

TOWN OF YAMPA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2022 – 6:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Lewis, Trustee Michael Geanious, Trustee Jonathan Cave and Mayor Stacy Geilert via Zoom

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Town Administrator/Clerk Sheila Symons, Treasurer/Planner Mary Alice Page-Allen and Public Works Greg Samuelson

AUDIENCE PRESENT: John Bristol, Keith Hensley, Joe Edwards, Carl Ray, Gina Blake, Ken Montgomery, Cindy Montgomery, Scott Williamson, Julie Carolus, Dan Nielsen (YFPD) and Andrew Golike via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis called the meeting to order at 6pm and Roll Call was taken
- b. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

2. Audience Participation (5 minutes)

Carl Ray thanked the Mayor, Town Board and employees for their work and dedication to the Town

3. Routt County Economic Development (EDC) Mid-Year Update – John Bristol-970-846-9061

John Bristol presented the mid-year update on what the Routt County Economic Development Council organization has been working on. They primarily work to support the retention, expansion and attraction of primary businesses and jobs. The high priority for economic development partnerships is attracting new businesses through the rural jump-start program, which provides tax credits and networking opportunities to businesses in rural Colorado. The EDC has requested a \$2879.00 investment from the Town of Yampa. This is in the 2023 budget and once the budget is passed will be approved to cooperate with the EDC.

4. Water/Sewer Rates and Charges Discussion

Town Administrator/Clerk Symons reported with comparisons of water/sewer rates from other areas like the Town of Yampa. Recommendations for non-profits/tax exempt entities of a grant program for the non-profits/tax exempt entities. This would be a grant that would come from the General Fund to allow the Town to help support the non-profits/tax exempt entities as a community grant program.

Joe Edwards asked for a better explanation of the grant and recommended only paying for what they use. His biggest concern is that the grant will not be something that is guaranteed for the long term.

Trustee Cave explained that water is cheap and getting it dispersed is expensive and that is why the water rates are the way they are.

Mayor Geilert asked that a meeting to be held with the Ken Montgomery, Joe Edwards, Gary Burkholder, Treasurer/Planner Page-Allen, Town Administrator/Clerk Symons, Trustee Lewis, and Trustee Cave. (This meeting will be held on October 27, 2022 at 4pm). It was done with 2 Board members to avoid a quorum being present.

Ken Montgomery asked about the grant being for the base rate and how to apply for it. He asked as to why the public was not informed and how the “no free water” came about. It was advised that there is a loan with the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority (CWRPDA) for the water transmission line that was built, and the loan agreement advises no free water can be given. He was curious as to why the public was not aware of this, and it was explained that was prior to current staff.

Carl Ray asked why the water had to be changed to having only 5000 gallons. Trustee Cave expressed that there are no other municipalities or entities that allow more water to be used in the summer months. Town Administrator/Clerk Symons also explained that there are only a handful of users that go over that much and the town average is around 5000. Public Works Samuelson then explained further by saying that when the 15,000-gallon allotment for summer was created it was before the new water treatment plant was in place and therefore it is now not cost effective to do that.

5. Yampa Fire Protection District (YFPD) – Acquisition of Old Town Hall Building Proposal

Treasurer/Planner Page-Allen explained that there was an offer made by the YFPD to purchase Old Town Hall. There is a staff report included in the Board Packet of what has been done since March to look at all improvements and also getting grant funding to implement the updates and needs. When the Town received the new offer the work that Treasurer/Planner Page-Allen was doing was put on hold. There is also a broker’s opinion to help understand the value. Treasurer/Planner Page-Allen wants a task force created to discuss options. This task force will be comprised of Treasurer/Planner Page-Allen, Town Administrator/Clerk Symons, Dan Nielsen, Tina Holiday, Trustee Lewis and Mayor Geilert as well as any other YFPD members.

6. 2023 Budget Presentation

Treasurer/Planner Page-Allen presented the budget. No questions from the Town Board came up. There was a decision made to have a meeting regarding details of the budget with Julie Carolus, Ken Montgomery, Carl Ray, Treasurer/Planner Page-Allen, and Town Administrator/Clerk Symons and any other resident that may be interested. (Meeting was scheduled for October 26, 2022 at 12pm)

7. Staff and Board Member Reports/Updates

- a. Committee and meeting reports from Staff and Board Members
- b. Town Administrator/Clerk & Staff Reports
Town Administrator/Clerk Symons presented her report and added that there will be a Halloween event on Halloween as well as cleaning up old town hall.

8. Consent Agenda

Mayor Geilert made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Trustee Cave seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

- a. Approval of September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of August, 2022 and September, 2022 Payment Reports
- c. Ratification of authorization to renew Malt, Vinous, and Spirituous Liquor License for Antlers Café and Bar LLC dba Antlers Café and Bar.
- d. Approval and authorization to sign an Aid to Agency Grant Agreement between the Routt County and Yampa, Colorado for the Funding of Infrastructure Improvements in the amount of \$180,000

9. Scheduled Meetings/Workshops

- a. October 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting (Was Canceled)
- b. October 19, 2022 Water Rate Study Meeting (Postponed to October 26, 2022)
- c. November 2, 2022 Regular Board Meeting (Public Hearing for Budget)
- d. November 9, 2022 Community Open House - Comprehensive Plan
- e. Town Board or other requests for Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Trustee Geanious made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Cave seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote

Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm

Stacey Geilert, Mayor



Attest:



Sheila Symons, Town Administrator/Clerk

November 2, 2022