

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 23, 2019

The Town Council convened for a special meeting at 6:05 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. The Mayor called the meeting to order and in attendance Councilors Cheek, Hunter, Lakin and Mayor Clark. Councilor Austin and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson were not present for the roll call. Councilmember Meyer was absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Special Meeting dated May 9, 2019.

1. Review and adoption of Water and Wastewater Capital Assessment Reports

Engineer Joanne Fagan with Consolidated Consulting Services presented facility assessments dated 5-21-19 prepared for both the water and wastewater treatment plants and distribution systems. The Town Manager noted the documents will be used in long term capital improvement planning and for budgeting purposes.

Engineer Fagan stated the assessment reports evaluate, summarize and establish capacity and conditions based on anticipated future growth and system demands between 2016 through 2060.

Mayor Pro Tem entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Councilor Austin entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Engineer Fagan presented the water system components which included an assessment of the water system and water rights, and addressed the Beaver Creek diversion; Ridgway Ditch, an open ditch which runs for five miles; Lake Ottonwanda; Lake Ottonwanda transmission line, the pipeline that runs from the lake to the water plant; Happy Hollow, another "major diversion source" which is part of Cottonwood Creek; presedimentation ponds, directly above the water plant; water treatment plant; treated water storage, two 300,000 gallon tanks; distribution systems, bringing water into Town. Items included in the assessments included description; priority; number; urgency and/or time frame; year for completion; estimated cost.

There were questions from the Council through out the presentation.

Engineer Fagan presented the wastewater collection system assessment. She noted the sewer system was constructed in 1976 and expanded in 1999. She noted the system is in a condition to serve for "twenty more years", and that deficiencies in the system are identified in the report. She addressed the wastewater system treatment plant operation, which is a lagoon type system; treatment plant capacity, 10 to 15 years with capacity being reached in 2029 to 2034; potential locations for an alternative system; plant aeration; existing lagoon setbacks from neighboring properties. She reported the plant is currently at fifty percent of the designed capacity and the Town should "set aside funds" for a mechanical plant.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson, seconded by Councilor Lakin and unanimously carried to accept the facilities assessment reports for the water and wastewater treatment plants and distribution systems.

2. Approval of letter of support for the Space to Create project

The Town Manager explained the Town is applying with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority for a nine percent tax credit for the Space to Create project. She requested the Council approve a letter of support for the application.

ACTION:

Councilor Austin moved to send the letter of support dated 5-23-19 to the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority in support of the application for Space to Create. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk