

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 19th, 2021

Call to order

Mayor Barbara Betts called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and requested that Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse moderate.

Trustees Present:

Mayor Barbara Betts
 Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse
 Trustee Joe Croke
 Trustee Patrick Fallon
 Trustee Brandy Randall
 Trustee Stephen Roberts

Absent: Trustee Joe Dillsworths

Staff Present. Kari Distefano

Meeting Information

This meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 virus

Consent Calendar

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Trustee Joe Croke, seconded by Trustee Estaban Roberts

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0. Mayor Barbara Betts couldn't hear.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

To approve the April 21st meeting minutes with a correction to the date to reflect the month of April.

Moved by Trustee Brandy Randall, seconded by Trustee Pat Fallon.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0. Mayor Barbara Betts was muted.

Payment of Bills

Motion

To approve the bills as presented.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 6.0.

Public Comment.

Citizen communication regarding items that are not on the agenda.

Mark Eleison requested that the link caption to the letter to the USFS. Be put back on the front page of the Town of Rico web site instead of the community page. The Board agreed.

Gregg Anderson, Chair of the Rico Fire Protection District, brought up the 4th of July parade and suggested that the Town organize it. Staff was directed to ask the Marshals to come to Rico and order port-a-potties and garbage cans. The Board decided to start the parade at 11:00 with a line-up that would start at 10:30. Joe Croke suggested the Board meet in person, staff will make a recommendation based on State of Colorado guidelines.

Discussion Items

- 1. Report regarding Colorado Water Conservation Board's potential reaction to a request for a change of diversion point, Marti Whitmore.**

Marti Whitmore reported on her conversation with the Colorado Conservation Board regarding the possibility of a change of the diversion point of Silver Creek.

Motion

To ask Marti Whitmore to put together an application and a proposed pre-application agreement and work with the CWCB toward an approval of an alternate point of diversion and report back to the Trustees as soon as practicable and to simultaneously pursue and analysis of the Rico well production.

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

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

- 2. Preliminary infrastructure survey results.**

Manager Kari Distefano reported on the infrastructure survey results. Staff was directed to work on ballot initiative language for a mill levy increase of 12 mills for infrastructure.

Public Hearing

- 1. Consideration of the 2nd reading of an Ordinance enacting a temporary moratorium on subdivisions within the Town of Rico pending an amendment to the Rico Land Use Code regarding the allocation of water taps.**

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse opened the public hearing.

Kari Distefano reminded the Board that the moratorium would expire in six months or whenever a Rico Land Use Code amendment was passed to address water tap allocations.

Public Comment

None.

Motion

To approve on 2nd reading an Ordinance enacting a temporary moratorium on subdivisions within the Town of Rico pending an amendment to the Rico Land Use Code regarding the allocation of water taps.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse, seconded by Brandy Randall.

Vote A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed, 4-0 with Nicole Pieterse and Brandy Randall voting in favor.

2. Consideration of an application for a special use permit for a storage facility at 217 S. Glasgow Ave., Eric Saunders, applicant

Manager Kari Distefano presented an overview of the application.

Public Comment

There was a petition signed by 14 people in support of the special use permit. John Scarborough commented that he did not think Glasgow is an appropriate place for a storage facility as suggested a different use for the property. Laurie Adams objected to the scale of the building and the fact that the side elevation was a large expanse of unbroken space.

Motion

To deny approval the application based on the incompatibility with the surrounding area and the general location, size, design and operating characteristics of the proposed use.

Moved by Mayor Barbara Betts, seconded by Brandy Randall.

Vote A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 4-1 with Trustee Pat Fallon dissenting.

3. Consideration of an application for a permit to develop in an area of environmental concern at 217 S. Glasgow Ave., Eric Saunders, applicant.

This application was dropped based on the denial of the special use permit.

4. Request for proposals for 3 S. Glasgow.

Manager Kari Distefano presented an overview of the proposals for the Town owned property at 3 S. Glasgow.

Based on a vote with Brandon Watson's bike shop proposal being the top vote getter followed by Matt Downer's wood working proposal and Lasha Farrar's yoga and massage studio, the Trustees would like to see business proposals from these three applicants for the next meetings.

Clerk's Report.

None

Manager's Report.

Kari Distefano reported that the Town had received a grant to implement a recycling program. She also reported that she had gotten an unexpected visit from Ty Grey, the Dolores County School Superintendent. He is interested in re-opening, discussion with Rico and Telluride regarding the Rico School.

Motion

To adjourn the regular session of the Rico Board of Trustees and go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel issues and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e), to discuss and determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators regarding VCUP

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 come out of executive session of the Rico Board of Trustees and go into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel issues and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e), to discuss and determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations and instructing negotiators regarding VCUP and to adjourn.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00


Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk


Barbara Betts
Mayor

