family structures could be used as a Short-term rental if it complies with the other Regulations. In these circumstances, there isn't an owner-occupancy requirement (unchanged from the previous code).
- c) Explain the owner-occupancy requirement for all zones other than DS, GC, HB so that it is clear whether there are separate structures on a property or there are various units in one structure, one unit needs to be owner-occupied in order to be eligible for a STR license for any of the units.
- d) *Performance Standards for Short-Term Rentals*: This section contained standards relating to the maximum number of bedrooms and guests and the owner's agent requirements that were unchanged but moved to better fit under the licensing portion of the Code in Section 8-5.
- e) Add a distinction between "room" and "bedroom" in (8-5-1).
- f) Modify the title of 8-5-3 to "LICENSE ADMINISTRATION" to add distinction between 7-4-6 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS and "SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS" as previously used in the title of 8-5-3.
- g) Add a warning note that if a license is revoked, it would require a new license, but because of the cap of 50 licenses, one may not be available at that time.
- h) Add a definition to 7-9-2 General Definitions: OWNER-OCCUPIED: At least one owner of a property lives on that property as their primary residence for at least nine months out of any 12-month period.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This is the Second Reading of Ordinance 01-2025. Town Council may consider Adoption of Ordinance 01-2025 on Second Reading.

Recommended Motion: I move to Adopt Ordinance 01-2025 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO AMENDING SECTION 7-4 "ZONING REGULATIONS" OF THE RIDGWAY MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATION AND AMENDING SECTION 8-5 "SHORT-TERM RENTALS" OF THE RIDGWAY MUNICIPAL CODE.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. *Ordinance 01-2025*
2. *STR RMC Section 7-4-6(N) update – redline version*
3. *STR RMC Section 8-5 update – redline version*

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
AMENDING SECTION 7-4 “ZONING REGULATIONS” OF THE RIDGWAY MUNICIPAL
CODE REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATION AND AMENDING SECTION 8-
5 “SHORT-TERM RENTALS” OF THE RIDGWAY MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (“Town”) is a home rule municipality existing pursuant to the laws of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado Revised Statutes and the Town's Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, the zoning and land use powers conferred upon the Town by the State of Colorado as a Home Rule Municipality empower the Town to manage land use to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently regulates land uses within the Town limits in accordance with Chapter 7 “Land Use Regulations” of the Ridgway Municipal Code (“RMC”), adopted pursuant to its Home Rule Constitutional authority and the Local Government Land Use Control Enabling Act of 1974, as amended, §§29-20-101, et seq. C.R.S; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is appropriate to amend RMC Subsection 7-4-6(N) “Short-Term Rental Regulations” to provide additional clarity and flexibility in our regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is appropriate to amend RMC Section 8-4 “Short-Term Rentals” to provide additional clarity in Short-Term Rental (“STR”) license administration; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the Town’s Short-Term Rental Regulations will help advance *POLICY ECO-2.4: Ease of Doing Business* in the Town of Ridgway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the Town’s Short-Term Rental Regulations will help advance *POLICY ECO-3.2: Local Goods, Products, and Services* in the Town of Ridgway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it is appropriate to amend RMC Section 7-9-2 General Definitions to provide additional clarity about owner occupancy requirements; and

WHEREAS, Town staff held a Work Session with the Ridgway Planning Commission on January 7th, 2025 and received recommendations from the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgway Town Council finds that this ordinance furthers and is necessary to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Ridgway community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO the following:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and adopted as findings and determinations of the Town Council.

Section 2. Amendment of Subsection (N) of Section 7-4-6. Subsection (N) of Section 7-4-6 of the Ridgway Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reinstated to read as set forth in *Exhibit A*.

Section 3. Amendment of Section 4 of Chapter 8. Section 4 of Chapter 8 of the Ridgway Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reinstated to read as set forth in *Exhibit B*.

Section 4. Amendment of Section 7-9-2 General Definitions: The definition of “Owner-Occupancy” is added within Section 7-9-2 General Definitions to read as follows:

OWNER-OCCUPIED: At least one owner of a property lives on that property as their primary residence for at least nine months out of any 12-month period.

Section 5. Codification of Amendments. The Town Clerk, as the codifier of the Town’s Municipal Code, is hereby authorized to make such numerical and formatting changes as may be necessary to incorporate the provisions of this Ordinance within the Ridgway Municipal Code. The Town Clerk is authorized to correct, or approve the correction by the codifier, of any typographical error in the enacted regulations, provided that such correction shall not substantively change any provision of the regulations adopted in this Ordinance. Such corrections may include spelling, reference, citation, enumeration, and grammatical errors.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. The Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each provision thereof, even though any one of the provisions might be declared unconstitutional or invalid. As used in this Section, the term “provision” means and includes any part, division, subdivision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase; the term “application” means and includes an application of an ordinance or any part thereof, whether considered or construed alone or together with another ordinance or ordinances, or part thereof, of the Town.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of final passage in accordance with Article 3-7 of the Ridgway Charter.

Section 8. Safety Clause. The Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town of Ridgway, that it is promulgated for the health, safety and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The Town Council further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be obtained.

Section 9. No Existing Violation Affected. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any penalty, liability or right or affect any audit, suit, or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing which may have been incurred or obtained under any ordinance or provision hereby repealed or amended by this Ordinance. Any such ordinance or provision thereof so amended, repealed, or superseded by this Ordinance shall be treated and held as remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings and prosecutions, for the enforcement of such penalty, liability, or right, and for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree or order which can or may be rendered, entered, or made in such actions, suits or proceedings, or prosecutions imposing, inflicting, or declaring such penalty or liability or enforcing such right, and shall be treated and held as remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proceedings, actions, hearings, and appeals pending before any court or administrative tribunal.

Section 10. Publication. The Town Clerk is ordered to publish this Ordinance in accordance with Article 3-7 of the Ridgway Charter.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEARING on February 12, 2025, and setting such public hearing for March 12, 2025, at Ridgway Town Hall, located at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

BY:

ATTEST:

John Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

ADOPTED on _____, 2025.

BY:

ATTEST:

John Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bo James Nerlin, Town Attorney

Exhibit A:

Amendment of Subsection (N) of Section 7-4-6 “Short-Term Rental Regulations”.

Exhibit B:

Amendment of Section 8-5 “Short-Term Rentals”.

7-4-6 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS.

(N) Short-Term Rental Regulations.

- (1) Intent and Purpose: Establish standards and procedures by which residential short-term rentals can be provided in a manner that protects both the quality of experience and the character of the Town. It is the Town's intent to establish short-term rental regulations to promote a mix of lodging options, support the local economy, while also upholding the integrity of the Town.
- (2) Short-term rentals shall comply with the provisions of this Subsection (N) and shall be licensed per Chapter 8, Section 5 of the Municipal Code.
- (3) Permitted Use of Short-Term Rentals:
 - (a) For short-term rentals outside of the "HB" Historic Business, "DS" Downtown Service, or "GC" General Commercial Districts, the structure involved:
 - (i) Shall be a single-family dwelling structure; or
 - (ii) Shall be a single residential unit in structures with mixed uses; or
 - (iii) Shall be a property with multiple dwelling units owned by the same owner, in which one of the dwelling units may be used as a short-term rental as long as at least one of the other dwelling unit(s) is/are owner occupied; and
 - (iv) Shall not be a multiple family dwelling or structure as short-term rentals are prohibited in multiple family structures in districts other than HB, DS, and GC.
 - (b) In the HB, DS, and GC Districts, a maximum of five short-term rentals are allowed per building or structure.
- (4) Performance Standards for Short-Term Rentals:
 - (b) The unit shall have a minimum of two off-street parking spaces available and any additional spaces necessary to accommodate the tenant's vehicles off-street.
 - (d) Adequate animal resistant trash and recycling containers shall be provided, and information on placement for collection shall be provided in the short-term rental as stated in Ridgway Municipal Code Section 9-2.
 - (e) The unit shall be maintained in compliance with applicable Town ordinances and regulations. The rental of residential units as provided herein shall not unreasonably annoy or interfere with the use or enjoyment of public or private property or constitute a health or safety hazard.
 - (f) The owner must have current State and Town sales tax licenses, a Town business license, if at such time the Town has business licensing, and collect and remit sales taxes and lodging taxes.

SECTION 5 Short-Term Rentals

Subsections:

(Section enacted by Ord. 3-2017)

8-5-1 LICENSES REQUIRED.

- (A) Any property owner who rents out a bedroom or unit on a short-term basis within the Town shall be required to obtain a short-term rental license (hereinafter a "Short-Term Rental License") for each short-term rental unit from the Town. The property owner is responsible for prominently displaying the Short-Term Rental License number in all advertising/listing of the unit. The cost of such licensing and renewals shall be set by resolution of the Town Council. Short-Term Rental Licenses are nontransferable, except where upon death the property is transferred to an immediate family member, the short-term license may be transferred with the property.
- (B) All short-term rental units, except the short-term rental of a single bedroom inside an owner-occupied dwelling unit, are required to have and pass a health, safety, and welfare inspection by the Town Building Inspector. This inspection will be completed with the initial licensing and renewal licensing processes.
- (C) The total number of short-term rental licenses in the Town shall be limited to 50 at any one time. The short-term rental of a single bedroom inside an owner-occupied dwelling unit shall not be counted toward the maximum number of licenses to be issued.
- (D) Short-Term Rental Licenses shall be issued for a period of two years and subject to biannual renewal (every two years). Notwithstanding this two-year term, the Town may determine a more frequent licensing schedule is needed for any particular unit, and the initial term for licensing.

8-5-2 LICENSE FEES.

- (A) The local application and license fees for all short-term rental licenses issued, and applications submitted shall be enacted by Town Council resolution.
- (B) In addition to the above fees, the applicant/licensee shall reimburse the Town for all out-of-pocket costs incurred during review of the application, or license, including legal fees, consultant fees, postage, notice and publishing costs. The Town shall bill the applicant/licensee upon completion of the application or review process and completion of any conditions thereof. No application or license shall be finally approved until the bill is paid. Each bill shall be overdue 30 days after its date. Bills not paid by the due date shall accrue interest at the rate of one and one-half percent per month or part thereof. Such fees may be certified to the County Treasurer for collection as delinquent charges or collected in any other lawful manner.
- (C) The Town Council may revise such amounts by resolution based on costs incurred by the Town in the administration and enforcement of the short-term rental licensing and related provisions.

8-5-3 LICENSE ADMINISTRATION

- (A) All dwelling units, for Short-Term Rental Licenses issued, shall comply with applicable requirements of Town ordinances, including building and zoning regulations, inclusive of Chapter 7, 7-4-6 Supplemental Regulations, and this Section.

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- (B) The Town Council shall be the local licensing authority for the Town for Short-Term Rental Licenses. The Town Manager or their designee shall review and act upon all Short-Term Rental License applications without hearing.
 - (C) The Town Manager or their designee is hereby designated as the entity responsible for processing procedures and reviewing Short-Term Rental Licenses for compliance with Town ordinances and regulations.
 - (D) The Town Manager shall make reasonable rules and regulations in conformity with this Article for the proper administration and enforcement of Short-Term Rental Licenses.
 - (E) There shall be an owner's agent available to be at the unit within 20 minutes, who is on call full-time to manage the property during any period the unit is rented. The name, address and phone number of the agent must be kept current on file with the Town and posted in the short-term rental.
 - (F) The unit being rented shall be a dwelling unit, as defined pursuant to Section 9 shall not have more than five bedrooms, nor be used by any group containing more than ten people over the age of 18.

8-5-4 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

- (A) The Town Manager may revoke or suspend a Short-Term Rental License. The following shall be prima facie evidence for revocation or suspension of a Short-Term Rental License:
 - (1) A holder of a Short-Term Rental License is in violation of the Town Municipal Code;
 - (2) A holder of a Short-Term Rental License has violated the rules and regulations for short term rentals, as established by the Town Manager;
 - (3) There have been two or more violations of Chapter 2, Section 1, the General Administrative Provisions of the Town Municipal Code, at the short-term rental;
 - (4) The holder of the Short-Term Rental License has failed to remit sales and/or lodging taxes.
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AGENDA ITEM #12



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: April 4, 2025
Agenda Topic: **Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance No. 02-2025 Amending Chapter 11 of the Ridgway Municipal Code Concerning the Sale of Dogs and Cats Born or Raised in Inhumane Commercial Breeding Facilities**

BACKGROUND:

At the September 11, 2024 regular meeting of the Town Council, Joyce Cohen presented information on “factory farms” or “puppy mills” that are large scale commercial operations which breed dogs and cats in cages and sell them to pet stores. She explained three states have passed legislation banning these practices, and the sale to pet stores. She asked the Council to consider enacting local regulations to ban the sale of dogs and cats that are raised in inhumane commercial breeding facilities. At the conclusion of the presentation, Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance, for Council consideration, that would prohibit the sale of dogs and cats that are raised in inhumane commercial breeding facilities.

The attached ordinance was prepared and presented to the Town Council at the March 12, 2025 regular meeting. Council approved the ordinance on first reading.

PROPOSED MOTION:

“I move to adopt, on second reading, Ordinance No. 02-2025, an Ordinance of the Town of Ridgway Colorado Amending Chapter 11 of the Ridgway Municipal Code Concerning the Sale of Dogs and Cats Born or Raised in Inhumane Commercial Breeding Facilities.”

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance No. 02-2025

**TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 02-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO,
AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE RIDGWAY MUNICIPAL CODE
CONCERNING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS BORN OR
RAISED IN INHUMANE COMMERCIAL BREEDING FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway, Colorado (“Town”) is a home rule municipality existing pursuant to the laws of the Colorado Constitution, the Colorado Revised Statutes and the Town’s Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, Section 31-15-501, C.R.S., authorizes municipalities to prohibit any offensive or unwholesome business practice; and

WHEREAS, the Humane Society of the United States has determined that puppy and kitten mills are inhumane commercial breeding facilities which disregard the animals’ health - both physical and emotional - in order to maximize profits; and

WHEREAS, according to the Humane Society of the United States, these mills produce animals for sale, oftentimes at retail stores; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds and determines that the sale of dogs and cats from these mills is an unwholesome business practice and not in the best interest of the public welfare of the Town;

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to exercise its authority to address the sale of dogs and cats in retail stores that come from these mills, all as more fully provided in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that this ordinance furthers and is necessary to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Ridgway community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO the following:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference and adopted as findings and determinations of the Town Council.

Section 2. Amendment of Subsection 11-1-14 - Penalty. Subsection 11-1-14 - *Penalty* of the Ridgway Municipal Code is hereby changed to Subsection 11-1-15 - *Penalty*.

Section 3. Addition of Subsection 11-1-14. Chapter 11 of the Ridgway Municipal Code is hereby amended with the addition of a new Subsection 11-1-14, to read as set forth in *Exhibit A*.

Section 3. Codification of Amendments. The Town Clerk, as the codifier of the Town's Municipal Code, is hereby authorized to make such numerical and formatting changes as may be necessary to incorporate the provisions of this Ordinance within the Ridgway Municipal Code. The Town Clerk is authorized to correct, or approve the correction by the codifier, of any typographical error in the enacted regulations, provided that such correction shall not substantively change any provision of the regulations adopted in this Ordinance. Such corrections may include spelling, reference, citation, enumeration, and grammatical errors.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. The Town Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each provision thereof, even though any one of the provisions might be declared unconstitutional or invalid. As used in this Section, the term "provision" means and includes any part, division, subdivision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase; the term "application" means and includes an application of an ordinance or any part thereof, whether considered or construed alone or together with another ordinance or ordinances, or part thereof, of the Town.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of final passage in accordance with Article 3-7 of the Ridgway Charter.

Section 6. Safety Clause. The Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town of Ridgway, that it is promulgated for the health, safety and welfare of the public, and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The Town Council further determines that the Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be obtained.

Section 7. No Existing Violation Affected. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to release, extinguish, alter, modify, or change in whole or in part any penalty, liability or right or affect any audit, suit, or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing which may have been incurred or obtained under any ordinance or provision hereby repealed or amended by this Ordinance. Any such ordinance or provision thereof so amended, repealed, or superseded by this Ordinance shall be treated and held as remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proper actions, suits, proceedings and prosecutions, for the enforcement of such penalty, liability, or right, and for the purpose of sustaining any judgment, decree or order which can or may be rendered, entered, or made in such actions, suits or proceedings, or prosecutions imposing, inflicting, or declaring such penalty or liability or enforcing such right, and shall be treated and held as remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any and all proceedings, actions, hearings, and appeals pending before any court or administrative tribunal.

Section 8. Publication. The Town Clerk is ordered to publish this Ordinance in accordance with Article 3-7 of the Ridgway Charter.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEARING on March 12, 2025, and set for public hearing on April 9, 2025, at Ridgway Town Hall, located at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

BY:

ATTEST:

John I. Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

ADOPTED on April 9, 2025.

BY:

ATTEST:

John I. Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bo James Nerlin, Town Attorney

EXHIBIT A

11-1-14 – SALE OF ANIMALS FROM INHUMANE COMMERCIAL BREEDING FACILITIES.

(A) As used in this Subsection, the following words shall have the following meanings:

Animal Care Facility means an animal control center or animal shelter, maintained by or under contract with any state, county or municipality, whose mission and practice is, in whole, or significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes.

Animal Rescue Organization means any not-for-profit organization which has tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals in permanent homes.

Cat means any animal of the species *Felis catus* or any hybrid thereof.

Dog means any animal of the family *Canidae*, regardless of sex, including, without limitation, those related to the wolf, fox, coyote, or any other domestic canid hybrid thereof.

Offer for Sale means to sell, offer for sale or adoption, advertise for sale of, barter, auction, give away, or otherwise dispose of a dog or cat.

Pet Shop means a retail establishment where dogs and/or cats are sold, exchanged, bartered, or offered for sale as pet animals to the general public at retail. Such definition does not include an animal care facility or animal rescue organization as defined in this Subsection.

Person means any public or private corporation, firm, partnership, limited liability entity of any kind, association, organization, government or any other group acting as a unit, as well as a natural person.

(B) No Pet Shop shall sell, deliver, offer for sale, barter, auction, or otherwise dispose of a dog or a cat.

(C) A Pet Shop may offer space for the adoption of dogs or cats, and shall post, in a conspicuous location on the enclosure of each such animal, a sign listing the name of the Animal Care Facility or Animal Rescue organization from which the Pet Shop acquired each dog or cat.

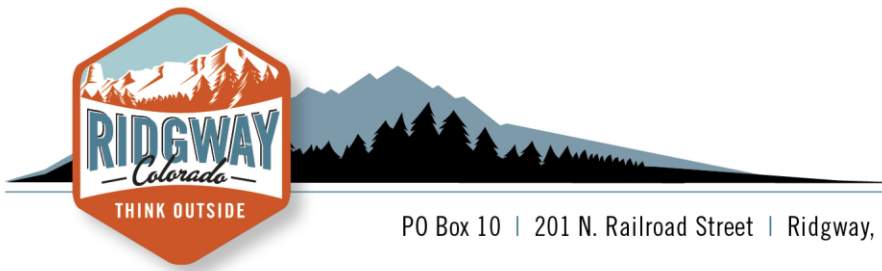
(D) Each violation of this Subsection shall constitute a separate offense.

(E) It is unlawful and a misdemeanor offense for any person to violate any provision of this Section. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this Section shall be

punished as provided in Subsection 11-1-15 of this Chapter and Chapter 5 of the Ridgway Municipal Code.

- (F) The operation of a pet shop in violation of this Subsection is declared to be a public nuisance and is subject to abatement as provided by law. In any case in which the Town prevails in a nuisance abatement action initiated pursuant to this Subsection, the Town may recover its reasonable attorney fees plus costs of the proceeding.

AGENDA ITEM #13



MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Shane Schmalz, Town Marshal
Date: April 4, 2025
Topic: **Request for authorization of staff to expend budgeted funds and enter into a contract to purchase two patrol vehicles for the Ridgway Marshal's Office**

ACTION BEFORE COUNCIL

Council is asked to consider authorizing staff to expend budgeted funds and enter into a contract to purchase a Ford F150 Power Boost Hybrid Truck, and a Ford F150 Lightning EV Truck for the Ridgway Marshal's Office.

SUMMARY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council earmarked funds in the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget for the purchase of a Ford F150 Power Boost Hybrid Truck, and a Ford F150 Lightning EV Truck. Both trucks will be upfitted with equipment and be delivered ready for use by Marshal's Office staff. Staff reached out to numerous companies for quotes on these vehicles per the Town's procurement policy. Staff was only able to get one company to present a complete package proposal on the two vehicles. Western Slope Ford in Grand Junction, CO was able to provide vehicles and partner with Two Communications in Grand Junction to provide upfitting. All other companies did not respond or were years out on providing vehicles and upfitting. The proposal falls within the budgeted amount of \$171,000.

Staff requests authorization to purchase the Ford F150 Power Boost Hybrid Truck and the Ford F150 Lightning EV Truck, including upfitting when they are ready to be delivered within the next month.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"I move to authorize staff to expend budgeted funds and enter into a contract with Western Slope Ford for the purchase of a fully equipped Ford F150 Power Boost Hybrid Truck and a fully equipped Ford F150 Lightning EV Truck at a price not to exceed \$171,000."

Thank you for your consideration!

AGENDA ITEM #14

WATER LEASE AGREEMENT

This Water Lease Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into this 5th day of April 2025, by and between the Town of Ridgway, Colorado ("Town") and the HESS FAMILY TRUST, Mr. Joseph W. Hess, Trustee ("Hess").

WHEREAS, the Town is a Colorado Home Rule Municipality located in Ouray County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Hess is the owner of the following real property located west of the municipal boundaries of the Town:

PARCELS 5, 7 AND 10 DESCRIBED ON THE HESS-PHILLIPS EXEPTION SITUATED IN SECTIONS 17 AND 20, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE N.M.P.M AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AT RECEPTION NO. 166154 ON FEBRUARY 2, 1998 IN THE OURAY COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS (the "Hess Property").

WHEREAS, for use on the Hess Property is an adjudicated water right known as the Tidwell Ditch; and

WHEREAS, Hess has agreed to lease water in the Tidwell Ditch to the Town for calendar year 2025 subject to the availability of the water.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants set out herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Term.** The term of this lease shall commence on April 5th, 2025 and terminate on December 31, 2025, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof.
2. **Leased Water.** Hess hereby leases to the Town the following water:

Tidwell Ditch, Priority No. 127, Appropriation date of April 15, 1890, adjudicated May 15, 1897, 3/8 of one cubic foot of water per second time (0.375 c.f.s.), and Tidwell Ditch, Priority No. 7, second series of the Tidwell Ditch the same being Ditch No. 100, Appropriation date of April 15, 1890, 1/4 of one cubic foot of water per second of time (0.25 c.f.s.) (the "Leased Water").
3. **Rental Payment.** Upon the mutual execution of this Agreement, the Town shall tender \$10,000.00 to Hess for the use of the Leased Water during 2025.
4. **Subordination.** Due to the unpredictable and sudden nature of an administrative water rights call, the Town's right to divert and use the Leased Water shall at all times be subordinate to any priority call placed by the Division 4 Water Engineer.
5. **Covenants of the Town.** In consideration of use of the Leased Water, the Town hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

- a. The Town shall install, operate, maintain, and repair all ditches and structures required for it to use the Leased Water in good and safe condition at its own cost and expense.
6. **Disclaimer of Warranties.** The Town acknowledge that water availability and quality may be determined by many factors beyond Hess' control, including but not limited to drought or water rights calls.
7. **Indemnification.** To the extent permitted by law, the Town hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Hess harmless from and against any and all demands, claims, actions, arbitrations, and lawsuits or other circumstances arising out of or connected in any way to the leasing of Leased Water the including its employees, contractors, agents or related parties of interest.
8. **Reserved Rights of the Town.** The Town is not, by this Agreement, assuming any obligation to defend adverse actions, water calls or water priority by other parties concerning the Leased Water.
9. **Miscellaneous.**
- a. This Agreement shall not be deemed to create a financial obligation of the Town extending beyond the current fiscal year.
- b. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado.
- c. The efficacy of this Agreement and the efficient delivery of the water provided herein depends upon the good faith and mutual trust and confidence of the parties.
- d. This Agreement may not be transferred, assigned, or subleased by the Town to any other party without the mutual consent of the parties hereto.
- e. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns to the Hess Property.
- f. Failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement, on account of any breach shall not be considered a waiver of the right to enforce any subsequent or succeeding breach.
10. **Amendments.** Amendments to this Agreement may be made only by a written agreement of the parties.

TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO, a Colorado Home Rule Municipality	HESS FAMILY TRUST
By: _____ John Clark, Mayor	Hess Family Trust By: <u>Joseph W. Hess</u> Joseph W. Hess, Trustee Trustee

AGENDA ITEM #15

STAFF REPORT

Subject: RAT Event June 6 & 7, 2025
Initiated By: Pam Kraft, MMC, Town Clerk
Date: April 1, 2025

BACKGROUND:

The annual Ridgway Area Trails Group (RAT) event will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 6th and 7th at MTN Lodge on Palomino Trail.

The event holders are hoping to use the lot to the south side of MTN Lodge (which is owned by the lodge) for camping for participants on Friday and Saturday. Porta-potties will be staged on the property for use by riders, and persons wishing to camp.

The ride/race will take place on Saturday morning, and the organizers are seeking approval to use the southern end of Palomino Trail, with the ride starting from MTN Lodge. Use of a Town street requires Council approval for use of a public right-of-way.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the use of a portion of Palomino Trail for the RAT ride/race on Saturday, June 7th and acknowledge the lot owned by MTN lodge may house event participants camping on June 6th and 7th.

AGENDA ITEM #16



To: Honorable Mayor Clark and Ridgway Town Council
From: Preston Neill, Town Manager
Date: April 4, 2025
Agenda Topic: **Review and action on Special Event Permit Application from Youth Advisory Council for a Pickleball Tournament at Ridgway Athletic Park**

SUMMARY:

Toward the end of each school year, the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is tasked with coming up with a capstone-type project as a culminating experience for the group. Over their last few meetings, the YAC has discussed a variety of activities they could implement and participate in. Some of these activities include:

- Organizing a community service project
- Leading a town-wide educational or advocacy campaign
- Planning and organizing fundraising events for youth-related development projects and/or charitable causes

At their March 21, 2025 meeting, the YAC gave a presentation on what their capstone project will be. They have decided to partner with the Ridgway Pickleball Club again to organize a pickleball tournament on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Ridgway Athletic Park. The tournament entry fee is expected to be \$5 to \$10 and the proceeds will be split between the Ridgway Pickleball Club and The Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center. The Dolphin House is a child-friendly facility whose purpose is to provide child victims a safe, non-threatening place to tell what happened to them during necessary investigations of child abuse.

While event logistics are still being worked out by the YAC and Ridgway Pickleball Club, Council approval of the event is required. Appended to this memo is an Application for Special Event Permit. YAC members are scheduled to give their end-of-year presentation to the Town Council on May 14, 2025. At that time, YAC members plan to provide all the finalized details for the pickleball tournament. Advertisement and outreach for the event will begin soon once all event logistics are finalized.

ACTION BEFORE COUNCIL:

Council is asked to approve the Application for Special Event Permit and provide authority to staff to approve event details once impacts are better understood.

ATTACHMENT:

Application for Special Event Permit



Application for Special Event Permit

Applicant Name:	Ridgway Youth Advisory Council	Contact Person:	Preston Neill, Town Manager
Applicant Phone:		Contact Phone:	
Applicant Email:	pneill@town.ridgway.co.us	Event Date:	May 31, 2025
Event Name:	Ridgway YAC Pickleball Tournament	Event Time:	TBD
Type of Event:	Sporting & fundraising event	# Attendees:	up to 125

Specify park, facility and/or public right-of-way for the event (*check all that apply*):

<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Hartwell Park Stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Athletic Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Weaver Memorial Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concession Area (Athletic Park)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rollans Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>):		

For use of Rights-of-Ways (*streets, alleys, sidewalks*) specify the exact location(s):

Describe in detail the proposed use and activity for the park, facility and/or right-of-way:

See staff report dated April 4, 2025.

Event Type (*check all that apply*):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Music Concert	<input type="checkbox"/> Filming/ Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Run/Walk Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Show and Sales
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>): Pickleball tournament	

AGENDA ITEM #17

Agenda Item _____

File No. _____

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem and review of Council representation on commissions, committees, boards and organizations

Initiated By: Pam Kraft, Town Clerk

Date: March 27, 2025

In conjunction with the annual election of members, the Town Council is required to address appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem; and may wish to review representation on boards, committees and commissions.

Mayor Pro Tem - every year after the regular election the Council appoints one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem to cover for the Mayor during absences, etc.

Representation on boards, committees, commissions and organizations - current appointments are as follows:

Committees & Commissions:

Ridgway Planning Commission - Councilor Meyer and Mayor Clark

Ridgway Parks, Trails & Open Space Committee - Councilor Kroger

Ridgway FUSE - Councilor Grambley

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board - Councilor Schuyler; alternate - Councilor Lakin

Ridgway Scholarship Committee - Councilor Lakin and Mayor Clark

Board Appointments:

Ouray County Weed Board - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Manager

Ouray County Joint Planning Board - Councilor Meyer, citizens Rod Fitzhugh & Tom McKenney; alternate - Councilor Schuyler

Sneffels Energy Board - Councilor Schuyler and Town Manager; alternate - Mayor Clark

Region 10 Board - Mayor Clark

WestCO Dispatch Board - Town Marshal; alternate - Town Manager

Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region - Town Manager

Ouray County Transit Committee - Town Manager

Ouray County Water Users Association - Councilor Meyer; alternate - Councilor Lakin

Water and Land Committee for the Uncompahgre Valley - Councilor Meyer; alternate - Town Manager

Colorado Communities for Climate Action - Councilor Lakin; alternate - Town Manager

Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee - Town Manager

Home Trust of Ouray County - Town Manager

Liaisons:

Chamber of Commerce - Councilmember Scoville

Communities That Care Coalition - Mayor Clark

Ouray County Fairgrounds - Councilor Schuyler

AGENDA ITEM #18



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MEMO

To: Ridgway Work Force & Housing Committee (RWFHC)
From: Jim Kolnik, Impact Development Services (IDS)
Date: April 1, 2025
Re: Ridgway Wetterhorn Deed Restricted Community 2025 First Quarter Update

To the best of our knowledge, all 14 housing units within the Ridgway Wetterhorn Deed Restricted Community are currently owned and occupied, with the exception of 436 Laura Street, which is owned by Jacob Lodin and his non-owner spouse, Catherine Johnson. Mr. Lodin submitted a notice of intent to sell on February 10, 2025, and was subsequently provided with a Maximum Sales Price of \$454,491 on February 18, 2025. Both Rural Homes and the Town of Ridgway, as beneficiaries, were notified and formally declined their first right of refusal on March 3, 2025.

The property is currently listed for sale by the owner, and no inquiries or qualification applications have been received to date. Catherine Johnson provided a listing description and photographs, which were forwarded to the San Miguel Regional Housing Authority for posting on their website to facilitate the sale. IDS/IDF is not a licensed real estate broker and, therefore, cannot post sale listings directly. The home has been unoccupied since February 10, 2025. Jacob Lodin and Catherine Johnson have been formally advised of the ongoing residency requirements and the associated violation fees should these standards not be met.

In early 2025, Rural Homes issued an email to all Ridgway Wetterhorn owners outlining the proper procedures for undertaking permitted capital improvements. Rural Homes advised that any improvements completed without following the established procedures would require an exception request to be submitted to the Housing Committee for review and determination of eligibility as permitted capital improvements. IDS was not made aware of this correspondence until exception requests had already been submitted to Rural Homes.

Exception requests from three homeowners—Nancy Madsen, Christy Sabo, and Craig Spearman—were subsequently forwarded to IDS by Rural Homes. IDS engaged in email and phone communications with these homeowners to obtain additional receipts and clarifications regarding their requests. A memorandum, along with supporting documentation for the non-luxury improvements with receipts, was submitted to Town Manager Preston Neill on March 4, 2025. These requests will be publicly reviewed and considered by the Ridgway Workforce and Affordable Housing



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Committee on April 9, 2025. No additional capital improvement requests, exception or standard procedure, have been presented to IDS for consideration.

IDS has not received any deed restriction applications nor inquiries outside of the matters referenced above. The first biennial compliance reviews are scheduled to commence in Fall 2025.

End of Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM #19