

Ridgway Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 5:30 pm  
Community Center, Ridgway Town Hall  
201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado

**ROLL CALL** Councillors Rich Durnan, Ellen Hunter, Eric Johnson, Jim Kavanaugh, Rick Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem John Clark and Mayor Pat Willits

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR** All matters listed under the consent calendar are considered to be routine by the Town Council and enacted by one motion. The Council has received and considered reports and recommendations prior to assigning consent calendar designations. Copies of the reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and are available to the public. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is requested, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2011.
2. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of September 21, 2011.
3. Register of Demands for October 2011.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Established time for the public to address the Council regarding any item not otherwise listed on the agenda. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person.

**PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS** Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

4. Request to block off N. Lean Street between Sherman and Clinton Streets on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for holiday shopping day, and approval for a bon-fire in street – Tammi Tuttle.
5. Coordinate planning for Council attendance at Town Hall meeting with students on October 20<sup>th</sup> – Jason Gunning, Social Science teacher with Ridgway High School.
6. Update from Second Chance Humane Society – Kelly Goodin, Executive Director.
7. Presentation of 2010 Audit – Auditor Pete Blair with Blair and Associates.

**POLICY MATTERS** Public comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person; overall discussion of each item may be limited to 20 minutes.

8. Appointments to task force to prepare regulations regarding formula businesses – Mayor Pro Tem Clark.
9. Recommendation from Planning Commission to require 15 minute parking signage along N. Cora Street, at 534 Charles Street, for proposed school facility – Town Manager.
10. Update and discussion of options and alternatives for CDOT Enhancement Project, Phase IV – Town Manager and Public Works Director.
11. Adoption of emergency ordinance to allow day care facilities as a conditional use in the General Commercial District – Town Manager.

**STAFF REPORT** Written report is provided for informational purposes prior to the meeting updating Council on various matters that may or may not warrant discussion and action.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

The Town Attorney may request an executive session to discuss property negotiations with the Ridgway Fire Protection District, and matters subject to negotiation with respect to land development agreements.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS** Informational verbal reports from Councillors pertaining to the following committees, commissions and organizations:

Chamber of Commerce Liaison - Councillor Weaver

County Board of Appeals - Mayor Pro Tem Clark

County Weed Board - Councillor Hunter; alternate - Public Works Director

Fairgrounds Liaison - Mayor Willits

Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region - Town Manager; alternate Public Works Director

Joint Planning Board - Councillors Hunter and Weaver, citizen Rod Fitzhugh; alternate – Tim Patterson

Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Authority - Councillor Hunter and Town Manager

New Community Coalition Advisory Board - Mayor Pro Tem Clark; alternate - Mayor Willits

Ouray County Transit Committee - Public Works Director; alternate - Town Manager

Parks, Trails & Open Space Task Force - Councillors Durnan, Johnson and Weaver

Planning & Zoning Commission representatives - Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits

Region 10 – Councillor Kavanaugh; alternate - Mayor Willits

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn meeting to a workshop meeting on October 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center, 201 N. Railroad Street.

Deadline for agenda items for next regular meeting, Wednesday, November 2, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. Town Clerk's Office, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado.

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Councillors Durnan, Hunter, Johnson, Kavanaugh, Weaver and Mayor Pro Tem Clark were in attendance. Mayor Willits was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2011.
2. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of August 16, 2011.
3. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of August 17, 2011.
4. Register of Demands for September 2011.
5. Renewal of liquor store license for Ridgway Liquors and Wines.
6. Water leak adjustment for Meter# 5570.1/Kircher.
7. Water leak adjustment for Meter# 6740.0/DDD Properties.
8. Resolution Concerning the Issuance of Special Events Liquor License Permits.
9. Amendment to refuse collection agreement with Bruin Waste Management.
10. Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with Colorado Department of Transportation to combine Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013 Enhancement Fund Projects.
11. Project Proposal and Contract for Technical Energy Audit with Ameresco.
12. Acceptance of donation to use to enter into a contract with Grindline for additional component to skatepark expansion.

**ACTION:**

It was moved by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Hunter to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jean McDonnell explained beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) will be installing smart meters on homes in the Town. She reported the states of Maine and Hawaii, and numerous counties through out the US, have opted out of the program to install the meters due to health concerns. The instrument produces radiation levels 100 – 160% higher than a cell phone, and is listed as a 2B carcinogen, and also the mechanism has not been pre-tested or UL rated. She explained she is trying to educate the public on the potential health hazards, and encourage participation at an upcoming SMPA meeting. Ms. McDonnell presented documentation and websites with information.

There was discussion by the Council and members of the audience. The Council directed staff to discuss the issue with SMPA.

### PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### 13. Report from the Community Energy Board on accomplishments and vision of future efforts

Kim Wheels, Community Energy Coordinator for San Miguel and Ouray Counties, explained after receipt of funding from the Governors Energy Office a Community Energy Board, comprised of representatives from San Miguel and Ouray County, was formed and met during the past year and half and developed a sustainable action plan. After completion of the plan a grant was received, and with the assistance of UC Denver, a green house gas inventory was prepared for the region.

Ms. Wheels presented the inventory which contains a greenhouse gas emissions by activity sector, a summary of each counties inventory emissions and a benchmark of nearby communities. She noted if the greenhouse per capita remains the same, by 2020 there will a 24% increase in emissions and “there will be a real challenge to bring those numbers down”. She reported the advisory board hopes to begin implementing strategies from the renewal energy plan, but funding from the Governor’s Office will not be continued next year. All the participating jurisdictions are being encouraged to consider during preparation of their respective annual budgets, contributing funding to ensure the program continues.

#### 14. Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for 2012 Operational Funding Requests

Ouray County Administrator Connie Hunt, presented a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the County and Town addressing the 2012 Operational Funding Requests, Road and Bridge Apportionment from County to Town, and Future Goals.

Administrator Hunt explained the annual agreement contains the County contributing \$4,500 to the Town’s mosquito abatement program, the Town contributing \$500 towards the Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS) and a road and bridge apportionment from the County of \$23,597 which may be reduced if the Town chooses to purchase gravel from the County.

The County Commissioners were present and suggested additions to the future goals listed in the agreement, collaborating on solutions for child care needs and a county wide economic development plan. The Council agreed.

#### ACTION:

Councillor Hunter moved to approve the IGA between Ouray County and the Town, as amended. Councillor Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### POLICY MATTERS

#### 15. Continued discussion regarding request from Chris Sanchez with Grand Mesa Growers LLC to lift the moratorium on licensed medical marijuana facilities within the Town, pursuant to the enactment of HB 11-1043

Town Manager Coates explained at the previous meeting Council received a request to lift the moratorium in effect until July 2012 on establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries, and allow existing licensed facilities which have been banned in another jurisdiction to transfer the license to the Town. The Town Attorney has researched the statutes she explained, and to accommodate the request the moratorium ordinance must be amended, and licensing regulations and fees adopted.

Chris Sanchez explained his growing operation has been operating in Ouray County for 14 months and supplies to two dispensaries, one in Crawford and the other in Crested Butte. The Crawford dispensary has been banned and would like to transfer the license to the Town. He noted the business would employ local labor and remit sales tax and licensing fees to the Town. An employee from the Crested Butte dispensary addressed the Council and explained the company has increased community involvement in the local service, and also raised local tax revenues.

Speaking from the audience John Thomas explained his dispensary in Delta was also closed due to a ban. He stated he was helping 120 patients and he felt that half of those patients would drive to Ridgway to procure their medicine. He noted "last year we provided enough tax revenues to pay the salary of a police officer or a teacher".

Richard Brather expressed concerns with "giving people from out of Town" the opportunity "when there was already interest in opening a dispensary from people who live here".

Attorney Christian Sederbert noted the application request is "not for an immediate change" but to "move things forward". He noted this would "move the moratorium deadline up only three or four months" and "would not prohibit anyone else from starting the process in July".

There was discussion by the Council. It was agreed to retain the moratorium until July. Staff was directed to begin reviewing state licensing procedures and processes prior to July, to ensure they are in place when the moratorium is lifted.

16. Request to consider daycare facility as a permissible use in the General Commercial Zone

Manager Coates explained members of the county have expressed concerns regarding the recent closing of the only license day care facility in the area. During recent discussions it was noted a day care facility is allowed in the Historic Business, Historic Residential and Downtown Service Zoning Districts, and is not allowed in the General Commercial or Industrial Areas. She asked the Council if they are interested in amending the regulations to allow a facility to be a permissible use in the General Commercial District.

There was discussion by the Council. The Council agreed it should be a conditional use to operate a daycare facility in the General Commercial Zone; staff was directed to prepare an ordinance to amend the municipal code, and research clarifying the intent description in the code section.

17. Update on annual concert series

The Town Clerk presented revenues and expenditures for the 2011 concert series and explained receipts of \$32,995 were raised and received for this years series. The budget year began with \$6,843 remaining from the prior year. There were expenditures of \$26,394 and the Concert Committee is planning to use the difference of \$12,444 towards

construction of a permanent stage in Hartwell Park. She explained a community park party will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> as a fund raiser for the stage construction, and sign up sheets available for donation of contracting services, materials and miscellaneous labor. The free event will include a children's autumn carnival, live music and beer sales, and will raise more funds, which will be allocated for construction of the stage.

Councillor Durnam noted the stage will be utilized by all organizations wishing to hold events and activities in the park. The Parks Committee is seeking input from other groups so that needs can be incorporated in the design to provide a multi-purpose stage.

18. Appointment of new member to the Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Clark announced that two applications were received to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission made by the resignation of Tom Landless. He explained the Mayor is recommending the appointment of Thomas Emilson.

ACTION:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Durnan and unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Thomas Emilson to the Planning Commission.

19. Proposed formation of committee to create a policy regarding formula stores

Mayor Pro Tem Clark reported during recent meetings regarding the comprehensive plan update, the topic of addressing "big box stores" or "formula stores" opening businesses which will compete with local business owners was broached. He suggested an ad-hoc committee be formed to research codes in other jurisdictions and create a set of regulations and restrictions pertaining to design standards, aesthetics, signage, etc. The Council agreed. Consensus was Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Councillor Kavanaugh would represent the Council, and community members interested in serving will be invited to submit a letter of interest, and appointments will be made at the next Council meeting.

20. Request to participate in Sustainable Planning Grant with other local jurisdictions and agencies

The Town Manager reported the Telluride Foundation is requesting participation from numerous local organizations and jurisdictions to participate in a grant application for a sustainable communities regional planning grant, which would create a region wide document focusing on economic development. Each participating organization will sign a Memorandum of Agreement, provide a letter of support noting what the in-kind match commitment will be, and designate a contact person.

There was discussion between the Council and staff. It was agreed the Town's contact person should be the Town Manager and the in-kind match, use of Town facilities.

ACTION:

Moved by Councillor Hunter to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Telluride Foundation, seconded by Councillor Johnson, and carried unanimously.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Public Works Director Joanne Fagan reported installation of the water pump station at Vista Terrace Subdivision requires a communication system at a cost of \$4,600 and the item was not included in the original project budget. She requested approval to authorize amending the contract with Utech for installation of the device.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Durnan to approve purchase of the communication system in the amount of \$4,600 for the Vista Terrace pump station. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kavanaugh inquired into the progress of discussions with representatives from the City of Ouray regarding economic development. Mayor Pro Tem Clark reported he has spoken with original members of the county wide economic development committee who stated they are interested in pursuing joint efforts towards developing economic development proposals.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Town Manager recommended the Council enter into an executive session to discuss negotiations with the Ridgway Fire Protection District subject to State Statute Provisions to determine a position relative to matters subject to negotiations. The Council agreed.

The Council took a recess at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and entered into closed session with the Town Manager and Public Works Director.

Councillor Hunter excused herself from the executive session due to a potential conflict of interest.

The Council reconvened to open session at 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to a budget workshop meeting on September 21, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk

## RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

The Council convened for a budget workshop meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Members in attendance were Councillors Durnan, Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits. Councilmember Kavanaugh was not present for the roll call. Councillors Hunter and Weaver were absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop Meeting dated September 15, 2011.

#### 1. Presentation of draft 2012 Fiscal Year Budget

The Town Clerk presented the draft budget for fiscal year 2012. She reviewed with the Council estimated 2011 year end figures and proposed 2012 revenue and expenditures for the general, water and sewer funds.

Councillor Kavanaugh entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

#### 2. Capital Improvements Plan for 2012

The Town Manager presented a draft 2012 Strategic Plan and Capital Improvements Plan from staff dated 9-21-11.

The Council and staff discussed the proposed plan. It was agreed the following items should be added to the draft budget, and the document will be reviewed at the next budget workshop at which time Council will determine which projects should be funded in 2012. Community outreach improvements to Town Hall and the Community Center; purchase of laptops for Council and Planning Commission; pedestrian lights in Hartwell Park and local functional art amenities in the Historic Business Streetscape; installation of irrigation lines to the pump track in the Athletic Park; river corridor maintenance for bank contouring; re-roofing the gazebo and repairs to the restrooms and picnic pavilion in Hartwell Park; replacement of a patrol car; increasing the part time Deputy Marshal position to full time; geotechnical report for the expansion of the water reservoir; installation of backwash pond at water treatment plant; visual enhancements during the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) highway bridge replacement; design and construction of pedestrian sidewalk and highway crossings with CDOT Enhancement Fund Programs; public outreach and development of financing initiative for Downtown Streetscape Plan or Town wide hard surfacing of roads; construction of stage in Hartwell Park; development of a public dog park; purchase software for dissemination of information via the website and email distribution; continued efforts in Integrated Weed Management Plan; pursue grant for development of master plan for the Uncompahgre River Corridor; prepare signage for special event parking; participate in the Department of Local Affairs Main Street Initiative; participate in county-wide weatherization and rehabilitation programs; continue participation in the law enforcement Lexipol Policy program; replace downtown signage regarding speed limits, truck routes and RV parking; removal of gravel in river at wastewater discharge outlet; sludge removal from the wastewater treatment plant; contract for technical energy audits through the Governors Energy Office to identify recommendations and opportunities for energy and water conservation and installation of renewable energy infrastructure in buildings, utilities and fleets.

3. Historic Business District Streetscape Plan

The Manager distributed a memorandum dated 9-21-11 from staff outlining the Historic Business District Streetscape Plan with estimated timeline and public engagement; the scope of the project; estimated costs; and other resources.

There was discussion with staff and Council. The Council agreed a citizen committee should be formed to disseminate information and educate voters on the proposed project, and that the issue should be discussed further at another meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk

**Town of Ridgway**  
**Register of Demands No. 11-10**  
**As of October 6, 2011**

Date	Account	Open Balance
<b>Alltel</b>		
6/12/2011	943WOO · Telephone	-26.67
6/12/2011	728POO · Other - parks	-26.30
6/12/2011	943SOO · Telephone	-25.84
6/12/2011	843GO3 · Telephone	-36.29
6/12/2011	543GOO · Telephone	-144.22
6/12/2011	643GO2 · Telephone	-16.98
Total Alltel		-276.30
<b>Alpine Beverage</b>		
10/1/2011	732PO1 · Supplies - community center	65.10
10/1/2011	732POO · Supplies & Materials	2.43
10/1/2011	632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	2.43
10/1/2011	932SOO · Supplies & Materials	2.42
10/1/2011	932WOO · Supplies & Materials	2.42
Total Alpine Beverage		74.80
<b>Bruin Waste Management</b>		
9/30/2011	516GOO · Refuse Collection Franchise	8,241.71
Total Bruin Waste Management		8,241.71
<b>Dahl of Montrose</b>		
9/1/2011	731POO · Maintenance & Repairs	171.53
Total Dahl of Montrose		171.53
<b>Dana Kepner Company Inc</b>		
7/13/2011	988WOO · Meter Replacement	-46.44
Total Dana Kepner Company Inc		-46.44
<b>EnviroTech</b>		
9/27/2011	731POO · Maintenance & Repairs	292.69
Total EnviroTech		292.69
<b>Gades Sales Co Inc</b>		
9/29/2011	638GO2 · Street Lighting	49.00
Total Gades Sales Co Inc		49.00
<b>Grand Junction Pipe &amp; Supply Company</b>		
8/9/2011	CP1000 · Construction	12.67
Total Grand Junction Pipe & Supply Company		12.67
<b>H &amp; H Hydraulics Inc</b>		
9/20/2011	661GO2 · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	414.00
Total H & H Hydraulics Inc		414.00
<b>John Kappa</b>		
9/30/2011	511GOO · Town Attorney	920.00
9/30/2011	911WOO · Legal Services	110.00
Total John Kappa		1,030.00
<b>Mountain Market</b>		
10/1/2011	732PO1 · Supplies - community center	7.88
10/1/2011	553GOO · Meetings & Community Events	64.11
Total Mountain Market		71.99
<b>MWH Laboratories</b>		
10/5/2011	990WOO · Testing - water	150.00
Total MWH Laboratories		150.00
<b>NAPA</b>		
10/4/2011	661GO2 · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	18.31
Total NAPA		18.31

**Town of Ridgway**  
**Register of Demands No. 11-10**  
As of October 6, 2011

Date	Account	Open Balance
<b>Ouray County Road &amp; Bridge</b>		
9/30/2011	660GO2 · Gas & Oil	474.52
9/30/2011	760POO · Gas & Oil	210.66
9/30/2011	960SOO · Gas & Oil	281.35
9/30/2011	960WOO · Gas & Oil	347.24
9/30/2011	860GO3 · Gas & Oil	555.56
8/30/2011	760POO · Gas & Oil	244.60
8/30/2011	660GO2 · Gas & Oil	507.80
8/30/2011	960WOO · Gas & Oil	598.91
8/30/2011	960SOO · Gas & Oil	665.99
8/30/2011	860GO3 · Gas & Oil	585.80
8/30/2011	560GOO · Gas & Oil	26.89
Total Ouray County Road & Bridge		4,499.32
<b>Pinnacol Assurance</b>		
9/19/2011	904SOO · Worker's Compensation Insurance	1,111.00
9/19/2011	904WOO · Workers Compensation Insurance	147.00
Total Pinnacol Assurance		1,258.00
<b>Pureline Treatment Systems</b>		
10/3/2011	989WOO · Plant Expenses - water	1,650.00
Total Pureline Treatment Systems		1,650.00
<b>Recla Metals LLLP</b>		
7/1/2011	632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	-215.00
Total Recla Metals LLLP		-215.00
<b>San Juan Machining &amp; Manufacturing Inc</b>		
9/27/2011	931SOO · Maintenance & Repairs	540.16
Total San Juan Machining & Manufacturing Inc		540.16
<b>Second Chance Humane Society</b>		
9/16/2011	506GO1 · Second Chance Humane Society	6,000.00
Total Second Chance Humane Society		6,000.00
<b>Siemens Industry Inc</b>		
9/26/2011	931WOO · Maintenance & Repairs	2,085.00
Total Siemens Industry Inc		2,085.00
<b>Sunset Automotive</b>		
9/20/2011	861GO3 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	409.27
Total Sunset Automotive		409.27
<b>True Value</b>		
9/26/2011	732PO1 · Supplies - community center	4.49
9/26/2011	633GO2 · Tools	5.32
9/26/2011	933SOO · Tools	5.33
9/26/2011	933WOO · Tools	5.33
9/26/2011	732POO · Supplies & Materials	2.00
9/26/2011	632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	1.99
9/26/2011	932SOO · Supplies & Materials	2.00
9/26/2011	932WOO · Supplies & Materials	2.00
9/26/2011	632GO2 · Supplies & Materials	3.78
9/26/2011	932SOO · Supplies & Materials	3.78
9/26/2011	932WOO · Supplies & Materials	3.78
9/26/2011	731POO · Maintenance & Repairs	17.83
9/26/2011	732POO · Supplies & Materials	108.41
9/26/2011	761POO · Vehicle & Equip Maint & Repair	4.19
9/26/2011	931SOO · Maintenance & Repairs	106.81
9/26/2011	931WOO · Maintenance & Repairs	65.82
9/26/2011	CP801 · Construction	47.96
Total True Value		390.82

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**As of October 6, 2011**

Date	Account	Open Balance
<b>USABlueBook</b>		
9/20/2011	932WOO · Supplies & Materials	49.55
9/16/2011	931WOO · Maintenance & Repairs	1,551.37
9/16/2011	931WOO · Maintenance & Repairs	1,069.35
Total USABlueBook		2,670.27
<b>Verizon Wireless</b>		
9/23/2011	943WOO · Telephone	65.89
9/23/2011	728POO · Other - parks	32.99
9/23/2011	943SOO · Telephone	68.08
9/23/2011	843GO3 · Telephone	98.93
9/23/2011	543GOO · Telephone	109.06
9/23/2011	643GO2 · Telephone	44.06
Total Verizon Wireless		419.01
<b>White Glove Cleaning</b>		
10/1/2011	928WOO · Other - water	65.00
10/1/2011	928SOO · Other - sewer	65.00
10/1/2011	545GOO · Janitorial Services	475.00
10/1/2011	779PO1 · Janitorial Services - comm cntr	475.00
Total White Glove Cleaning		1,080.00
<b>Wired Computer Consulting</b>		
10/5/2011	514GOO · Consulting Services	25.00
9/29/2011	514GOO · Consulting Services	25.00
Total Wired Computer Consulting		50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31,040.81</b>



INTERIOR DESIGN

September 19, 2011

The Members of the Ridgway Town Council  
c/o Pam Kraft, Town Clerk  
P.O. Box 10  
Ridgway, CO 81432

Dear Members of the Ridgway Town Council:

I am writing to ask for your consideration to be on the committee to investigate drafting a Formula Business Restriction Ordinance and/or increased Design Standards for Commercial Development in Ridgway.

I feel I am qualified to be on the committee for a number of reasons. I have lived and worked in this area for the past 18 years and have a good sense of the community, its unique character and the diversity of its residents. I am a member of the Ouray County Board of Visual Appeals and have been on my subdivision's Architectural Review Committee for the past 15 years. I have been a commercial and residential design professional for 30 years, with a B.A. in Interior Design, and I have worked on numerous design projects in this area, including the Beaumont Hotel and New Sheridan Hotel, numerous residences, and a number of office projects, dealing with both interior and exterior design.

I am committed to working with others to preserve and protect the type of community outlined in the 2009 Ridgway Organizational Strategic Plan's "Community Vision Statement," "Community Values" and "Organization Mission Statement" -- a community-minded rural town situated in a beautiful mountain valley, with unique small-town character and a vibrant and sustainable local economy. I have spent a great deal of time educating myself on the Town's official documents, such as the Municipal Code, 2000 Comprehensive Plan and 2009 Ridgway Organizational Strategic Plan, and I have familiarized myself with the few existing design standards for commercial development now in the Land Use Plan of the Municipal Code. I have also been doing extensive research into the benefits and detriments of "formula businesses" moving into small towns across the country, reading independent economic studies on the topic and numerous other resources. In addition, I have been educating myself on the 30 year history of formula business restriction ordinances being passed by towns and cities across the country and all the issues a community must consider in drafting such an ordinance.

I have a long history of working well with others, showing respect for those with other points of view, being able to analyze a complex problem, and knowing how to work together to reach a mutually acceptable solution. I am a dedicated and hard worker, and I am committed to the well-being of this community.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Kay Lair

**Pam Kraft**

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**From:** QBS Events - Sue [sue@qbsevents.com]

**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2011 9:33 AM

**To:** Pam Kraft

**Subject:** interest in new committee

Dear Pam and Town Council Members,

I just read the item in the paper about the committee to look at a formula business ordinance.

I would appreciate being considered to serve on this committee. We've owned land here in Ridgway for 14 years and we finished our house just over a year ago. I have lived in several small towns over the years and enjoy being involved in the community I call home. I have served on many committees (including tourism-related and business-related) and feel I could make a positive contribution to this new effort.

I would be happy to provide more details of my experience with community projects at the board's request. Please let me know if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,  
Sue Husch  
169 Ridgway Hills Drive  
Ridgway  
626-4480

## Pam Kraft

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**From:** Bev Angehrn [bevga@ouraynet.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 24, 2011 7:22 PM  
**To:** Pam Kraft  
**Subject:** Committee to Study Formula Stores

To: Pam Craft and Town Council Members  
From: Beverly Angehrn  
Re: Committee to Study Formula Stores

Dear Pam and Council Members,

I have lived in Ridgway (Pleasant Valley) for 13 years. Even now, a day seldom passes that I am not consciously grateful for the opportunity to live in such a beautiful place with such wonderful people. I truly think our community is unique in so many ways. I was very pleased when I learned that a committee was being formed to study the pros and cons of "formula businesses". I think this is an important issue and that should be addressed sooner than later.

If you would like references for my suitability, I am a volunteer with Neighbor to Neighbor, Second Chance Humane Society, and the Mt. Sneffels Foundation.  
I think I can bring experience and objectivity to the table.

Sincerely,

Beverly Angehrn

Vicci Spencer  
720 Lands End Drive  
Ridgway, CO 81432  
(970) 626-4141 or (970) 318-8474

September 24, 2011

Members of Ridgway Town Council  
c/o Pam Kraft, Town Clerk  
P.O. Box 10  
Ridgway, CO 81432

Dear Members:

I am writing to request that the Town Council appoint me to be on the committee to consider a formula business restriction ordinance and stricter design standards for commercial development. I would like to serve on this committee because I care about the town of Ridgway, the businesses and their owners, and the special people that live here. We moved to Ridgway in 2004 after having vacationed here for many years. I am passionate about preserving the unique character of Ridgway that attracted us and many others to this area. I have twenty-two years of experience as a professional in administration; I work very well with others; and I have some knowledge of the effects of "formula businesses" on small towns. I live within the town limits of Ridgway. I would consider it a privilege to work with town officials on an issue as important as this.

Thank you for considering me as a candidate to serve on this committee.

Sincerely,

  
Vicci Spencer

## Pam Kraft

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**From:** Carolyn Kircher [lynnkircherdesigns@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2011 2:32 PM  
**To:** Pam Kraft  
**Subject:** Formula Businesses

To Members of Ridgway Town Council:

I am writing to show my support of an ordinance to ban formula businesses in the Town of Ridgway. It is my belief that the qualities that I most value in living here are best sustained by smaller locally owned and operated businesses. Thank you for counting my vote for constructing an ordinance that would reject formula business proposals.

Lynn Kircher

**Andrew Mueller  
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September 28, 2011

Town Council  
Town of Ridgway

Re: Committee to Study Formula Store Regulations

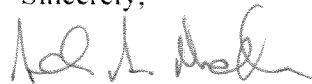
Dear Town Council:

This letter is in response to the article in the Ouray County Plaindealer last week which indicated that the Council will be appointing a five member committee to study "creative" regulations for formula stores. I am interested in serving on that committee and would ask that you appoint me. As a long time resident and property owner I am concerned about the economic viability and sustainability of our community. As a practicing attorney, I have extensive experience in working in multiple jurisdictions with land use regulations. Most of my work has been on behalf of private land owners and local businesses. I believe that my experience in this field could be an asset to the committee.

Given my profession and my past representation of private property owners before the Town, many of you may wonder if there is a conflict of interest in me serving on such a committee. I have given that some thought and believe that there is no present or likely future conflict. Neither I nor any of the attorneys in my firm have in the past or do currently represent any chain or formula store owners.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve our community by sitting on this committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Andy Mueller

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## Pam Kraft

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**From:** Daniel Gaddis [gaddis.dan@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 6:04 PM

**To:** Pam Kraft

**Subject:** Potential Ordinance

Ridgway Town Council,

Good day. My name is Daniel Gaddis residing at 309 Ridgway Hills Drive and co- owner of Shantihi Hot Yoga here in town. I have recently been troubled by the addition of a Family Dollar store to the area and grown concerned for the future of our town and the area. Rather than go into a lengthy description of all the reasons chain or formula based enterprise is detrimental to small communities, I will simply submit that I am extremely motivated to encourage the creation of an ordinance that would ban future chain or formula business in or around our wonderful town. That being said, I am available at any time and in any capacity to assist in any way necessary.

Regards,

Daniel Gaddis

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## MONTHLY UPDATE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

October 6, 2011

*This Update is a supplemental report for inclusion in the Town Council agenda packet for the regular monthly meeting, and for posting on the Town website. It is for informational purposes. Items herein may or may not warrant Council discussion, and do not require Council action.*

### Water

The water plant has caused a bit of excitement over this past month, resulting in numerous after hours calls and visits for all of the public works crew. Eventually the various manufacturers came to visit. After numerous days of negotiating, troubleshooting, replacing parts, and systems testing, we are running smoothly again. We were also able to incorporate valve servicing and a full system check while the crew was onsite.

The Ridgway Ditch was carrying 1.5 cfs just below the headgate in late September. Although we have only had an accurate gauge in place for about a year, this does look to be about 50% more than in a typical September. Staff attended the River District Workshop and the National Weather Service people at the meeting said they are projecting another La Nina weather pattern this winter, but do not expect the extreme snow pack that parts of the state saw this spring. Chris Landry, the dust on snow coordinator, has reported that he anticipates the fall will be drier than normal. We are filling Lake O and will refill the pre-sedimentation ponds in case things take a rapid turn toward reduced raw water being available, although it is not looking that way now.

### Sewer

The Town's force main relocation project, which is necessitated by the CDOT bridge project, is progressing. The Transportation Commission approved funding for the Town to relocate the force mains and CDOT hopes to have the paperwork in place by mid October. Because this project is being driven by the CDOT project, and because we have the in-house capability of designing the relocation, as well as performing the construction oversight, CDOT will reimburse the Town for these services resulting in some unanticipated revenue for the Town. We are now preparing the bid documents and construction plans, and hope to begin the relocation this fall if all the disparate components fall into place.

### Nutrient Criteria

The State Health Department (CDPHE) has issued updated drafts of the proposed regulations related to the nutrient criteria. It will take some time to review these, but again CDPHE staff has indicated that it is their intent to not require municipal treatment plants that are aerated lagoon type systems to meet more stringent standards for at least a decade. It would be nice to say that our lobbying efforts have been successful, and perhaps they have, but the bigger deciding factor for CDPHE was likely that the discharge from most lagoon systems is a very small portion of the river flow and contributes a very small portion of the nutrient load. On the western slope, most of the nutrient load is from non point sources and even if all the nutrients were removed from all the effluent from lagoons, it would not make a dent in the nutrient concentration in most rivers.

CDPHE and the Water and Power Authority commissioned a study to examine the costs and benefits of the proposed nutrient criteria. At least the initial draft indicates that for most treatment plants to be upgraded to meet stringent nutrient criteria would cost more than the associated benefits. Some public comment on the draft report questioned whether the benefits were properly calculated so the final report may have different conclusions for some instances. Note that there were similar questions about the costs. The director of the Water Quality Control Division mentioned that there are not sufficient funds available to require all domestic point source dischargers to meet the nutrient limits EPA is proposing and that it is his goal to have the

Colorado regulations fit what is possible. Town staff is continuing to participate in the Nutrient Work Group and there is still a coalition of dischargers working to insure that the regulations are manageable. Hopefully that will work. The hearing for the new nutrient criteria is scheduled for March, 2012.

Streets

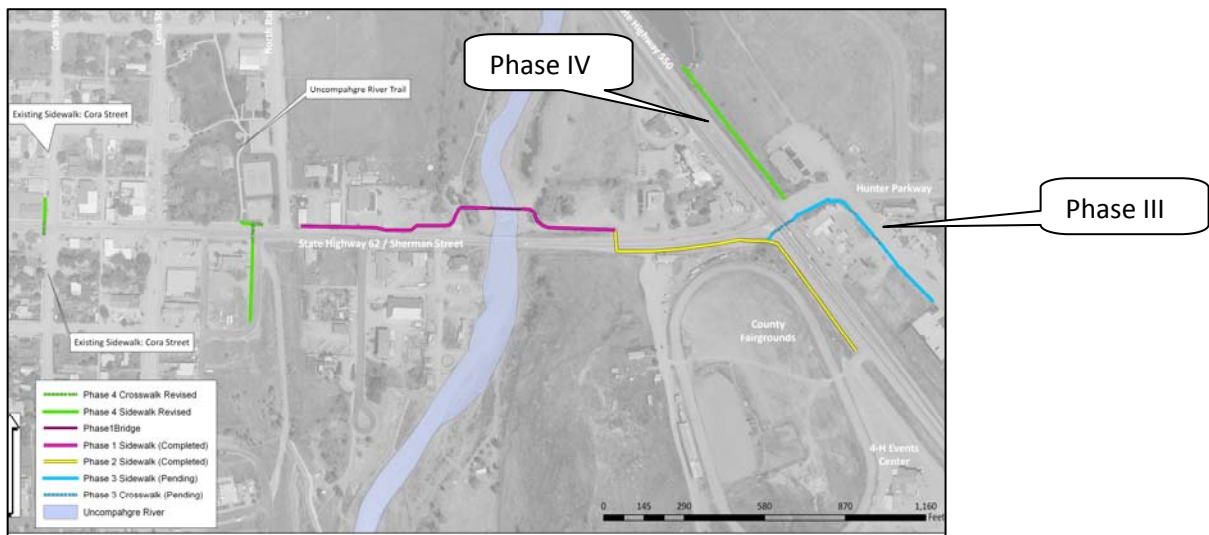
The chip seal project in the Ridgway Land Company Subdivision is almost complete. There is still some clean up, but the bulk of the work is done. The chips have been set, the fog coat applied and the lane striping at the highway restored. Hunter Parkway and Redcliff Drive received the chipping treatment. Work on Palomino Trail is scheduled for next summer, after the walkway is installed on part of the west side. Drainage improvements at the ReMaxx driveway off of Hunter Parkway are schedule for this fall.



Mike and Jeff competed in the Western Slope Snow and Ice Conference rodeo with both men finishing well.

Enhancement Projects

CDOT has issued the IGA Amendment to combine Phase III and Phase IV. As you may recall, Phase III includes crossing Highway 550 on the south side of the intersection and constructing concrete sidewalk along the south side of Hunter Parkway to Palomino, continuing south along the west side of Palomino, part of the way to CR 12. Phase IV includes crosswalks on Hwy 62 at Cora and at Railroad, sidewalk on South Railroad from Hwy 62 to Hyde Street, and a concrete pathway from Hunter Parkway north to the existing pathway by the pond and residential units. We are planning a separate detailed discussion with the Council on recent complications associated with some of the planned improvements and various and recent interpretations by CDOT.

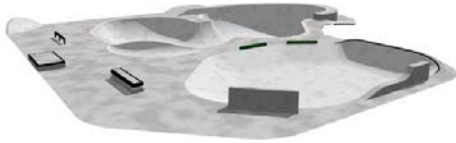


Parks

One of our primary projects in September was completion of the skate park and installing the irrigation lines west of the new tennis courts in the Athletic Park. This project is largely funded by GOCO with matching cash from the local skating community and the Town, and in-kind contributions from the Town. Grindline Skateparks designed and constructed the park, and Town staff has been working on the irrigation system. Most of the irrigation lines are now installed. Work on sprinkler heads and controls will progress as weather

and workload allows this fall. Next spring, irrigation lines will be installed around the skate park, the ground will be graded and shaped, and then re-vegetation will bring this area of the Regional Athletic Field .

A generous donation from Karla Edd enabled the design and construction of an interactive memorial for Eddie Booher, which is the focal point of the southern end of the park, highlighting the



view down the Uncompahgre River valley. Local artist and designer, Lisa Issenberg, is working with Karla to create a memorial piece to be incorporated into “Eddie’s Corner”, which will highlight the piece and create a special place.



In addition, we are also working on bank stabilization in Rollans Park, focused on the two areas that experienced undercutting and significant erosion this past year. We are harvesting and replanting willow plants in this location to facilitate stabilizing the banks.

The Pump Track is planned for construction during the weekend of October 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Local resident Sara Ballantyne is leading the volunteer efforts and has secured the services of SingleTrack Trails to design and facilitate the park construction. The Town is providing land, dirt, and water toward the effort.

We had an absolutely great parks crew this summer! Everyone worked well together and independently. It is almost time to say thank you and good bye for the season to Lisa, Mana, and George. Many thanks to an absolutely incredible team this year!

### **Gunnison Basin Roundtable**

The Division Director of the Water Quality Control Division of CDPHE, Steve Gunderson, presented an “Introduction to the WQCD”. He explained how the Division is subdivided and the work each sub group performs. We also spoke very briefly about the process the Water Quality Control Commission uses to develop and review water quality regulations. Mr. Gunderson spoke of the regulatory challenges (i.e. the costs for entities in the state to comply with increasing stringent regulations and the problems of improving water quality when most of the remaining degradation is a result of runoff and non point sources which are not regulated). Dave Kanzer with the River District also presented information about selenium levels in various stream segments, and the progress of groups working to mitigate selenium concentrations. Finally the group discussed the new portfolio tool for projecting water availability and conservation, which will be available on the CWCB website.

### **Technical Energy Audits**

We continue to work with Ameresco to initiate energy audits of our facilities, utilities and fleet. Information gathering is happening now, and we have received the final report on our wastewater audit from the EPA, which will be incorporated into the wastewater audit.

### **Mosquitoes and Weeds**

Although the mosquito season should be winding down, staff is still finding larvae that are mature enough that if untreated could emerge as adults yet this year. We are working on treating water for mosquitoes and hunting and pulling knapweed.

This past month the County Weed Manager initiated and completed Milestone application along the river corridor in Rollans Park, treating spotted knapweed and thistle. The application was planned for spring and fall applications in 2011, pursuant to recommendations in the Integrated Weed Management Plan. However, the spring application did not occur due to wet weather and instead, volunteer pulling efforts occurred throughout the summer. The impacted areas in Rollans Park are planned for another application in Spring 2012, and revegetation in Fall 2012 to compete with any potential noxious weed re-growth.



In addition to numerous hours of weed pulling logged by the Public Works Staff and seasonal employees, a total of 10 volunteer weed pulls were organized by Town Staff this season with anywhere between 1-9 volunteers participating in each event. Mechanical pulling is one strategy in the Integrated Weed Plan, and the pulls focused efforts on Rollans Park and the Regional Athletic Field. Thanks to these dedicated staff and volunteers!

**Land Use Update**

The Land Use Task Force had their 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting this past month to review the revised land use goals for the plan. The group spent a significant amount of time reviewing the goals, and a number of recommendations were forwarded to the consultant. The policies associated with the goals are to be released for review by October 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Focus Group leaders will reconvene the focus groups to review and solicit inputs on these proposed policy statements. These meetings are all open to the public and if anyone wishes to participate in the process, please contact Jen for details ([jcoates@town.ridgway.co.us](mailto:jcoates@town.ridgway.co.us)). The 5 Focus Groups are: 1) Land Use and Growth 2) Transportation and Energy 3) Environment, Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces 4) Infrastructure, Public Services, Education, and Public Works 5) Economic Development, Housing and Culture.

Once the goals and policy statements are refined, the draft plan will be released to the public and a public comment meeting is planned for early November. A general timeline is below.



**Source Water Protection Plan**

The Source Water Protection Plan work group held their second meeting in September and discussed the boundaries of the area to be protected and a little more about the hazards from which the Town’s source water needs to be protected. The morning after the meeting, we gave the work group coordinator, Colleen Williams, a tour of the Town’s raw water system. The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>. The main focus of that meeting will be to define ways to protect the Town’s water supply from hazards.

**Oouray County Housing Board OCHA and Regional Housing Study Update**

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment, which the OCHA has been participating in, was presented on 9/14 at 1:30 – 3:00 in Telluride at the Wilkinson Public Library, and on 9/15 in Ridgway Town Hall at 10:30 – 12:00.

### **Parks, Trails, Open Space Plan**



The committee will meet again on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in Town Hall. The plan is really taking shape and the committee continues to chip away at the map. An informal input form has been distributed to the community for feedback on desired amenities and facilities for public spaces, which will be incorporated into the plan. There is a link on the Town website for resources, meeting dates, plan drafts, and additional information: [http://www.town.ridgway.co.us/parks\\_openspaces.html](http://www.town.ridgway.co.us/parks_openspaces.html). Please check in with Jen if you would like to preview and provide feedback on the draft map.

### **Marshal's Department**

To say that the Marshals Department has been consumed recently is probably an understatement. A very significant amount of their time this past month has been spent taking reports of fraud on the recent credit and debit card investigation. The investigation is now being led by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), with the Marshal's Department remaining involved and communicating with CBI. At this time, very little information is available to the public so as to not compromise the integrity of the investigation, although there is a sense that the acquisition of the card information occurred during a defined period of time this summer, and is no longer happening; however, charges may continue to be incurred as a result of the earlier theft. Everyone is encouraged to take a proactive approach and review their statements regularly and closely to identify any unauthorized charges.

The Department continues to monitor and record traffic flow and speeds throughout Town in follow up to the Traffic Flow Plan discussions. The results of these findings are planned for presentation to the Council in early 2012. Marshal Scott also repaired the school zone light to reinstate the flashing light in the zone.

### **Western San Juans Community Energy Board**

The Board met in Placerville on September 20<sup>th</sup> to review the GHG inventory and 2012 primary action items for each of the jurisdictions and the region. The Board also discussed funding for the Community Energy Coordinator in 2012 and some regional opportunities for energy conservation through iCAST in partnership with SMPA. More details will be forthcoming on these opportunities for the region.

### **HUD Sustainable Communities Grant**

The Telluride Foundation held an overview and budget meeting in Ridgway Town Hall on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We participated in the meeting, along with representatives from Mountain Village, San Miguel County, and the regional housing authorities for San Miguel and Ouray Counties. We submitted a letter of support for the grant application as well as a signed Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the process. The grant application will be submitted to HUD in October. Contact Jen if you would like additional information ([jcoates@town.ridgway.co.us](mailto:jcoates@town.ridgway.co.us)).

### **Town Website**

Please check the Town's Bulletin Board on the website for news, updates, and events: <http://www.town.ridgway.co.us/>.