

## MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING

### RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 3, 2017

The Town Council convened for a workshop meeting at 6:05 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Councilors Austin, Hawse, Hunter, Young, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark were in attendance. Councilor Williams was absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop Meeting dated 9-5-17. Email from Attorney Mike Hockersmith dated 10-3-17 transmitting a memorandum from Alpine Planning dated 10-2-17 prepared on behalf of Craig Jackman, presenting a list of Colorado municipal river corridor regulations.

The Council met to discuss proposed regulations pertaining to creation of a river overlay district. Town Manager Jen Coates reported the Council has been meeting since June to receive public input, and staff has focused efforts to maintain the community visions and desires within the draft ordinance.

Manager Coates presented a revised map of the overlay district; the existing parks and trails map and a list displaying items contained in the previous draft ordinance and proposed revisions to amend the draft ordinance which addresses uses, riparian area, setback, public access, design guidelines and standards and submittal requirements. She explained staff addressed proposed revisions with the goal of maintaining expressed community desires; and has worked to balance the objectives of the proposed regulations with public comments.

#### SPEAKING FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Karl Schaffer had questions regarding the trails map.

Andy Mueller questioned the trails map and the definition of adverse impact on the river corridor.

Mike Hockersmith stated "requiring an ecological characterization study for preliminary plat submittals isn't necessary", questioned design guidelines and supported using set backs versus overlay.

Linda Ingo questioned the ability to maintain historic drainage ways.

Joan Chismire questioned drainage regulations and development plans.

Tom McKenney supported the presentation and comments made by Mr. Mueller.

Guthery Castle suggested addressing protocol if the Town is not satisfied with submittals of ecological characteristic impacts.

Aaron Sanders questioned the proposed removal of the riparian area.

Andy Mueller spoke in support of using a set back from the river, and not creating an overlay district and "treating pre-existing final platted lots differently".

Linda Ingo supported agriculture users having rights to "get water out of the river".

There were comments by the Council and discussion regarding allowing the public trail to be below the high water mark. There was agreement with placing sidewalks at the high water mark, but not below.

Consensus of the Council was to direct staff to amend the draft ordinance and consider different regulations for previously platted or developed lots; and scheduled the next workshop meeting for October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk