

## RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 17, 2023

**Trustees Present:** Mayor Nicole Pieterse  
 Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon  
 Trustee Joe Dillsworth  
 Trustee Benn Vernadakis  
 Trustee Jordan Carr  
 Trustee Joe Croke (arrived 7:02PM)  
 Trustee Chris Condon (arrived 7:02PM)

**Trustees Absent:**

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

Call to Order

### Approval of the Agenda

#### Motion

To approve the agenda.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Jordan Carr.

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

### 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, 7-0.

### Public Comment:

#### Presentations:

FMP Consulting to provide an update on Park and Recreation improvements project.

Anais gives summary of survey and vendor vetting process. Discussion was had about the upcoming community meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting will be held July 10, 2023 from 5:30-7:00PM, food will be provided.

Rico School Committee to provide update on the Rico School Annexation/Detachment process.

Rico School Committee members Sue Kunz and Madeline Tanguay give summary of the Committee's purpose and progress so far in the annexation process.

### Action Items

Consideration of second reading Ordinance No. 2023-02 an ordinance of the Town of Rico, Colorado, authorizing the execution and delivery of a site and improvement lease, a lease purchase agreement, and other documents incidental thereto, all for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing and equipping a public works facility located at 101 Picker street; and authorizing and approving the taking of all other actions necessary or appropriate for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this ordinance.

Nicole gives summary of first reading which passed unanimously.

Wilton confirms that this ordinance has been reviewed and approved by the law firm.

#### **Motion**

To approve Ordinance No. 2023-02.

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

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

Consideration of first reading Ordinance No. 2023-03 an ordinance 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 gave a summary of the ordinance. The moratorium would extend to December 30, 2023. There is a need to work on an ordinance on how to implement reactivating Silver Creek. Currently working on an impact fee schedule to offset the cost of reactivating Silver Creek.

Wilton: the authority to extend the moratorium for the water system is within the parameters of the authority. It fits within the exceptions of House Bill 23 2055.

#### **Motion**

To approve first reading Ordinance No. 2023-03 an ordinance 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. Including staff findings 1-8.

**Moved by** Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Jordan Carr.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

Consideration of an intergovernmental agreement for transportation services for senior citizens of the Town of Rico, Colorado by Montezuma County transportation - pilot program

Town Manager gives summary and introduces Shak Powers.

Rides would be provided twice a month the second and last Wednesday of each month. The primary purpose is shopping but doctor visits could also be entertained. \$250 per trip, only charged if there are citizens taking the shuttle.

Total of \$7000/year. This pilot program will run through December 13, 2023.

Town Staff would manage the program.

#### **Motion**

To approve intergovernmental agreement for transportation services for senior citizens and possibly others of the Town of Rico, Colorado by Montezuma County transportation - pilot program

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

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

Consideration of Resolution 2023-03 a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico adopting a hybrid meeting policy

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gave a summary this was presented to the Planning Commission. The open issue is whether or not the public via zoom can participate in public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon supports the policy to limit public participation to viewing only via zoom. Also limiting Trustee Zoom participation to 1 or 2 zoom attendance per year. Benn, Joe Croke agree with Pat Fallon's comment

Chris Condon, Jordan Carr, and Joe Dillsworth support the resolution as written.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse understands that the audio is not always good and encourages in person participation. Moderator to cut off comments in the case of bad audio.

**Public Comment:**

Leah Chmielewski: the verbiage will remove from meeting should be changes to may.  
Mayor Nicole Pieterse there are typos that need to be corrected.

**Motion**

To approve Resolution 2023-03 a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Rico adopting a hybrid meeting policy with correction of the typos and adding an introductory statement that the Board members need to attend in person as much as reasonably possible.

**Moved by** Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

**Vote.** A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-2.

**Staff Report**

Manager's Report

Repairs at the front of the building have been complete.

The town received a grant for audio acoustic tiles for the court room. Local members have volunteered to donate their time and the use of scaffolding at no cost to the Town. Once the materials have arrived the room will be painted and the panels will be put in place.

DOLA representatives for the housing conversation to present at the CML conference. The Board can expect to see more regarding this in future meetings.

Property tax increased over 30% over the county. This may make it difficult to go for a mil levy increase in November.

Storm Water: expect a presentation in September or October.

The Town will have to amend the budget. Due to the heavy winter we have already exhausted our fuel budget. Need to add the Town shop grant. Potentially the use of AMI, it is a \$50,000 investment that would flag leaking accounts.

**Discussion Items**

Voluntary lead soil clean up ("VCUP") status

Nicole Pieterse gives a summary. CDPHE as approved the application. There will be a storm water system survey. Working on the redline of the funding agreement.

Chauncey: looking for direction from the board as to Town staff. How to protect the remediation.

Blood level testing will be available at the Fire station starting June 22<sup>nd</sup> and a follow up testing will be held in October.

Employee benefits and handbook

Chauncey to start working on an employee handbook. The Town has been dinged from insurance in the past. This will be presented in front of the Board once completed.

Employee benefits: As a full time employee the Town pays PERA match as well as health insurance in full. There needs to be a policy in place for employee dependents.


Board Discussion: ideally dependents are covered at 100% in the future.


Board agrees on employees covered at 100% and dependents at 80%. Board to revisit this in the fall.

Updating/replacing parking, vehicle registration and towing ordinance.

This ordinance needs to be revisited. Legal counsel to have a draft ordinance by the June Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned 9:25

  
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Anna Wolf  
Rico Town Clerk

  
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Nicole Pieterse  
Mayor