

RICO TOWN BOARD MINUTES

October 16, 2019

The Regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Zach McManus.

Members Present. Zach McManus, Barbara Betts, Sophia Kyriakakis, Nicole Pieterse and Stephan Roberts. Absent was Genevieve Yellowman.

Staff Present. Kari Distefano and Linda Yellowman.

Guests Present. Jim Gregg, Paul Ruud, Stacy Sheridan, Jennifer Fox, Joe Dillsworth, Gary and Donna Showers.

Approval of the Agenda. The agenda for October 16, 2019 was presented for approval. Barbara Betts made a motion to approve the agenda for October 16, 2019 as amended and seconded by Stephan Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes. The Rico Town Board minutes for September 18, 2019 were presented for approval. Barbara Betts made a motion to approve the September 18, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Sophia Kyriakakis. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the Monthly Bills. The Monthly bills for October 2019 were submitted for approval. Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve paying the bills for October 2019 as presented. Barbara Betts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Communication. Jennifer Fox had a question about the Town Planner position, if there is one. The Board responded there is no town planner.

Action Items. Consideration of an Adoption for a Special Use Permit on 305 N. Piedmont Street for the purpose of short term rental – Gary and Donna Showers. Mr. and Mrs. Showers want to use their house located at 305 N. Piedmont as a short-term rental. They have applied for a Special Use Permit as required by the Rico Land Use Code. The application is complete. There should be a renewal review after one year of the short-term rental operation. There were not enough members of the Rico Planning Commission to conduct a meeting on the 9th so we rescheduled the meeting immediately prior to the Trustee's meeting. The Rico Planning Commission recommends approval for a Special Use Permit for the Showers. Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit for Gary and Donna Showers. Seconded by Stephan Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

Truelsen's Water Tap. Town Clerk Linda Yellowman reports a certified letter had been sent to Val Truelsen and it came back to the Town unclaimed. Mr. Truelsen is aware that he is delinquent on both water taps and the October Board of Trustees meeting is when the Board will declare the water taps are in default. There has been no response from Mr. Truelsen. With no further discussion, Zach McManus made a motion to declare the two water taps of Val Truelsen is in default for 2 years nonpayment. Barbara Betts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Town Clerk was instructed to send two letters, one regular mail and the other certified mail to Mr. Truelsen.

1st Reading of the 2020 Budget. Town Manager Kari Distefano says we received the August Town of Rico Valuation but more importantly, Berna Ernest/Dolores County Assessor has assured the Town that the valuation will not go down between August and December like it did last year. This is good news and has allowed me to make some upward adjustments in our expectations of revenue. Income from sales tax also increased during the last two months but as you can see from the Budget Message, the town is still not covering costs. Maintenance and repairs to the Town Hall continue to be a drain on the general fund budget. As always, it is difficult to create a final budget until we have November treasurers report. Some Board Members questioned the 2020 Budget for Parks, Open Space and Trails. After some discussion the 2020 Budget was tabled to next month's meeting.

1st Reading of Town of Rico's Water Regulation. – Pat Drew has been encouraging the town to update the water regulations to ensure that any new buildings locate their water meters inside. These proposed regulations clarify what portion of the water system maintenance is the responsibility of the Town and what is the responsibility of the water user. They also clarify requirements of future construction to ensure that there is uniformity in installation of taps and meters. With no further discussion, Barbara Betts made a motion to approve the 1st Reading of Town of Rico Water Regulations. Seconded by Sophia Kyriakakis. The motion passed unanimously.

The Approval for Motherlode's Renewal Liquor License. Town Clerk Linda Yellowman says everything is in order and recommends approval. Barbara Betts made a motion to approve the renewal liquor license for Motherlode. Seconded by Stephan Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk. Mail-in Ballots all went out in the mail on October 9th. There will be three election judges instead of two. Judges are Crystal Hibbard, Mary Hagan and Susan Robertson. Laurie Adams as the alternate.

Public Works. No Report.

Parks & Recreation. Mr. McManus says the 2020 grant to Rico Center is in.


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Town Manager's Report. Grants. As noted earlier, the Town received a grant from Department of Local Affairs to replace and relocate water meters. Ms. Distefano says she also applied for a grant from the Rico Center to cover the cost of the small loader repair and additional snow plowing we may need.

Adjournment.

Barbara Betts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Seconded by Nicole Pieterse. The motion passed unanimously.


Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk


Zach McManus
Mayor