

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 17, 2017

The Town Council convened for a Special Meeting at 5:15 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street Ridgway, Colorado. In attendance Councilors Hunter, Hawes, Young and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson. Councilors Austin, Williams and Mayor Clark were absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Special Meeting dated May 9, 2017.

Town Manager Jen Coates presented an agreement with the Ridgway Chautauqua Society to assume the responsibility for managing the alcohol tent at the annual Ridgway Concert Series in July. She explained the Town has held the event for ten years, and part of managing the series was the sale of alcohol. She explained nightly attendance at the events have grown and reached up to four thousand attendees, thereby taxing staff's ability to operate the alcohol tent along with other immediate needs. Staff and the Council discussed the opportunity to collaborate with a local non-profit organization to assume the alcohol sales at the event. The Council budgeted funds for the free series to compensate loss of revenue from the alcohol sales, which helped to fund the event, and the sales were offered to the Chautauqua Society to assist them in their local fundraising.

Ashley King and Sue Husch, representing the Chautauqua Society, explained how the alcohol sales will be managed, and noted staff has been trained by the State Board of Liquor Licensing.

**ACTION:**

Councilor Young moved to approve the agreement with the Chautauqua Society for liquor sales at the Ridgway Summer Concert Series. Councilor Hawes seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. to Joint Workshop at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk