

## RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2023

Call to Order 7:02

**Trustees Present:** Mayor Nicole Pieterse  
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon  
Trustee Chris Condon  
Trustee Joe Dillsworth  
Trustee Jordan Carr (Zoom 8:15)

**Trustees Absent:**  
Trustee Benn Vernadakis  
Trustee Joe Croke

**Staff Present.** Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion

To approve the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Chris Condon.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0. Trustee Jordan Carr not present.

### Approval of the Minutes

Corrections were made by Mayor Nicole Pieterse and Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon.

#### Motion

To approve the minutes October 12, 2023 November 15, 2023 and December 4, 2023 striking the paraphrasing of public comment and the items that were changed by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon.

**Moved by** Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0. Trustee Jordan Carr not present.

### Consent Agenda

#### Payment of the Bills

#### Motion

To approve payment of the bills.

**Moved by** Trustee Chris Condon, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-0. Trustee Jordan Carr not present.

### Public Comment:

Larry Carver: commented regarding about Iron Draw subdivision improvements, grade of the new road in the Dolores Trail subdivision revegetation of the old road and adopting a tree ordinance.

Gerrish Willis: Commented on completion of sound proofing the meeting room

Skip Zeller: Moment of silence for Marshal Michael Moran and commented on Dark Sky initiative and the USGS is cataloging the heavy metals in the area.

**Presentations:**

Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) State Proposition 123 next steps

Chris Lopez, Colorado Housing and Finance authority, gives presentation.

San Miguel Power Association micro grid

Terry Schuyler, Wiley Freeman, SMPA gives presentation and announces SMPA grant award of \$15,000 for primitive campsites.

**Action Items:**

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-06 an ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico, Colorado adopting the year 2024 Town budget; appropriating sums of money; and setting and certifying Town mill levies

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary followed by Board discussion/questions

**Motion**

To approve Ordinance No. 2023-06.

**Moved by** Trustee Chris Condon, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0.

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance 2023-07 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado amending and extending the temporary moratorium on the acceptance of new land use applications for major or minor subdivisions, and residential or commercial planned unit developments

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary, followed by Board discussion/questions.

**Motion**

To approve second reading of Ordinance 2023-07 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado amending and extending the temporary moratorium on the acceptance of new land use applications for major or minor subdivisions, and residential or commercial planned unit developments

**Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon, seconded by Mayor Nicole Pieterse.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0.

**Staff Report**

Clerk's Report

Nexbillpay: paperless and autopay options now available for water customers.

Manager's report

Vacant seat reminder for planning commission and Board of Trustees

Proposition study through Neptune completed.

Preliminary engineering report of the Sewer system. Presentation to be held during a work session February 15, 2024 at 6:30PM.

February regular meeting to be moved to February 28, 2024.

Employee consideration was discussed.

**Discussion Items**

Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") update

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gives update. Tom Bloomfield gives update.



February 1, 2024 6:00PM Public forum AR to present and will include presentation on Columbia Tailings repository.

Short term rental reconfiguration of quadrant boundaries

Board discussion took place. Public comment was taken.

First reading of the amended Ordinance 2023-06 scheduled for January 2024 meeting.

Town operated river corridor campground

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary, followed by Board discussion/questions. Public Comment was taken.

IGA and funding request letter Telluride R-1 School District

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary, followed by Board discussion/questions. Public Comment was taken.

Board provided direction to speak with school district about park improvements

Construction impact mitigation rules and regulations definitions review

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary, followed by Board discussion/questions.. Public Comment was taken.



Anna Wolf  
Rico Town Clerk



Nicole Pieterse  
Mayor