

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 17, 2016

The Town Council convened for a budget workshop at 5:35 p.m. in the Ridgway Community Center, 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Austin, Hunter, Gold, Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and Mayor Clark in attendance.

Town Clerk's Notice of Budget Workshop dated October 7, 2016.

1. Legislative Update

Town Attorney Bo Nerlin presented an update on 2016 legislation, and reviewed with the Council recently enacted state laws affecting home rule municipalities.

2. Request for endorsement of letter from The Mountain Pact

Mayor Clark presented a letter from Mountain Pact related to public lands and fire funding reform and requested Council approval to sign the land on behalf of the Town.

ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve signing the letter for Mountain Pact, Councilor Austin seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

3. Continuation of review of the draft 2017 Fiscal Year Budget

The Council and staff continued review of the draft budget, beginning with the Council Initiatives. The Council discussed the requests for funding from organizations, and agreed upon funding amounts.

Staff and Council discussed possible restructuring of administrative assistance to the Ridgway Creative District Committee. It was agreed to continue staff support into 2017 and reevaluate next year.

Councilor Williams left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Council reviewed with staff the general, water and sewer funds, and capital projects.

Manager Coates recommended changing the allocation of hours for the new Public Works Director position from 35 hours to 40 hours. The Council agreed. It was noted the Town Engineer will be employed for 20-24 hours a week on a contractual basis, with benefits. The Council agreed.

Consensus of the Council was to meet for another budget workshop on November 15th at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft
Town Clerk