

## RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 21, 2023

**Trustees Present:** Mayor Nicole Pieterse  
 Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon  
 Trustee Joe Dillsworth  
 Trustee Benn Vernadakis  
 Trustee Jordan Carr  
 Trustee Joe Croke

**Trustees Absent:**  
 Trustee Chris Condon

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

Call to Order

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion

To approve the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Jordan Carr.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

### Consent Agenda

#### Payment of the Bills

#### Motion

To approve the payment of the bills.

**Moved by** Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

### Public Comment:

Allyn Svoboda alerted the board to the fact that the public comment mic needed to be turned up

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon asked to have document signing added to the agenda next month to ensure that if there are changes made a red line copy is first presented before the Trustee signs them.

### Presentation

Rico School Committee to provide update on the Rico School Annexation/Detachment community engagement session.

Rico School committee gives update on public hearing and current progress.

### FMP presentation

Christine Fischer gives update on the Parks and Rec project and potential vendors. She discusses the community outreach and work session that will be on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Bohannon Huston to provide update on the wastewater preliminary engineering report.

Caroline and Donsel gave an update on the current project process and progress. Likely a formal presentation will be ready and presented to the Board in 2 months.

### **Action Items**

Review and execution, as concurring party, of a Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Forest Service (San Juan National Forest), and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer, regarding adverse effects to site 5dl.478.19 resulting from the Atlantic Richfield Company small tracts act case no. 2020 project, Dolores County, Colorado amendment 2

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gives summary.

This will give the opportunity for the Town to be at the table to determine the location of the history signs for the railroad.

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon would like to see the MOA before agreeing to this memorandum. In the past the Board sent an objection to this sale, he is not sure if the Board should engage at all with this.

### **Motion**

To table Review and execution, as concurring party, of a Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Forest Service (San Juan National Forest), and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer, regarding adverse effects to site 5dl.478.19 resulting from the Atlantic Richfield Company small tracts act case no. 2020 project, Dolores County, Colorado amendment 2 to the July regular Board meeting provided the Trustees receive the original and amended MOA to look over.

**Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Review and execution of Resolution 2023- 04 a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico approving the final plat of the Dolores River Trail Subdivision Town of Rico, Colorado  
Town Manager gave a summary of this resolution.

### **Motion**

To approve Resolution 2023- 04 a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico approving the final plat of the Dolores River Trail Subdivision Town of Rico, Colorado

**Moved by** Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-03 an ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico, Colorado 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 of first reading. It was approved without modifications on first reading.

Trustee Joe Croke asks how this will be different and when will the issues be resolved so the moratorium can be lifted.

Chauncey McCarthy explains impact fees for developments will be available for the Board to review before the moratorium ends. He is also working on the reopening of Silver Creek with a funding timeline of potentially 6-8 months.

### **Motion**

To approve second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-03 an ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico, Colorado 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** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Jordan Carr.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of liquor license for 2 Rico LLC, dba Silver Creek Rico  
Town Clerk gives summary of application. It is complete and compliant.

**Motion**

To approve liquor license for 2 Rico LLC, dba Silver Creek Rico

**Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

Consideration of special event liquor license for Rico Frequency, Street Dance on Mantz July 4th event.

Town Clerk gives summary of application. It is complete and compliant.

Town Manager gives briefing on the Special Event.

**Motion**

To approve special event liquor license for Rico Frequency, Street Dance on Mantz July 4th event

**Moved by** Trustee Benn Vernadakis, seconded by Trustee Jordan Carr.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-0.

**Staff Report**

Clerk's Report

The clerk is caught up on the big picture items and is working through the minutes from the last 4 months.

Manager's Report

Blood Lead testing will start at the fire station June 22 and continue through Sunday. There will be testing again in October.

DOLA grant: Chauncey will be presenting on Wednesday at 2pm in Denver. Results should be known by July 4<sup>th</sup> if rewarded.

4<sup>th</sup> of July flyers are available.

IGA Montezuma pushed back on the amount we need to pay per trip to \$325. Rico Center will pay for this year's rides, nothing will come from the Town.

Chauncey will be out of the office July 25-28.

**Discussion Items**

VCUP

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gave an update. Planning Commission unanimously gave a recommendation to approve the Land Use Code amendment that helps keep the remediation work protected. Likely the draft will be presented in front of the Board in August.

#### Water System Update

Silver Creek reactivation project currently being reviewed by the Senator's office. The Town has been meeting with regional representatives on moving forward with the project even without senator funding is necessary.

Restoration of the last water tank to be discussed. Potential DOLA funding. Looking into the cost of a new tank.

AMI meter reading in the future. Currently we use a hand held device. Once AMI is in place the meters will be read every 15 minutes. This project is 2-3 months out and likely will take effect in 2024.

Rate and Fee study to determine the additional cost of additional meters outside of the Town platted lots. A Special session may be necessary to finalize the proposal.

SUE and GIS mapping is needed due to a federal mandate. This will also be a great asset for the Town for once Dennis retires, currently he holds all the knowledge in his head.

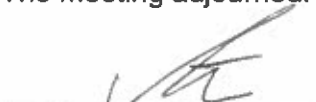
#### Historic Commercial Properties

Discussion on use by right, noncompliant signage, noncompliant storage, signage in the CDOT lanes. The Board gave direction to give a healthy period for the businesses to get into compliance. Sandwich boards need to be removed from the CDOT right of way and bike lanes. Open storage on Historic Commercial needs to be addressed including the old BBQ place. The Town manager was directed to write a letter to the owner of the old BBQ place to deal with the nuisance.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Voluntary Lead Soil Clean Up (VCUP) Funding agreement. Determination of positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, Development of strategy for negotiations and instruction of negotiators § 24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S

The meeting adjourned.

  
 Anna Wolf  
 Rico Town Clerk

  
 Nicole Pieterse  
 Mayor