

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 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. In attendance were Councillors Hunter, Johnson, Patterson, Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits. Councillor Durnan was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2010.
2. Register of Demands for January 2011.
3. Pursuant to state statute designate the Town Hall bulletin board as the official posting place.
4. Resolution Supporting the Agreement Between the Town of Ridgway and the Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for the Ridgway Skate Ranch, Phase II.
5. Approve change to employees retirement plan authorizing new option for Roth 457 Provision.
6. Water and sewer leak adjustment – 160 Liddell LLC/Account # 3010.1.
7. Approve letter of acceptance as participant in the Environmental Protection Agency Energy Management Pilot Program.
8. Accept planning and design grant from Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority for water utility system study.
9. Renewal of restaurant liquor license for the Adobe Inn.

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

10. Lodging tax update from Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce

Representing the Ridgway Area Chamber of Commerce Kari Wage distributed statistics and accomplishment for 2010 and a budget for 2011. She requested renewal of the agreement between the Town and Chamber for receipt of lodging taxes for promotion of tourism.

There was discussion between the Council and members of the Chamber Board of Directors. It was agreed the Chamber would attend the next meeting and present an accounting of expenditures made with lodging tax funds during the previous year.

POLICY MATTERS

11. Discussion regarding calculation of fees in lieu for water rights in the annexation policy

Town Manager Jen Coates presented a copy of Annexation Criteria adopted by the Council in February of 2009. She explained in response to discussions regarding a proposed annexation staff has reviewed the Town's Annexation Policy and requested clarification on one of the policies components. She stated that III.7 (D) of the document requires contribution of water rights or payment in lieu that would offset the cost of purchasing water. As currently written the policy would require a development density of 6-8 units per acre on a 10 acre parcel to pay an in lieu of fee that would exceed \$300,000. She noted staff is concerned that this cost will become a "pass through" to potential buyers, and "increase land values and housing costs".

Public Works Director Joanne Fagan explained to calculate the payment in lieu the policy refers to using the cost to purchase augmentation water from Tri-County's reservoir. She presented an alternative to the current policy which would also protect the Town from a call on its water source in drier years. This would involve using the payment in lieu fees to improve the facilitates at Lake Otanowanda to provide for larger storage capacity. She noted this would allow the lake to be filled and hold enough reserves to last through the call on water period for two dry years. This scenario would reduce the fee for a 10 acre parcel, with 6 residential equivalent units per acre, to about \$66,000 based upon current conditions.

There was discussion and the Council agreed that modifications should be made to the policy and presented at another meeting.

12. Report on award of bid for force main portion of fairgrounds lift station project

Public Works Director Joanne Fagan explained last fall the Council approved a bid and contract with Utech for completion of the force main portion of the sewer lift station installed at the fairgrounds. This project will extend the main west to Liddell Street. At the time of contract approval the project could not commence until private easements were secured. She reported the Town was unable to secure these easements and subsequently applied to the Department of Transportation for easements along Highway 62, which have been received. The project will begin next week she noted.

13. Award of bid for installation of water pump station in Vista Terrace Subdivision

Staff Report dated 1-7-11 from the Public Works Director presenting bid results for installation of water pump station in Vista Terrace Subdivision.

Director Fagan reported bids were received for the project to replace a water pump in Vista Terrace Subdivision, which is being funded by a \$150,000 grant from the Department to Local Affairs. She explained after contract completion staff will perform remaining work on the project, and after purchase of materials, she recommended the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Utech, for \$109,210.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Clark moved to approve the bid and award the contract to Utech for \$109,210 for installation of pump station in Vista Terrace. Seconded by Councillor Hunter, the motion carried unanimously.

14. Review of Council workshop meetings in 2011

The Town Manager noted the first Council workshop of the year will be held next week. She presented a proposed list of workshop topics for the year.

15. Consider contribution to sustainable community program for inventory of greenhouse gas emissions

Manager Coates reported The New Community Coalition (TNCC) has applied for a grant to prepare a green house emission and assessment plan for Ouray and San Miguel Counties. The \$6000 grant requires \$6000 in matching funds and will be shared by the City of Ouray, Town's of Telluride, Mountain Village and Ridgway and Counties of Ouray and San Miguel. TNCC will administer the grant and base line information will address both land fills and transportation.

ACTION:

Councillor Johnson moved to approve a \$1000 contribution of matching funds to participate in the sustainable community program to inventory greenhouse gas emissions. The motion was seconded by Councillor Hunter and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Coates explained the Town applied to participate in the Environmental Protection Agency Energy Management Pilot Program and a \$5000 grant was requested to perform an energy audit of the water and wastewater plants. The grant was awarded for \$10,000 for an audit of the water facility, she reported. Staff is considering using \$5000 of the grant for the water utility audit and sharing the remainder with the City of Ouray for an audit on their facilities, and then partnering to apply for outside funding to subsidize utility audits of the wastewater plants.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Weaver explained the Community Food Pantry is opening on Wednesday, and encouraged members of the Council to attend the grand opening celebration.

Councillor Weaver noted the past two years the Council has participated in the annual competition at the Mt. Sneffels Educational Foundation fundraiser. He recommended the Council participate in the upcoming event, and approve expenditure of \$100 for the entry fee.

ACTION:

Moved by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Johnson and unanimously carried to expend \$100 for the Mt. Sneffels Educational Foundation fundraiser. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk