

RICO TOWN BOARD MINUTES

July 15, 2020

The regular Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Barbara Betts.

Members Present. Barbara Betts, Joe Dillsworth, Patrick Fallon, Sophia Kyriakakis, Nicole Pieterse, Brandy Randall and Stephen Roberts.

Staff Present. Kari Distefano and Linda Yellowman.

Guests Present.

Approval of the Agenda. The agenda for July 15, 2020 was presented for approval. Nicole Pieterse made a motion to approve the agenda for July 15, 2020. Stephen Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes. The Rico Town Board minutes for June 30, 2020 were presented for approval. Sophia Kyriakakis made a motion to approve the minutes for June 30, 2020. Stephen Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the Monthly Bills. The Monthly bills for July 2020 were submitted for approval. Joe Dillsworth made a motion to approve the bills for July 2020. Brandy Randall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Communication. On behalf of the Artists of Rico, Laurie Adams read a letter that the committee would like to use the Town Park. Comment was made to have this item on next month's agenda.

Discussion Items-

Discussion of the Proposed Skills Trails.

As discussed at the May meeting, the Rico Trails Alliance would like to build a skill's trail on Town land. The discussion provoked some comments by the public, most of which came to the Trail's Alliance. Comments expressed concerns about traffic and the possibility that the skills trail would encourage dirt bike use and snowmobile use. The Rico Trail's Alliance will ultimately be requesting an easement to build the skills trail. Numerous of pros and cons were heard in regards to the Skills Trials from residents at Silverglance Way and citizens.

Update on the Popek Trail Easement.

Mike Popek has made some minor revisions to the proposed trail alignment through his property and is prepared to have it surveyed. David Bulson will be surveying the trail alignment and will generate a legal description so we can file the easement with Dolores County. If this easement agreement does go through, the Town will be looking at the timeline for applying to Great Outdoors Colorado for grant funding. The grant application with Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be available August 1st. This funding would require a 30% match. There are also some up-front expenses involved. Budgeting for the bridge will require an engineer's estimate. We will need an

environmental assessment. Both the Conservation Trust fund and the Parks, Open Space and Trails fund have money that can only be spent on these types of projects.

I called the program director to ask if the Rio Grande Southern Trail will qualify for any of the new programs. He suggested that we apply for a Conservation Service Corps grant for the single-track portion of the trail and apply to the program offered through Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the bridge. We would want to get the single-track portion of the trail scheduled with the Conservation Service Corps for next summer. We will also need an estimate from them for the cost of the work. The Conservation Service Corps applications are available on a rolling basis.

Action Items.

Consideration of a Contract with Riley Industrial Services, Inc. for Water Tank Coating.

This year, the Town budgeted money to make necessary repairs to the water tanks. They need to be recoated, brought up to Colorado Department of Health and Environment code and there are some repairs that will need to take place. The three bids received were higher than I had originally anticipated so after discussing the situation with staff, we decided to recoat and repair the two newer tanks and explore the possibility of getting a grant to replace the oldest tank. The reason that we are considering this route is that the expense of the repairs required on the old tank may come close to the cost of replacement. It is much easier to get grant funding for capital projects than it is to get funding for maintenance.

The draft contract with Riley Industrial Service, Inc. to do the repair and coating work was presented for approval. They were the low bidder and they have worked on these tanks before and so are aware of the challenges with access. This work will be bonded because it exceeds \$50,000.00. Barbara Betts made a motion to approve the contract with Riley Industrial Services, Inc. Patrick Fallon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Placement of a Bench for John Kim on Town owned Property.

Benn Vernadakis would like to put a bench that he will build as a memorial to John Kim (Rico Johnny) near the Dolores River on Town owned property. The place he selected is out of the way and indeed somewhat difficult to find. The bench could be removed if for some reason that became necessary. Joe Dillsworth made a motion to grant the request. Seconded by Patrick Fallon. The motion passed unanimously.

Council and Committee Reports.

Town Clerk.

Public Works.

Parks, Open Space and Trails.

Sewer Committee. The committee is still researching.

Town Manager's Report.


Mid-Year Budget Report.


The June budget report was presented. As a reminder, the way that the staff generate comparisons is by taking the annual budget numbers and dividing by the number of months into the year. Each number in the budgeted column would be on half of the annual budget since June is the sixth month of the year. This number is skewed when either revenue comes in as a lump sum or payments go out in a lump sum. All things considered, we are not doing too badly

Radar Sign Update.

The radar sign has been delivered. The staff from CDOT looked at the sign and determine what would be needed to install the sign.

Adjournment. Barbara Betts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 800 pm. Sophia Kyriakakis. Motion passed unanimously.


Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk


Barbara Betts
Mayor

