

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 21, 2021

Call to order

Mayor Barbara Betts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Trustees Present:

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

Absent: Trustee Stephen Roberts

Staff Present. Kari Distefano and Linda Yellowman

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda as amended that Short Term Rental be a discussion item.

Moved by Trustee Pat Fallon, seconded by Trustee Nicole Pieterse.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

To approve the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes as amended to go by the Forest Service guidelines and raise the violation to \$1000.00's.

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

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

Consent Agenda

Payment of Bills

Motion

To approve the bills as presented.

Moved by Mayor Barbara Betts, seconded by Trustee Joe Croke.

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

Public Comment.

Committee Reports

The Hiring Committee. The committee reports they received 5 applications. Still waiting for the nondisclosure agreement so they can proceed with the applications..

Discussion ItemsRio Grande Southern Trail.

The grant application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife was unsuccessful. The grant from San Miguel Power Association for \$7,500.00 was granted. The Town budgeted \$6,000.00 from Parks, Open Space and Trails fund and another \$5,000.00 from the Colorado Conservation Trust fund and \$3,750.00 from Rico Trails Alliance.

Short-term rentals in the Town of Rico.

Discussion was held with the public and they shared numerous concerns and ideas. Concerns and suggests are : the short term rental will be hard to enforce but it needs too, town can't afford to hire someone to enforce, ten permits in residential area, raise the application fee to \$1,000.00, raise the lodging tax and Rico can't be like Telluride.

Action Items

Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Rico and the Rico Center. Removed from the agenda.

Consideration of the acceptance of a transfer of ownership of the Engle's House to the Town of Rico. Removed from the agenda

Consideration of an application for a special use permit for the purpose of a short-term rental, 214 Mill Road, Scott Smith, applicant.

Motion

To approve the special use permit for the purpose of a short-term rental, 214 Mill Road, Scott Smith, applicant.

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

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

Enterprise Bar & Grill's Liquor License Renewal.

Town Clerk Linda Yellowman said all paperwork are in order and recommends approval.

Motion

To approve the renewal liquor license for Enterprise Bar and Grill.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 5-0. Trustee Brandy Randall abstained.

Discussion and Possible Action ItemsNovember Ballot Initiative:

Town Clerk Linda Yellowman reports that the Town needs to file a letter of intent to participate in the Coordinated Election with Dolores County on November 2, 2021.

Mayor Barbara Betts and Board Member Stephen Roberts terms are up November 2021. The Board were in favor.

Manager's ReportAudit.

Town Manager Kari Distefano gave an update on the audit and requesting an extension.


Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Pieterse reports about the VCUP application that the Town needs to do. A special meeting was schedule for August 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Allyn Svoboda asked if the Sewer Fund can be transferred to another fund and get rid of the Sewer Fund. Comment was no, we cannot do that.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.


Linda Yellowman
Rico Town Clerk


Barbara Betts
Mayor

