

TOWN OF RYE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
August 23, 2022

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Marty Rahl called the Special Board Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street in Rye, Colorado. Those in attendance were as follows: Marty Rahl, Mayor; Sheila Henderson, Mayor Protem; Kathy Dufty, Trustee; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Jocelyn Mower, Clerk; Paul Branson, Colorado State Fire Service, and Patty Knupp, NRCS/USDA. Those absent were: Sandra Steele, Trustee and Markus Buck, Trustee.

Regular Meeting

Marty Rahl added "DOLA Tier 1 Grant Application for GAC Project" to the agenda.

Paul Branson addressed the Board and introduced himself. Mr. Branson works for the Colorado State Fire Service out of La Veta, covering Woodland Park to the New Mexico and Kansas state borders. Mr. Branson has worked in fire mitigation and restoration for the last 20 years and for the fire protection district for 10 years. Mr. Branson explained the Colorado State Fire Service Program, Firewise. Firewise is a federally funded program that engages community, educates residents, reduces loss from wildfire and provides insurance benefits to communities and homes that are within the boundary of a designated Firewise community. Firewise is a recognition program consisting of volunteers from neighborhoods and HOA's that is focused on urban improvements in the wild and is not regulated. Mr. Branson stated that there are currently 13 Firewise communities established within his district. Designated Firewise communities are provided with information, research through insurance companies and forest services, and training to help volunteers manage their Firewise community. Once a Firewise community has been established, Firewise can bring in partners from surrounding counties, funding through Federal, state and county grants, and help establish action plans for those communities. Marty Rahl stated that the Town of Rye would be happy to host a meeting/presentation at Town Hall to allow Paul Branson to present information to the public regarding Firewise. The Firewise Presentation was tentatively set for Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall. The Firewise meeting will be subject to change based on availability of participants.

The Board discussed account #69 regarding Ordinance 2021-3 violations and reviewed pictures of the property taken on Thursday, August 11, 2022. The Board discussed that there are four improperly registered and/or tagged vehicles on the property, one of which is an inoperable vehicle with a tree growing through the engine. The Board also discussed excess junk, debris, and trash throughout the property. Patrick Ryan made a motion to notify account #69, by certified letter, that they are in violation of Ordinance 2021-3 and that they will have 30 days from date of notice to properly register and tag the three operable vehicles and remove the inoperable junk vehicle located on the property and that all junk, debris, and trash must be removed from the property within the stated 30 days. If the account chooses not to comply with the Boards request within the given 30 days, per Ordinance 2021-3, all vehicles will be removed from the property by the Town of Rye at the owners expense, furthermore if all

junk, debris and trash is not removed from the property within the given 30 days the Board will issue violation fees in the amount of \$200 every 7 days until the property is brought into compliance. If the account chooses not to bring the property into compliance with Ordinance 2021-3 and to not pay the incurred violation fees and expenses, the Town of Rye will have a lien placed on the property through Pueblo County. Kathy Dufty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Patrick Ryan asked Jocelyn Mower to add account #87 to the next regular board meeting agenda being held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

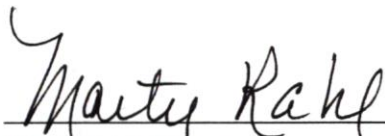
The Board reviewed the water and sewer tap application rough draft presented by Jocelyn Mower. Patrick Ryan requested to add "or approval from authorized Town of Rye personnel" to page three, paragraph four. Jocelyn Mower stated she will include the request. Sheila Henderson requested that the Town of Rye water and sewer rates are subject to change at any time by approval of the Board as well as Town of Rye water and sewer tap rates are subject to change at any time by approval of the Board. Jocelyn Mower stated that she will present the rough draft again at the next regular Board meeting held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, to allow other Board members and the public an opportunity to comment on it before a vote is taken on it.

Mayor Rahl discussed the Element Engineering proposal for the Town of Rye Water Treatment Plant Improvements Design and CDPHE Permitting- Granular Activated Carbon. Mayor Rahl explained that these carbon filters will need to be installed at the Town of Rye Water Treatment Plant to remove DBP precursors from the raw water prior to disinfection to prevent TTHM and HAA5 byproducts from forming. Mayor Rahl explained that the project cost of equipment and installation should not exceed \$59,999 and that the engineering costs should not exceed \$17,500. Marty Rahl stated that DOLA is currently accepting Tier 1 Grant Applications that must be submitted September 1, 2022. Jocelyn Mower stated that the Tier 1 grant is a "matching grant" and that the total amount for the Town of Rye GAC Project should not exceed \$80,000 in which, the Town of Rye can request \$40,000 from DOLA to help fund the project. Jocelyn Mower stated that there is also roughly \$10,000 left from ARPA Covid Relief Funds that can be used as "matching" funds to help cover a portion of the Town of Rye GAC Project if the Board chooses. Sheila Henderson made a motion to submit a Tier 1 Grant Application to DOLA for the Town of Rye GAC project by September 1, 2022, for the total amount of \$80,000. Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

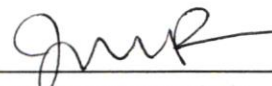
Marty Rahl stated that an executive session meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. with the regular monthly board meeting to follow promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

At 2:20 p.m., Sheila Henderson made a motion that the Special Board Meeting be adjourned. Patrick Ryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Marty Rahl, Mayor



Jocelyn Mower, Town Clerk

**The Next Regular Session meeting will be held on
September 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 81069
Public is encouraged to attend**

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