

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 17, 2021

Call to order

Mayor Nicole Pieterse called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Trustees Present:

Mayor Nicole Pieterse
Trustee Joe Croke
Trustee Joe Dillsworths
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon
Trustee Brandy Randall

Staff Present. Chauncey McCarthy, Kari Distefano and Linda Yellowman

Oath of Office: Notary Public Linda Yellowman administered the oath of office to Nicole Pieterse, Benn Vernadakis and Chris Condon.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

To approve the October 20th, 2021 as corrected.

Moved by Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pat Fallon.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-1.

Consent Agenda

Payment of Bills

Motion

To approve the bills as presented.

Moved by Trustee Joe Dillsworth, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.

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

Public Comment.

Teal expressed her comments.

Action Items

Appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion

To appoint Patrick Fallon as Mayor Pro Tem

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-1

Liquor License approval for Special Event at the Town Hall.

Motion

To approve the Special Event Liquor License at the Town Hall.

Moved by Mayor Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon.

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

Consideration of the 1st Reading of the 2022 Budget.

Discussion was held and some changes were made to the 2022 Budget.

Motion

To approve the amended 2022 Budget as presented.

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Brandy Randall.

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

Opioids Settlement MOU.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse briefly talked and explained the settlement and Memorandum of Understanding. Trustee Joe Dillsworth made some comments also. Region 9 representative was available for questions.

Motion

To approve the Opioid Settlement MOU as presented.

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

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

Hildebrand's variance application.

The Rico Planning Commission approved the Short-Term Rental application with conditions for Angela Hildebrand. The condition being that they provide property manager. Laura Adams feels to wait approving the application. The Ordinance still needs to pass before any more short term rental are issued. The Board is setting a precedent.

Motion

To approve Hildebrand's variance application with conditions they provide property manager.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6-1.

Staff Reports

Clerk's Report. The online water payment is still not on the computer in the Clerk's office and should be. Kari Distefano said she is working on that with the new town manager.

Manager Report.

Chauncey McCarthy introduced himself.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned he will work on better communication with the community. Brought up the Recycling Program. The truck and trailer were purchased for the program but there is no grant to cover the purchases. After a brief discussion, it was suggested to sell the truck and the trailer. Then next year, start from scratch.

Discussion Items

Request for Proposals for auditing service, accounting services, legal services and planning services.

All these proposals for services will be published.

Town Clerk position.

Will be published

Short term rental ordinance.

The ordinance was discussed and will be continued for discussion. For the next meeting there will be a list.

VCUP Update.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse and Tom Bloomfield gave an update on the process. The next meeting will be January 27 or 29 and have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

Committee Updates.

Internet Committee Update.

Jim Ostrem gave an update on the process.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk



Nicole Pieterse
Mayor