

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 15, 2021

Call to order

Mayor Nicole Pieterse called the meeting to order at 6:38PM.

Trustees Present:

Mayor Nicole Pieterse
Trustee Christopher Condon
Trustee Joe Croke
Trustee Joe Dillsworhs
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon
Trustee Benn Vernadakis

Absent: Trustee Brandy Randall

Staff Present. Chauncey McCarthy and Linda Yellowman

Approval of the Agenda

To add Mountain Top's liquor license renewal and remove Banning under Discussion Items.

Motion

To approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

To approve the November 17th, 2021 as corrected – they provide property manager/Hildebrand's variance application.

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

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

Consent Agenda

Payment of Bills

Trustee Joe Croke brought up the leasing of the loader with Deere Credit. This is the final lease payment and the Town has to decide whether to keep the loader and pay in full next year. Question was raised if the Town should do another ballot question in November 2022 election.

Motion

To approve the bills as presented.

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

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

Public Comment.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse reminds the public, comments which are not on the agenda already.

Action ItemsConsideration of the 2nd Reading of the 2022 Budget.

A brief discussion regarding the water grant for meter replacements and supplies. The report will be submitted to DOLA before the end of the year. Suggestion was made to budget in the Street Fund for a water truck. And in the General Fund, remove 5,000.00/Rico Cares. Increase the Town Clerk's salary by 10,000.00.

Motion

To approve the 2nd Reading of the 2022 Budget as amended.

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

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

Consideration of the Broadband Support Resolution.**Motion**

To approve the Consideration of the Broadband Support Resolution as presented.

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

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

The Approval for Mountain Top Liquor's renewal license.

Town Clerk Linda Yellowman says the renewal license is all in order and recommends approval.

Motion

To approve the renewal liquor license for Mountain Top Liquor LLC.

Moved by Trustee Christopher Condon, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon.

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

Staff Reports

Clerk's Report. Town Clerk Linda Yellowman has nothing to add to her clerk report.

Manager Report.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy says he has a firm that might be interested in the auditor position for the Town of Rico. Atlas is the firm that City of Cortez is using and have good recommendation.

Motion

To approve Atlas Firm as the Town's auditor.

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

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

Mr. McCarthy also mentioned the grant money for the water meter replacement that needs to be filed by the end of the month.

Also the Rico Care Fund regarding COVID 19 for sanitizing the courthouse was mentioned.

Discussion ItemsRepositories within Town Limits.

A discussion was held about the repositories. Citizens express their concerns regarding repositories in town limits. Mayor Nicole Pieterse talked about the Columbia site.

Planning Commission Openings.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy reports that the following PC members are not reapplying- Benn Vernadakis, Genevieve Yellowman, John Scarborough and possible Cristal Hibbard. Michael Contillo is willing to stay on the PC. The positions will continue to be advertised at the courthouse and Post Office.

Short Term Rental Ordinance.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy shared some of his ideas. Short term rental in commercial zone. Existing permits will be grandfathered in unless the place is sold. Members of the Board expressed their concerns and also the public.

Suggestion was made to schedule a work session in February 2021 for further discussion. Do a community survey.

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.

Changing Meeting Time.

Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon would like to change the meeting time to 7:00 pm instead of 6:00 or 6:30 pm.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-2.

Committee Updates.Internet Committee Update.

Jim Ostrem reports on the grant process. Direct Communication is the applicant. Asked if the community would do a letter of support.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONRegarding Employee Linda Yellowman.**Motion.**

To go into Executive Session.

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

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

Out of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.


Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk


Nicole Pieterse
Mayor

