

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2017

The Town Council convened for a workshop meeting at 5:40 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street Ridgway, Colorado. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Austin, Hunter, Hawes, Williams, Young, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark in attendance.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop dated September 21, 2017.

1. Review of the proposed 2018 Fiscal Year Budget

Continued from the budget workshop of October 11th.

The Council received a draft of the 2018 Fiscal Year Budget. The Town Manager reported projections for the year end estimate sales tax up 12% from the prior year, and food for home consumption down; building permits are up from the adopted budget.

Council and staff discussed contracting with MUNIREvs for paperless sales tax remittance and licensing. The Town Manager noted renewals for sales tax licenses are due by the end of each year, and staff is recommending extending the filing deadline to February, to allow the applications and licenses to be processed through the new system. The Council agreed and it was noted a formal action would be taken at the next regular meeting. Staff discussed restructuring two positions in the Clerk's Department.

Manager Coates reported Council training with a consultant will be conducted in January; it is anticipated the hiring of a Public Works Manager will be in place by the beginning of the new year, at which time engineering will be undertaken on a contractual basis; a new employee will be hired in 2018 to replace the recently retired full time parks employee.

Staff reviewed with Council the general fund revenues and expenditures of the draft budget. Staff answered questions from the Council. The Council agreed to include \$3,000 in the budget for upgrades to the website. Staff noted the Building Inspector position will become full time; a part time Deputy Marshal has been budgeted for the department, along with two new vehicles with full police packages.

Staff and Council discussed increasing the fee paid to the promoter of the annual concert series from \$1000 for the series, plus \$1000 per show, to \$1500, and the Council agreed to the fee increase.

Councilor Hunter reported on a request for funding from the Uncompahgre Basin Water Supply Board to assist in compiling a study for the Upper Uncompahgre Basin. Consensus of the Council was to contribute \$1500 from the 2017 budget.

There was a discussion regarding increasing the sales tax projections for the year end, and Council agreed to increase both the 2017 and 2018 sales tax revenue line item by 12%.

2. 2017 Legislative Update

The Town Attorney presented a legislative update of recently enacted State laws and case laws affecting municipalities. The Town Attorney answered questions from the Council.

3. Executive Session

The Town Attorney requested an executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(b) and (e) for conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice and to discuss matters subject to negotiations.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hunter and unanimously carried to enter into closed session.

The Council entered into executive session at 8:20 p.m. with the Town Attorney and Town Manager.

The Council reconvened back into open session at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk