

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 23, 2018

The Town Council convened for a special 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, E. Hunter, N. Hunter, Malone, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark in attendance.

Town Clerk's Notice of Special Meeting dated May 15, 2018 to discuss applying to WESTCO for dispatch services beginning in January of 2019.

The Town Manager presented Resolution 18-07 petitioning for membership in the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center (WESTCO) for emergency communication and dispatch services. She explained current dispatch is being provided through Montrose County, and they will not be offering the services in Ouray County after the end of this year. All entities within the county have met with WESTCO seeking inclusion for dispatch services beginning in January of 2019.

Manager Coates reported after numerous meetings, WESTCO has agreed to provide services, changed by-laws and intergovernmental agreements to accommodate Ouray County agencies, and requested Montrose County transfer data to ascertain estimates of demand and service administration requirements. This data will be used to calculate users fees, which are based on prior year call volumes. She reported the estimated fee for the Town would be \$41,000, the 2018 fee being remitted to Montrose County is \$42,000. The fee will be applied to operating costs for the dispatch center and any capital investments. She noted the Town will have representation on the WESTCO board.

Due to the need for a response by June 6th to allow the board to review the request, the Council is being asked to approve petitioning for membership, Manger Coates reported. If approved, a transfer of cell phone service will be undertaken, which can take six months to complete. The cost for the transfer for all agencies in the county will be \$4200, and will be split among the participating entities.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the Resolution Petitioning the Board of Directors of the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center for Membership and Emergency Communication and Dispatch Services, Councilor E. Hunter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk