

RICO TOWN BOARD MINUTES

March 21, 2018

The Regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Zach McManus.

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

Staff Present. Kari Distefano and Linda Yellowman. Absent was Patrick Drew and Dennis Swank.

Guests Present.

Approval of the Agenda. The agenda for March 21, 2018 was presented for approval. Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the agenda for March 21, 2018 and seconded by Zach McManus. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes. The Rico Town Board minutes for February 21, 2018 were presented for approval. Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for February 21, 2018 and seconded by Zach McManus. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Monthly Bills. The Monthly bills for March 2018 were presented for approval. Barbara Betts made a motion to approve the bills for March 2018 as presented. Seconded by Stephan Roberts. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report.

Citizens Communication. None.

Town Clerk. No report.

Public Works. No report.

Water Consultant. Town Manager Kari Distefano gave an update on the water system. There is a water leak in Argentine alley.

Parks & Recreation. Zach McManus reports the grooming has ended for the season, the ice rink has melted. The Town's insurance will replace the trailer and will be stored in the shed that the Town owns on Silver Street. Suggestion was made to plan an event on the July 4th with the Rico Fire Protection District.

Town Board Reports.

Geothermal Committee.

Grant Writer.

Town Manager's Report. Paradox Community Trust Challenge Grant Program application. Rico has received \$7,500 from the Paradox Community Challenge Grant process. This money will be used to engage the local businesses and non-profits in developing a marketing plan that will get people to stop in Rico, and hopefully spend some money. It also gives us some funding for an intern who will help us disseminate information about Rico and activities occurring in Rico. I am meeting with Thea Chase on Wednesday (March 21st) to strategize. I will talk about what we come up with at the upcoming Trustee's meeting.

DOLA Grant Update. Rico has received a Department of Local Affairs Grant for a preliminary engineering report for a central sewer to serve the commercial core. Based on the outcome of Thursday's meeting, I am going to see if we can ensure the engineering report will address alternative systems.

CWCB Grant Update. Rico has also gotten staff approval for the Colorado Water Conservancy Board for an engineering analysis and feasibility study for reactivating Silver Creek. I will likely know for sure whether or not we are going to receive this grant on Wednesday or Thursday. We have already gotten approval for a \$30,000 grant from the Southwest Water Conservancy District for this project.

Discussion Items. Update on the Community Meeting. Once again the community meeting was well attended. A rough count suggested that there were around forty people. About half had attended the last meeting and the other half of the attendees were new. I find it encouraging that the people in this community are so engaged. In addition, one of the Dolores County Commissioners Steve Garchar joined us. I was glad to see that he made the effort. I think it will be helpful in receiving support from the Dolores County when we need it. Marjo Curgus analysis will be forthcoming, but I had the impression that for the most part people were very supportive of water upgrades, pretty supportive of efforts aimed toward commercial core development and somewhat hesitant about central sewer in the commercial core. I do believe however, that there is broad support for exploring options with respect to sewer. I am meeting with Patrick Rondinelli just prior to the March Trustee's meeting to discuss the grant. Based on input from the community meeting, I would like the report to focus more on alternatives to traditional systems that could perhaps reduce costs.

Action Items:

Letter Supporting the Protection of Water Quality from Adverse Impacts Caused by Mineral Mining Act. Jennifer Thurston has requested that the Town of Rico support legislative efforts to ensure that water quality be protected from denegation as a result of mining activities. A draft resolution and the information she gave the Town was presented. The bill is aimed at increasing "the state's authority to require financial assurances for water quality protection and treatment" as well as "requiring a defined end point for water treatment after closure." The idea is that this bill would help to ensure that mining operations would have to bond in a sufficient amount to cover the cost of cleaning up any degraded water once they leave the area. With no further discussion Nicole Pieterse made a motion to support by letter the protection of water quality form adverse impacts caused by mineral mining act. Seconded by Zach McManus. The motion passed unanimously.

Lease Agreement Request for Proposals for 13 S. Glasgow. Based on the discussion we had at the retreat, I have attached an application for prospective lessees for the Town property on Glasgow for your review. I included a suggested scoring system in the application. Dennis Swank gave me some information that is important to consider when reviewing the applications. That structure has a vault privy, which means that any operation we approve, has to use very little


water. After a brief discussion, Nicole Pieterse made a motion to request for proposals through the end of May 2018. Seconded by Genevieve Yellowman. The motion passed unanimously.


Change of Meeting Time and Date for April Board of Trustee's Meeting. CIRSA is sending a representative to instruct us on Sunshine Law, Ethics and Board Meeting structure. This is important information and will help us to reduce our insurance costs. The presenter is available only April 24, 2018 at 6:15. Rather than have two back to back meetings, I am suggesting that we change the time and date of our regular April meeting. Zach McManus made a motion to change the meeting time and date for April Board of Trustee's meeting to April 24th at 6:15. Barbara Betts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Renewal of Del Corazon Consulting Contract. I have attached a scope of work and a contract renewal for the facilitator of the community meetings. I am anticipating at least two more meetings before the November Election. These meetings will be paid for by a combination of a Rico Center Grant made a grant from the Sonoran Institute. Zach McManus made a motion to renew Del Corazon Consulting Contract. Seconded by Nicole Pieterse. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of the 2018 Work Plan Revision. I added a goal regarding geothermal and have included the updated copy in the packet. With no further discussion, Zach McManus made a motion to adopt the 2018 Work Plan Revision. Seconded by Barbara Betts. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment. Zach McManus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 and seconded by Genevieve Yellowman. The motion passed unanimously.


Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk


Zach McManus
Mayor

