

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2011.
2. Minutes of Workshop Meeting on January 19, 2011.
3. Register of Demands for February 2011.
4. Resolution for Supplemental Budget and Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.
5. Water leak adjustment - 256 S. Cora/Account #1900.0.
6. Water leak adjustment - 596 #A. Sabeta/Account #6360.1.
7. Approval for Mayor to sign Multi-jurisdictional Needs Assessment Citizen Participation Plan, a required document for the CDBG Needs Assessment Grant.

ACTION:

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

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. Presentation of 2011 Lodging Tax Work Plan and 2010 Marketing and Lodging Tax Funds report and request for renewal of marketing agreement from Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce

2011 Lodging Tax Work Plan and 2010 Year End Marketing and Lodging Tax Funds Report from the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Board President, Kari Wage requested annual renewal of the agreement between the Town and Chamber for receipt of lodging taxes for promotion of tourism.

There was discussion by the Council.

ACTION:

Councillor Johnson moved to approve renewal of the marketing agreement with the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark and carried unanimously.

9. Request to use Town Parks May 20, 21, 22 for annual Balloons and Vroom's event

Kari Wage, on behalf of the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce, explained the Chamber will be taking over organization of the annual balloon festival which will be held May 6, 7 and 8. She reported the opening event will be held in Hartwell Park; Saturday includes a balloon launch in the parking area at the Athletic Park and more events in Hartwell; and the last day use of the Athletic Park. She requested approval to use Town facilities for the event.

There was discussion between the Council and Chamber representatives. It was noted in previous years the Town has sponsored a balloon.

ACTION:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Hunter and unanimously carried to approve use of Town property for the balloon festival and appropriate \$500 to sponsor a balloon during the event. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Request to use Town parking lot for annual ROCC Parking Lot Sale

Sheelagh Williams asked to use the Railroad Street parking lot on May 14th to hold the annual Ridgway Ouray Community Council (ROCC) parking lot sale.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Clark to approve use of the Town parking lot for the annual parking lot sale, seconded by Councillor Patterson and unanimously carried.

11. Request for Town support for expansion of the Sneffels Wilderness Area

Sheelagh Williams addressed the Council on behalf of the Ridgway Ouray Community Council. She explained in 2007 the Council endorsed expansion of the Sneffels Wilderness Area, a senate bill which was sponsored by Senator Salazar. She explained the legislation was not enacted by the senate, and newly elected Senator Tipton has agreed to review the documentation and consider sponsoring the proposal in a new form. She requested the Council consider supporting the proposed wilderness expansion. She noted the new proposal includes a smaller area of public lands than endorsed in 2007, and continues to exclude the Town's watershed, which ensures protection of the Town's water rights.

There was discussion between the Council and Ms. Williams.

Council directed staff to prepare a resolution of support to be presented at the next meeting.

12. Presentation of draft fairgrounds master plan

Fairgrounds Manager Susan Long presented a draft update to the Ouray County Fairgrounds Master Plan. She reported the original plan was adopted in 2000, and since that time the County has acquired the 4H Center facility, and uses at the fairgrounds have diversified. She explained the Fairgrounds Advisory Council, which is comprised of fifteen entities, met from May to October of 2010 and compiled the update. The draft document was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on February 1st and is scheduled for public hearings, and then will be returned to the Commission for final adoption.

The Council and Ms. Long reviewed the proposed plan. It was noted the fairgrounds is leased by the County from the Town, and there are sixteen years left on the current lease.

POLICY MATTERS

13. Proposed amendment to annexation policy

Town Manager Jen Coates presented a proposed amendment to the Annexation Policy, which was adopted by the Council in February of 2009. She explained at the prior meeting staff discussed amending the policy regarding dedication of water rights and fees in lieu. She explained the draft document amends 7 (D) of the policy and deletes reference to purchase of augmentation water from Tri-County and now includes a payment in lieu to contribute to rehabilitation of Lake Otonowanda. She noted this would assist in efforts to improve the lake and provide for larger storage capacity of the Town's water source.

There was discussion between Council and staff.

ACTION:

Councillor Hunter moved to approve the amendment to the annexation policy and the change of wording in Section D. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

14. Request from Ouray County to participate in purchase of emergency notification system

Manager Coates presented a request from Ouray County to participate in purchase of a wireless emergency notification system. The system will provide public access to emergency notification information pertaining to road closures, winter weather and emergency situations within the County. The County is purchasing the system for \$3000 and requesting financial support from the City of Ouray and Town of Ridgway through a contribution of \$500 from each jurisdiction.

The Council requested staff obtain more information on the system and agreed to readdress the request at the next regular meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

The Town Clerk presented a report of budget to actual amounts for 2010 which included revenues and expenditures in comparison to budgeted amounts, and reviewed the document with the Council.

The Clerk presented an update on planning for the annual free summer concert series. She explained the name of the event has been changed to Ridgway Concert Series, and a website is being developed. Fundraising has begun, and events being planned. She reported the annual block party will be held on June 3rd and asked for permission to close Clinton and N. Cora Streets from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the event. The Council consented.

Manager Coates presented a response from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to the Town's requests for modifications to the plans for Highway 62 improvements scheduled to occur in 2016. The correspondence, which is subject to change, stated they are pleased the Town is supportive of incorporating pedestrian and bicycle facilities wherever possible. The restriction of center turn lane limits can not be agreed to at this time, as traffic counts must first be assessed. The assessment will also include the request to retain pedestrian islands. Typical street sections may include two 9 foot walks; two 2.5

foot curb and gutter; two 3 foot bike lanes, two 12 foot driving lanes and one 13 foot center turn lane. The sections are subject to grades and elevations relative to existing ground and facilities. Crosswalks will not be raised and longitudinal bars to mark pedestrian crossing will be installed; if the Town desires they may be allowed to install colored concrete at the crossings. Raised planters along the sidewalks are acceptable, but tree grates will not be allowed.

She explained the Town had requested two 12 foot turn lanes, two foot curbs and gutters, a six foot landscape strip, necking down from three to two lanes from Laura to Amelia Streets, raised medians, inclusion of tree grates in the sidewalks, colored concrete diversions in the crosswalks and the ability to retain both existing pedestrian islands.

There was discussion between the Council and staff. The Town Engineer noted the uneven elevation grades which exist along the highway will probably create changes to the proposed street sections as the project progresses.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to a workshop meeting to be held on February 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room at which time the Council will enter into a closed session. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk