

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

The Council convened for a budget workshop meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. Members in attendance were Councillors Durnan, Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Willits. Councilmember Kavanaugh was not present for the roll call. Councillors Hunter and Weaver were absent.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop Meeting dated September 15, 2011.

1. Presentation of draft 2012 Fiscal Year Budget

The Town Clerk presented the draft budget for fiscal year 2012. She reviewed with the Council estimated 2011 year end figures and proposed 2012 revenue and expenditures for the general, water and sewer funds.

Councillor Kavanaugh entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

2. Capital Improvements Plan for 2012

The Town Manager presented a draft 2012 Strategic Plan and Capital Improvements Plan from staff dated 9-21-11.

The Council and staff discussed the proposed plan. It was agreed the following items should be added to the draft budget, and the document will be reviewed at the next budget workshop at which time Council will determine which projects should be funded in 2012. Community outreach improvements to Town Hall and the Community Center; purchase of laptops for Council and Planning Commission; pedestrian lights in Hartwell Park and local functional art amenities in the Historic Business Streetscape; installation of irrigation lines to the pump track in the Athletic Park; river corridor maintenance for bank contouring; re-roofing the gazebo and repairs to the restrooms and picnic pavilion in Hartwell Park; replacement of a patrol car; increasing the part time Deputy Marshal position to full time; geotechnical report for the expansion of the water reservoir; installation of backwash pond at water treatment plant; visual enhancements during the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) highway bridge replacement; design and construction of pedestrian sidewalk and highway crossings with CDOT Enhancement Fund Programs; public outreach and development of financing initiative for Downtown Streetscape Plan or Town wide hard surfacing of roads; construction of stage in Hartwell Park; development of a public dog park; purchase software for dissemination of information via the website and email distribution; continued efforts in Integrated Weed Management Plan; pursue grant for development of master plan for the Uncompahgre River Corridor; prepare signage for special event parking; participate in the Department of Local Affairs Main Street Initiative; participate in county-wide weatherization and rehabilitation programs; continue participation in the law enforcement Lexipol Policy program; replace downtown signage regarding speed limits, truck routes and RV parking; removal of gravel in river at wastewater discharge outlet; sludge removal from the wastewater treatment plant; contract for technical energy audits through the Governors Energy Office to identify recommendations and opportunities for energy and water conservation and installation of renewable energy infrastructure in buildings, utilities and fleets.

3. Historic Business District Streetscape Plan

The Manager distributed a memorandum dated 9-21-11 from staff outlining the Historic Business District Streetscape Plan with estimated timeline and public engagement; the scope of the project; estimated costs; and other resources.

There was discussion with staff and Council. The Council agreed a citizen committee should be formed to disseminate information and educate voters on the proposed project, and that the issue should be discussed further at another meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC
Town Clerk