

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2011

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. Councillors Hunter, Kavanaugh, Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits were in attendance. Councillors Durnan and Johnson were absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2011.
2. Register of Demands for July 2011.
3. Renewal of liquor store license for High Spirits.
4. Intergovernmental agreement with Colorado Department of Transportation to relocate force main in state right-of-way.
5. Resolution Amending Resolution 99-04 on April 14, 1999 Adopting the Police Procedures Manual with the addition of an Electro Muscular Disruption Technology (Taser Guns) Use Policy.
6. Ratify transfer of encroachment permit for trail building in Weaver Park from Randy Charette to Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association.
7. Ratify agreement with SE Group as planning consultant for preparation of update to the Land Use Plan.
8. Renewal of 3.2 Percent Beer License for Ridgway Shell.
9. Renewal of 3.2 Percent Beer License for Ridgway Conoco.
10. Renewal of Restaurant Liquor License for Chipeta Sun Lodge.

ACTION:

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

PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PRESENTATIONS

11. Request to hold parade the end of August for Max Schutz's homecoming

Julie Ahern approached the Council pertaining to an idea to welcome home six year old Max Schutz who has been battling leukemia since the age of two, and after a recent bone marrow transplant will be returning home the end of August. She explained upon his return she will encourage the community to attend an event in Town Park, and would like to have a small childrens parade around the park prior to a community potluck.

The Council was in support of the idea and asked that Ms. Ahern work with staff to organize the parade and closure of Town streets.

12. Application for encroachment permit on Town right-of-way to place merchandise on sidewalk along the south 24 feet of the building at 145 N. Cora Street

Town Manager Jen Coates presented an application for encroachment permit from Dar Craft to place merchandise from her consignment store on the sidewalk in front of 145 N. Cora Street. She explained the use would not impede passage on the sidewalk and would be used only during business operating hours.

ACTION:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Clark with a second by Councillor Weaver to approve application for encroachment permit on Town right-of-way to place merchandise on the sidewalk along the south 24 feet of the building at 145 N. Cora Street. After a call for vote the motion carried unanimously.

13. Update on Economic Development Committee

Irwin Borof, Ed Folga, Judy Snelling and Tammy Tuttle addressed the Council regarding the process of establishing the county wide Economic Development Committee under the Governors state economic development plan "Bottom Up". They explained they chose to not participate in the committee when they realized "the needs of Ridgway weren't going to be addressed". They recommended the creation of a committee to address economic development within the Town, and asked for support from the Council.

There was discussion between the Council and members of the audience. The Council agreed there is a need to include the Town and City of Ouray business communities in the newly formed Economic Development Committee, and the Town should collaborate with the City to ensure this happens. It was agreed Mayor Pro Tem Clark will contact officials from the City and encourage participation.

14. Request to construct bicycle pump track on Town property

Sara Ballantine addressed the Council on behalf of a group of citizens who would like to construct a bicycle pump track in the Athletic Park. She explained the track is similar to a bmx bike track, and is accomplished by "not pedaling, you're pumping your bike, which helps to learn bike handling skills". She explained she has "three pages of signatures expressing interest in having the track built" and suggested she can find volunteers from the list to help construct the track. It can be built in a few days and only requires dirt, tools and water to construct she noted.

Manager Coates reported the Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee has expressed support of the concept. The Council received comments from the audience and there was discussion. The Council agreed to construction of the track on the south end of the Athletic Park. Staff was directed to issue an encroachment permit and provide assistance with moving dirt and providing the water truck during construction.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. Adoption of Ordinance Revising Regulations and Rates for Town Curbside Solid Waste and Recycling Service

The Town Manager noted the ordinance being presented is in follow up to Council action at the previous meeting, to change recycling service from bi-weekly to weekly collection. This requires codification of the charges and would also be pursuant to the contract with Bruin Waste Management to provide services she explained.

Speaking from the audience Rod Fitzhugh spoke in opposition to the mandatory increase in services and charges.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark noted since the prior meeting Council has received numerous letters of opposition and suggested the Council revisit the decision. There was discussion by the Council and it was agreed to suspend weekly collection until another public hearing can be held at the August meeting. Staff was directed to inform the recycling contractor to resume the bi-weekly service and to notify users in Town of changes back to bi-weekly collection, and encourage participation at the hearing in August. It was noted the ordinance was presented as an emergency measure and can not be addressed since there are only five members present. It was agreed to introduce the ordinance for first reading.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Clark moved to introduce the Ordinance Revising Regulations and Rates for Town Curbside Solid Waste and Recycling Service. Councillor Hunter seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

POLICY MATTERS

16. Request for staff approval to award bid for an energy performance contractor to complete technical energy audits of facilities, fleet and utility systems

Public Works Director Joanne Fagan explained the Town and City of Ouray have jointly applied for technical energy audits offered by the Governors Energy Office, to have an audit conducted by an energy consultant to determine savings in energy bills for improvements to facilities, fleet and utility systems. She reported requests for proposals are due next week and suggested the Council authorize staff and a few members of Council to evaluate bids and authorize the award of a contract.

The Council agreed to the request and Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits volunteered to participate as representatives in the review process.

ACTION:

Moved by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Clark to give staff authority to enter into a contract with an energy performance contractor for technical energy audits. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Request for staff approval to award bid for chip sealing streets within General Improvement District #1, Ridgway USA Subdivision

The Public Works Director explained requests for proposals are out to bid for chip sealing of streets in General Improvement District #1. She requested approval to award a contract to the lowest bidder since the work needs to be performed in "very warm weather" and waiting for approval at the Council's next meeting would not provide temperatures warm enough "to get the chips to set".

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Clark, seconded by Councilmember Hunter and unanimously carried to give staff the authority to award the bid for chip sealing streets in General Improvement District #1.

18. Discussion and identification of potential project for Fall 2011 Great Outdoors Colorado grant application cycle

The Town Manager explained the next grant application cycle for Great Outdoors Colorado is the end of August. She inquired if the Council was interested in applying for a \$45,000 grant for a project cost up to \$60,000, which would require a 10% cash match from the Town and remainder through in-kind services.

The Council reviewed a list of projects identified by the Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee and agreed staff should submit a grant application for construction of a climbing/bouldering area and lighting of the pedestrian path in Hartwell Park.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor Weaver reported Ridgway High School has agreed to a Town Hall Meeting between the Council and students during the month of October and have asked for a potential meeting date. The Council agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Attorney suggested the Council enter into an executive session to discuss legal issues related to parks, recreation facilities and streets subject to State Statute Provisions 24-6-402(4)(a)(c)&(e) to confer with the Town Attorney and receive legal advise, matters of negotiations and matters subject to attorney-client communications.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Clark moved to go into closed session, Councillor Hunter seconded and it carried unanimously.

The Council entered into closed session with the Town Attorney, Town Manager and Public Works Director at 8:45 p.m.

The Council reconvened to open session at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk