

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. in the Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Austin, Heffernan, E. Hunter, N. Hunter, Malone and Mayor Clark. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson was absent for the roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Attorney requested entering into a closed session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(b) and (e) for conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding Council actions, and to discuss matters subject to negotiations regarding public property, water rights and water supply.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor E. Hunter, seconded by Councilor N. Hunter and unanimously carried to enter into closed session.

The Council entered into executive session at 5:40 p.m. with the Town Attorney and Town Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson entered into the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Council reconvened to open session at 6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Budget Workshop on September 19, 2018.
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2018.
3. Minutes from the Special Meeting of October 10, 2018.
4. Minutes of the Workshop Meeting on October 17, 2018.
5. Minutes of the Workshop Meeting held October 24, 2018.
6. Minutes from the Special Meeting held October 24, 2018.
7. Register of Demands for November 2018.
8. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for Land and Ocean Restaurant.
9. Renewal of tavern liquor license for Ouray County Fairgrounds.
10. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for Adobe Inn.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and seconded by Councilor E. Hunter to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robyn Cascade invited the Council to attend a screening and panel discussion next week pertaining to victim assistance for sexual assault.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

11. Presentation of the 2017 Fiscal Year Audit

Brian Blair, CPA with Blair and Associates, presented a management letter dated 11-14-18 reporting on the 2017 fiscal year audit. He reported the general fund revenues increased from budgeted estimates due to sales and lodging taxes, and the water and sewer funds increased due to tap fees. Expenses were under budget in all three funds.

12. Presentation to the Town of winning entry from the annual Public Art Ridgway Colorado Plein Air event

Speaking on behalf of Public Art Ridgway Colorado (PARC), Rick Weaver reported during 2018 the organization purchased three of the sculptures placed on public property that have been on loan. Most of the 27 sculptures placed through out Town are now owned by the community. He gave an update on the annual Plein Air event; and presented the Town with the winning entry, a pastel by Ginny Wise entitled "River of Gold", to be placed with the other pieces in Town Hall.

13. Discussion regarding draft visions and goals in the Master Plan update

Draft report dated 10-25-18 of the Ridgway Master Plan Visions and Goals from Planner Shay Coburn and Community Initiatives Facilitator Diedra Silbert.

Planner Coburn explained the draft document is the vision, community values and goals compiled after numerous community meetings, and meetings with the focus groups and steering committee. She requested Council input on the draft and reviewed areas of the document which include vision and community values, goals, policies and implementation. She reviewed with the Council the proposed community values which include healthy natural environment; sense of community and inclusivity; small town character and identify; vibrant and balance economy; well managed growth. The Council agreed to the use of the categories. Facilitator Silbert and Planner Coburn presented and discussed with the Council the identified goals which follow each value. It was noted the master plan update process will continue with a survey to the public for comments on the proposed vision, values and goals; and staff working with the steering committee to define policies.

14. Request from the Ouray County Soccer Association for funding in 2019

Dalton Carver representing the Ouray County Soccer Association presented an update on the organizations fall season, noting an indoor season will begin at the elementary school. He requested continued Council support in 2019 to provide student scholarships. Mayor Clark noted the request would be addressed during an upcoming budget meeting.

15. Request for use of Hartwell Park and financial support for the Ridgway Western Jubilee “Old West Fest”

Eve Becker-Doyle representing the Ridgway Western Heritage Society presented the Council with information on a proposed event to be held on the tentative dates of October 11 through the 13th in 2019. The western festival will “highlight Ridgway’s film, ranching and railroad heritage”. She requested use of Hartwell Park and the parking lot for the event, and the waiver of permit fees and a contribution to assist in providing event insurance.

Speaking from the audience Robin Cascade asked that the event organizers consider also addressing the “heritage of the indigenous culture”.

Mayor Clark explained the request for funding will be addressed during upcoming budget discussions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. Adoption of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Certain Plastic Bags and Encouraging Citizens to Curtail Their Use of Single Use Plastics

The Town Attorney presented an ordinance which places a ban on the use of plastic bags by all retail businesses in Town; defines exemptions; and encourages citizens to curtail the use of single use plastics. He reported Colorado state statute does not allow banning consumer products, and other communities have addressed the limiting of single use plastics in many different ways. He suggested the Council consider proposing to the Colorado Municipal League endorsement of legislation to change the revised statute, and allow home rule municipalities to have choices pertaining to banning single use plastics.

SPEAKING FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speaking in favor of adoption of the ordinance Robyn Cascade, Erica Gordon, Hansa Devi, Nicole Green and Josh Jacobs.

There was discussion by the Council to remove some of the exemptions from the draft ordinance. The Town Attorney noted changes can be made and the ordinance would need to be re-introduced at the next meeting. The Council agreed to remove (B) 1, 2 and 3 and in (D) 1 clarify that paper must be at least a 40% recycle content.

ACTION:

Councilor E. Hunter moved to re-introduce the ordinance with the changes discussed and give the Town Attorney the ability to change wording based on the appropriate terminology. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

There was further discussion by the Council.

ACTION:

Councilor E. Hunter moved with Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconding to amend the motion and remove in Section B reference to compostable plastic bags. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Councilor Austin moved, seconded by Councilor N. Hunter to direct the Town Attorney to draft a letter to CML to encourage the legislature to change in 2019 Colorado Revised Statute 25-17104. On a call for the vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Council took a recess at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

17. Application for replat of Block 2 and 8 and alley "A" in River Park Ridgway Business Park, Filing 1

Staff Report dated 11-9-18 from Planner Coburn and the Town Manager presenting a recommendation from the Planning Commission meeting on 10-30-18 to approve the replat of Block 2, 8 and alley "A" of the River Park Ridgway Business Park Filing 1 with conditions.

Planner Coburn explained the request is to carry the alleyway through and reconfigure lot lines. She noted the replat also requires rezoning, which will be presented at a separate public hearing.

ACTION:

On a motion by Councilor Heffernan, with a second by Councilor N. Hunter the motion to approve the replat of Block 2, 8 and alley "A" of the River Park Ridgway Business Park Filing 1 with conditions in the staff report and that the infrastructure work is done before the final plat is recorded, carried unanimously.

18. Application for rezoning of Blocks 2 and 8 in River Park Ridgway Business Park, Filing 1

Staff Report dated 11-9-18 from Planner Coburn and the Town Manager presenting the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the rezone of a small portion of Block 8, Lot 2 from I-2 to I-1 and rezone a small portion of Block 2, Lot 4 from I-1 to I-2 in River Park Business Park, Filing 1.

Planner Coburn explained rezoning two small portions of the two lots will remove property from one and add to the other, and offer 50 feet of street frontage.

Manager Coates noted the rezone will not occur until the replat is fully complete and recorded. The action will trigger the need for approval of an ordinance which will be brought to the Council at that time.

ACTION:

Moved by Councilor E. Hunter to approve conditionally based upon the future replat and adoption of a future ordinance, the rezoning of Blocks 2 and 8 in River Park Ridgway Business Park, Filing 1 the motion was seconded by Councilmember N. Hunter and carried unanimously.

POLICY MATTERS

19. Grant application to Colorado Department of Local Affairs for water system interconnection

The Town Manager explained staff is exploring the option of augmenting the estimated cost of \$70,000 to perform the inter-connection of the Town's water system next year by applying for a grant with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for fifty percent matching funds.

ACTION:

Councilmember E. Hunter moved to approve application for a grant to DOLA for funding water system interconnection. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

20. Request for thirty day extension of the Reciprocal License Agreement for Access to Railroad Street from Lot A, Park Subdivision

The Town Attorney requested a thirty day extension for the agreement to access Railroad Street from Lot A of Park Subdivision.

ACTION:

Councilor N. Hunter moved, with Councilor Austin seconding to approve a thirty day extension for a reciprocal license agreement for access to Railroad Street from Lot A, Park Subdivision. The motion carried with Councilmember E. Hunter voting no.

21. Intergovernmental agreement for Juvenile Diversion Services

Manager Coates noted at the Council's meeting in October the Juvenile Diversion program approached the Council regarding all participating entities entering into an intergovernmental agreement. She explained the agreement requires that each entity have a representative on the board, and the Town Marshal can serve in that capacity. The Council agreed.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilmember E. Hunter and unanimously carried to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for Juvenile Diversion Services.

22. Agreement for engineering services in 2019

Manager Coates presented the annual agreement for engineering services with Consolidated Consulting Services, noting the hourly rate for services will increase from \$110 to \$120 an hour, and the charge back rate of \$135 to \$140.

ACTION:

Councilmember E. Hunter moved to enter into an agreement between the Town of Ridgway and Consolidated Consulting Series for engineering services. Councilor N. Hunter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

23. Request for letter of support for the Ridgway Public Library expansion

The Town Clerk reported the Ridgway Public Library Board of Directors presented an update a number of months earlier regarding the proposed expansion to the library. At that time they asked for Council support of grant submittals, and are now requesting a letter to include with grant applications.

ACTION:

It was moved by Councilor Heffernan, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and unanimously carried to approve a letter of support for the Ridgway Public Library Expansion Project for use in numerous grant applications.

24. Discussion regarding prioritizing and funding Town Council initiatives

Staff Report from the Town Manager dated 11-9-18 presenting background on funding Town Council initiatives in the annual budgets, and policies from other communities regarding requests for funding from non-profit organizations.

Manager Coates suggested the Council discuss a process or procedure for funding requests to be included in annual budget discussions. The Council directed staff to schedule discussion of the issue in early 2019.

25. Review of Snow Removal Policy

The Town Manager reported last year the Council discussed snow removal on sidewalks adjacent to the highway and directed staff to research ways to address removal of snow from sidewalks created by the state transportation department clearing the highway. She explained staff has placed in the 2019 budget purchase of a piece of snow removal equipment that will fit on the sidewalk. Staff will clear the sidewalks adjacent to the highway from Laura to Amelia Streets. She reviewed the policy pertaining to clearing of snow from sidewalks adjacent to private property, and explained enforcement procedures.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Coates reported on the annual holiday party and diversion box in Ridgway Ditch.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Austin reported on the recent Parks and Trails Committee meeting; Councilor E. Hunter on the steering committee researching alternative public water sources within the county.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk