

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Aug 8, 2022

Call to order

Mayor Nicole Pieterse called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Trustees Present: Mayor Nicole Pieterse
 Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon
 Trustee Christopher Condon (arrived 6:10PM)
 Trustee Joe Croke
 Trustee Joe Dillsworth
 Trustee Benn Vernadakis
 Trustee Linda Yellowman

Staff Present. Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf, Karl Hanlon

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda.

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

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

Action Items

Consideration of first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08 an ordinance of the town of Rico, Colorado adopting election regulations for the town's regular municipal election to be held on November 1, 2022.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary of the ordinance and the purpose of passing it. Karl Hanlon explains the discrepancy in the election date and timeline. This ordinance would allow for coordinated elections in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon asked for direction on where to find this information in the state statute and Rico Home Rule Charter. Karl gave answers to this question.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse asked if the Board could add language to this ordinance to allow for foreign nationals who are permanent residents to vote in municipal issues. Karl explained Rico would have to always hold their own elections and could not join coordinated elections if they decided to go this route. The board decided against it.

Motion

I move to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08 an ordinance of the town of Rico, Colorado adopting election regulations for the town's regular municipal election to be held on November 1, 2022

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

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

Consideration of first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-09 an ordinance of the town of Rico, Colorado referring to the registered electors of the town of Rico at the town's regular municipal election to be held on November 1, 2022, a question asking whether section 11 of the town's home rule charter shall be amended to facilitate the town's participation in coordinated elections.

Karl explained that this ordinance completely replaces and repeals section 11 of the Home Rule Charter.

Motion

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Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon, seconded by Trustee Linda Yellowman.

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

Discussion Items

Town owned fire station parcel

Members of the Rico Fire District Board were present as well as the Fire Chief Todd Jones. They expressed they need to own this parcel to receive a loan on the property to build the new modern fire station on the land the Fire District secured. This loan would be to satisfy the match portion of a DOLA grant they need to build this new building.

Board Discussion:

The Board expressed concern that the Fire District would not have the revenue to pay back the loan and the parcel of land would end up in private hands. The Board suggested the Fire District put a Mill Levy on the November Ballot as a bond to pay off the loan rather than use the land as collateral. The board gave suggestions to the Fire District to seek loans that would accept a 100 year lease such as Alpine Bank. The Telluride Fire District firehouse has a 100 year land lease with Town of Telluride.

The Town would like to see the Fire Districts Budget with their revenue and expenditures to ensure if they conveyed the land the Fire District would be able to pay this loan and not be in danger of losing the land.

The Fire District is going to move forward regardless if the Town conveys the land or not. The grant application is due in September. The district will try and get the requested documents to the Board before their regularly scheduled board meeting on August 17th, 2022.

Motion

To adjourn Board of trustee.

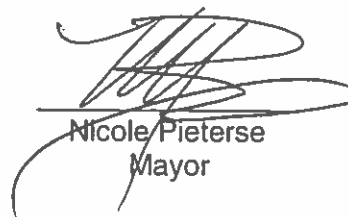
Moved by Trustee Linda Yellowman, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

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

The meeting adjourned.



Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk



Nicole Pieterse
Mayor