

# RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING

JULY 20, 2010

The Council convened for a workshop meeting at 5:35 pm in the meeting room at Ridgway Town Hall, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Members in attendance were Councillors Durnan, Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits. Councilmembers Hebert, Hunter and Weaver were absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop Meeting dated 7-15-10.

The Town Clerk distributed financial documents presenting revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2009, and 2010 through July 16<sup>th</sup>; also sales tax comparisons for the first quarters of 2009 and 2010. The Clerk and Council discussed the financial documents. She noted sales tax receipts were down 11% in the first quarter of 2010.

Interim Manager Jen Coates presented a Capital Improvement and Operating Budget discussion paper and a Master Planning and Policy Development outline for 2010 and 2011.

Council and staff discussed capital improvements. The Council agreed to fund from the 2010 operating budget, an irrigation system adjacent to the tennis courts in the Athletic Park. Capital improvement items added to the discussion paper included landscaping adjacent to the tennis courts, skate park and gazebo in the Athletic Park, and bridge repair at Laura Street in Cottonwood Park.

As follow-up to a discussion at the recent regular meeting, the Interim Manager explained Great Outdoor Colorado parks and recreation grant funds can not be used to construct a permanent stage. She suggested the Council discuss projects for the upcoming grant application. There was discussion regarding pedestrian lighting bollards in Hartwell Park and benches and outdoor amenities prepared by local artists; expansion of the skatepark; a sand volleyball court; and completion of the landscaping in the Athletic Park. The Council agreed the project application should be made for lighting in Hartwell Park and expansion of the skatepark. If the two projects can not be combined, then the application should be written for skatepark expansion.

Council reviewed capital Improvement items. It was agreed projects to be included within the 2011 Fiscal Year Budget were irrigation system at the Western Hills entrance sign; attachments for the skid steer; landscaping in the Athletic Park; and installation of a handrail adjacent to the Highway 62 sidewalk in front of the medical center. Capital Improvement projects to be placed within the 2011 Budget were the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Enhancement Project Phase 3; sludge removal; and the Great Outdoors Colorado grant. It was also agreed Phase 4 of the CDOT Enhancement Project should be prioritized for 2012, along with painting the water storage tank, and gravel removal from the river corridor.

The Council discussed alignment of Railroad Street and agreed the project should be performed within the next four to five years. The Council also discussed the Department of Transportation's plan to three lane Highway 62 through Town. Staff was directed to speak to department representatives and convey the Council's desire that three lanes of highway only be constructed from the highway bridge to Laura Street.

Interim Manager Coates reported on a recent meeting with property owners regarding project options for the Phase 4 Enhancement Grant.

Council and staff reviewed the Master Planning and Policy Development recommendations. It was agreed completion of the update to the land use element of the comprehensive development plan should be targeted for 2011, along with the parks and trails element of the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk