

RICO TOWN BOARD MINUTES

Date: January 20, 2021

Call to order

Mayor Barbara Betts called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and requested that Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse moderate.

Trustees Present: Mayor Barbara Betts
Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse
Trustee Joe Croke
Trustee Joe Dillsworth
Trustee Patrick Fallon
Trustee Stephen Roberts

Trustees Absent: Brandy Randall

Staff Present. Kari Distefano
Linda Yellowman

Meeting Information

This meeting was held for the Trustees at the Town Hall with the public joining by Zoom due to the COVID-19 virus.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda with an amendment to have the Sewer Committee report take place prior to the discussion items.

Moved by Trustee Pat Fallon, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion

To approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Stephen Roberts

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

Payment of Bills.

Motion

To approve the bills as presented.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Mayor Barbara Betts

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

Citizens Communication

Citizen communication regarding items that are not on the agenda.

Allyn Svoboda requested a letter of support from the Board of Trustees for a grant application to the Department of Energy for technical assistance to explore the feasibility of using geothermal energy to convert to electricity that could be used as a back-up energy supply for the Town. This technical assistance would include battery storage.

Motion To direct Kari Distefano to write a letter of support for a letter of support to the Department of Energy.

Moved by Mayor Barbara Betts, seconded by Trustee Pat Fallon

Sewer Committee Report

Gregg Anderson from the sewer committee reported that the committee is exploring four options including conventional systems, STEP (septic treatment and effluent pumps), no action and alternative treatments. The Committee used preliminary effluent reports from a prior study to obtain estimates from two STEP manufactures. The Committee wants to follow up with the Trustees at the March meeting. Trustee Joe Croke asked if the Committee was open to additional members. Gregg Anderson said yes.

Discussion Items

1. Hot Springs management: Owners of the recently purchased Hot Springs, Dave Bulson and Michelle Haynes presented their ideas for managing the hot springs. They would like to limit public use to people that had signed a liability waiver. They are considering building a trail from Town to the Hot Springs. The Board and the listening public were supportive.
2. U.S.F.S. Signage: The U.S.F.S. wanted to know if the Town of Rico would like to be identified on the interpretive signs that they would be installing so that people using the trails would know which direction they needed to go to get to Rico. The Board was generally supportive.
3. Retreat to discuss the work plan: The Board of Trustees are going to have a retreat to discuss the work plan on January 27th, at 6:00 at the Town Hall. The public will be attending by zoom.
4. Recycling: The Board directed Kari Distefano to apply for the grant with the Colorado Department of Public Health to implement a recycling program in Rico.

Public Hearing

Consideration of the 2nd reading of an ordinance by the Town of Rico, Colorado amending Rico Budget Ordinance 2019-7 to reflect additional expenditures.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse opened the public hearing.

Public Comment

None

Motion

To approve on 2nd reading an ordinance by the Town of Rico, Colorado amending Rico Budget Ordinance 2019-7 to reflect additional expenditures.

Moved by Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Stephen Roberts.

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

Public Hearing

Consideration of the 2nd reading of an Ordinance by the Town of Rico, Colorado Amending Ordinance No. 2008-1 to increase water user's fees for the Town of Rico Water Enterprise Fund.

Manager Kari Distefano brought to the Board's attention that Pat Drew, the Town's Responsible Water System Operator, suggested that the Town amend the ordinance to also increase fees for additional water use above 6000 gallons per month.

Public Comment

None

Motion

To approve on 2nd reading an Ordinance by the Town of Rico, Colorado Amending Ordinance No. 2008-1 to increase water user's fees for the Town of Rico Water Enterprise Fund as presented in the second reading.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth

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

Public Hearing

Consideration of a lease renewal for 13 S. Glasgow Ave. – Justin Bain. The Board discussed renewing the lease until May 1st then directed Kari Distefano issue a request for proposals from other parties that may wish to use the building to start a business subsequent to May 1st.

Motion

To approve a lease renewal for 13 S. Glasgow Ave. until May 1st.

Moved by Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Stephen Roberts

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

Public Hearing

Consideration of a motion to approve the renewal of a liquor license for the Prospector Restaurant.

Motion

To approve the renewal of a liquor license for the Prospector Restaurant.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Trustee Pat Fallon

Motion

To adjourn as the Rico Board of Trustees and to reconvene as the Board of Health.

Moved by Mayor Barbara Betts, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke

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

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse called the meeting to order.

Present: Mayor Barbara Betts
 Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse
 Trustee Joe Croke
 Trustee Joe Dillsworth
 Trustee Patrick Fallon
 Trustee Stephen Roberts

Absent: Trustee Brandy Randall

Staff Present: Kari Distefano
 Linda Yellowman

Public Hearing

Consideration of the 2nd reading of an Ordinance to increase septic permit fees as per Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Regulation 43, Section 43.4B.a 25-10-107, C.R.S. from \$3.00 to \$150.00

Public Comment
 None

Motion to approve on 2nd reading an Ordinance to increase septic permit fees as per Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Regulation 43, Section 43.4B.a 25-10-107, C.R.S. from \$3.00 to \$150.00

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Mayor Barbara Betts

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

Motion

To adjourn as the Board of Health and to reconvene as the Board of Trustees.

Moved by , seconded by Trustee Stephen Roberts

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

Administrative reports:

Manager's report: Kari Distefano gave an update on the grants that the Town received including two from the Rico Center, one for a legal review of the Rico Land Use Code revision and one for snowplowing and one from San Miguel Power Association for the Rio Grande Southern Trail.

Clerk's report: Linda Yellowman had nothing to report.

Motion

To adjourn and to reconvene in executive session.

Moved by Mayor Barbara Betts, seconded by Pat Fallon

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

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse called the regular meeting to order.

Present: Mayor Barbara Betts
Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse
Trustee Joe Croke
Trustee Joe Dillsworth
Trustee Patrick Fallon
Trustee Stephen Roberts

Absent: Trustee Brandy Randall

Staff Present: Kari Distefano


Motion

To adjourn the January 20th meeting of the Board of Trustees

Move by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Stephen Roberts

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.


Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk


Barbara Betts
Mayor

