

RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Aug 18, 2022

Call to order

Mayor Nicole Pieterse called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

Trustees Present: Mayor Nicole Pieterse
Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Fallon
Trustee Christopher Condon (arrived 7:103PM)
Trustee Joe Croke (arrived 7:103PM)
Trustee Joe Dillsworth
Trustee Benn Vernadakis
Trustee Linda Yellowman

Staff Present. Chauncey McCarthy, Anna Wolf, Karl Hanlon

Approval of the Agenda

Motion

To approve the agenda.

Moved by Trustee Linda Yellowman, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion

To approve the minutes for the Joint Meeting on July 20, 2022, Town Board meeting on July 20, 2022, and Special Meeting August 8, 2022.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

Payment of Bills

Audit was mentioned by the Town Clerk.

Discussion took place regarding the Water Attorney.

Motion

To approve the payment of the bills.

Moved by Trustee Linda Yellowman, seconded by Trustee Benn Vernadakis.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

Public Comment

Linda Yellowman gave a campaign update regarding her running as County Commissioner.

Jack Jensen: wanted to bring the attention of the Board that the blacksmith shed on the Dolores School District property may be historically significant. The Board recommended the Historic society reach out to the Dolores School District directly.

Action Items

Consideration of consultant and client agreement between Town of Rico and Fischer Project Management and Consulting Services, Inc.

Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy gives summary of the organization and the outreach the town has had with them so far.

Anais and Christine Fischer gave a summary of the organizations goals and past projects. They take the project from concept to closure. All of the results from research, grant applications will be the property of the Town. The organizations seeks community input.

Board Discussion:

The Board discussed the expense associated with this contract. The town would pay \$10,000 upon signing and \$10,000 upon completion. There could be grant matches throughout the process.

The Board would like staff to engage the Dolores County R-1 School District to ensure the town has a lease on the park before moving forward.

Motion

To approve the consultant and client agreement.

Moved by Trustee Linda Yellowman, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08 an ordinance of the town of Rico, Colorado adopting election regulations for the town's regular municipal election to be held on November 1, 2022.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gave a summary of the ordinance and the first reading.

Motion

To approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-08 an ordinance of the town of Rico, Colorado adopting election regulations for the town's regular municipal election to be held on November 1, 2022

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

Consideration of second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-09 an ordinance of the town of Rico, Colorado referring to the registered electors of the town of Rico at the town's regular municipal election to be held on November 1, 2022, a question asking whether section 11 of the town's home rule charter shall be amended to facilitate the town's participation in coordinated elections.

Mayor Nicole Pieterse gave a summary of the ordinance and the first reading.

Motion

To approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-09 an ordinance of the town of Rico, Colorado referring to the registered electors of the town of Rico at the town's regular municipal election to be held on November 1, 2022, a question asking whether section 11 of the town's home rule charter shall be amended to facilitate the town's participation in coordinated elections

Moved by Trustee Linda Yellowman, seconded by Trustee Joe Dillsworth.

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0

Staff Report:

Clerk's Report:

The Clerks expressed that she will be on vacation September 12 - 20, 2022.

The Town Clerk asked if the board would be interested in her starting to do wire transfers between the Town accounts rather than writing checks. The Board agreed to the wire transfer with the condition that the transfers be individual rather than combined together.

Manager's Report:

FEMA is working on flood plain mapping. They offered to also include ice dam mapping as well as debris flow mapping for the town of Rico. This project will take between 2-3 years.

Planning update is in the packet. The Planning Commission is working through the document article by article. The plan is to have a joint work session once they have completed an Article.

The Town manager will be on vacation August 25 – September 6th with no access to phone or email.

The C-SAFE account has been opened but no money has been transferred yet. The Town manager would like to discuss the Budget in the discussion section before we transferred the allotted funds.

Safe Built will be providing plan review for the town moving forward. This is at no additional cost to the town there is already a pass-through account in place through the fee structure. Their turn around is much faster than that of the town Staff. This company came highly recommended by other municipalities as well.

The Town Manager is looking at potentially switching the email server to Gmail. This will enable all emails to have malware. As there are more emails the Town is targeted more by Phishing attempts. There is a cost associated with this switch. A \$3600 transfer fee initially and a \$12/account yearly fee.

The Dolores County R-1 School District is hosting discussions and would like community engagement. The Town Manager is looking to see if any Board members would be available to represent Rico as he will not be available.

The Trailer has been sold.

The repairs of the Court House windows was greater than originally expected. The repairs are complete and the additional cost was \$3700. The repairs and painting will still come in lower than the budgeted amount for the court house repairs.

Discussion Items

Presentation by Shakalo Powers, Region 9 Economic Development District project manager

Shakalo Powers introduced himself and gave a bio on his work history as well as his current position with Region 9.

Per Shakalo Powers' request the Board discussed the Town's needs and current situation regarding housing, transportation, and broadband.

The Board answered questions regarding water and sewer system challenges.

Voluntary lead soils clean up ("VCUP") agreement status

Environmental Attorney Tom Bloomfield gave a summary of the progress to the VCUP application and Work plan. Mr. Bloomfield is working with the State and EPA region 8 regarding the LAL level.

Van Winkle Headframe repair

The Board discussed the deteriorating state of the Van Winkle Headframe with the Historic Society. They urged the Historic Society to get in touch with AR to discuss potential funding for repairs.

Town Shop planning, design, engineer, firm update

The Town Manager received 3 RFQs ranging from \$40,000-\$150,000 for turnkey solutions. Goff Engineering's timeframe is between 3-4 months which would put the project on rack for the February grant cycle.

The Town Manager recommended that the Board consider appropriating funds for this from the General Fund quoting strong sales taxes over the past year.

John Deer loader

The lease for the loader expires in December. There are three options moving forward: renewing the lease, purchasing the loader over 4-5 years, or purchasing the loader outright for \$119,000.

The Town Manager recommends the Board buy the loader outright as the amount saved would benefit the Street Fund. The Town manager recommends to the Board to take the entire purchase price from the general fund due to its stability and to not overspend in the street fund.

The Board agreed to buy the loader outright using the General Fund.

Budget Amendment

The Town Manager expressed that at next month's regularly scheduled meeting the Board will be discussing a budget amendment to ensure compliance with state regulations.


Motion

To adjourn Board of trustee and enter Executive Session: Town owned fire station parcel §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. Determination of positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, development of strategy for negotiations and instruction of negotiators.

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

Vote. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved, 7-0.

The meeting came out of executive session then adjourned.



Anna Wolf
Rico Town Clerk



Nicole Pieterse
Mayor