

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. The Council was present in its entirety with Councillors Hebert, Hunter, Hynes, Johnson, Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2010.
2. Register of Demands for March 2010.
3. Renewal of tavern liquor license for the Sherbino Theater.
4. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for Drakes Restaurant.
5. Request for water leak adjustment, Account #4170.0/Knutson.
6. Request for water leak adjustment, Account #7240.0/Schroder.

ACTION:

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

Town Manager Greg Clifton introduced newly hired, part time Deputy Marshal, Jeff Hunt. He noted Mr. Hunt is a Ridgway resident, police academy graduate, and has experience as a reserve officer with the Ouray County Sheriff's Department.

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

7. Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Report of Lodging Tax Funds

Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce Administrator Linda Lysaght presented a report entitled 2009 Year-End Marketing & Lodging Tax Funds which compared budgeted and actual revenues and expenses, and a proposed budget for 2010. She noted revenues were down primarily due to a 33% decrease in business memberships. Actual expenses were 10% under budget, which compensated for lack of fund-raising events and fewer memberships.

ACTION:

Councillor Weaver moved to approve the allocation of lodging tax funds in 2010 to be used for marketing expenses for the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hebert and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Adoption of Ordinance Amending Sign Regulations to Allow Sixteen Square Feet of Temporary Sign Area in Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts in Substitution of Ten Square Feet of Sign Areas as Currently Allowed Without a Permit; Amending the Sign Regulations to Repeal the Prohibition Against Portable or Wheeled Signs Outside of any Building; and further Amending the Sign Regulations to Allow Window Flyers Without A Sign Permit

The Town Manager noted the proposed ordinance is based upon recommendations of the temporary signage task force.

ACTION:

Councillor Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2010. It was seconded by Councillor Hynes which carried unanimously.

POLICY MATTERS

9. Agenda topics for March workshop meeting

Manager Clifton reported the bi-monthly Council workshop in March will include discussion regarding noxious weed management along the river corridor and policy directives regarding medical marijuana.

10. Proposal to amend scope of professional services agreement with Applegate Group Inc., regarding the reservoir enlargement feasibility study, to include small hydro feasibility analysis

The Manager presented a scope of services amendment to the agreement with Applegate Group Inc. pertaining to feasibility study of the water reservoir, to include a hydro feasibility study on the water supply system. He noted the funding would be provided through a grant with the Governor's Energy Office.

There was discussion between Council and staff.

ACTION:

Councillor Hebert moved to approve amending the scope of services for the Applegate Group to include a small hydro feasibility study. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously.

11. Water Conservation Plan through assistance offered by Colorado Rural Water Association

Manager Clifton explained the Town is not mandated by the state to prepare a water conservation plan based upon current water demand, however staff is recommending it be performed. Public Works Director Joanne Fagan noted the Colorado Rural Water Association offers free assistance in developing a plan, and the Town can request to be placed on a waiting list for assistance. If the Council wishes to pursue instituting a program staff will prepare an outline of items the plan will address and present it at the May workshop meeting.

The Council authorized staff to request assistance from Rural Water to develop a water conservation plan.

12. Request to authorize staff to award bid for gazebo project in the Athletic Park

Manager Clifton noted bids for construction of the gazebo in the Athletic Park specify completion date by Memorial Day. Bids are due by March 17th and if approved by Council at the March meeting it is likely the completion date would need to be extended. He suggested authorizing staff to award the contract, and the contract can be ratified by Council at the next meeting.

ACTION:

Councillor Hebert moved with Mayor Pro Tem Clark seconding to authorize staff to award the contract for the gazebo project. After a call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

13. Discussion regarding affordable housing policies

Councillor Hebert reported the Affordable Housing Task Force anticipates finalizing policies pertaining to inclusionary zoning, annexation, planned urban developments, and accessory dwelling units by this summer.

Town Planner Jen Coates noted the Housing Authority will coordinate with various committees in the area to ensure policy development is not being duplicated and a multi-jurisdictional document is prepared.

The Council requested staff prepare a summary of targeted strategies and policies from the Affordable Housing 2009 Housing Action Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. to a workshop meeting on March 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Christian
Deputy Clerk

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk