

TOWN OF RYE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
January 14, 2026

Call to Order/Roll Call

Marty Rahl called the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street in Rye, Colorado. Those in attendance were as follows: Marty Rahl, Mayor; Geoff Pagnotta, Trustee; Heidi Miller, Trustee; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Aimee Kramer, Trustee; Ross Gallegos, Rye & Colorado City Fire Chief; Sheila Henderson, Resident; Cordell Henderson, Resident; and Jocelyn Ensley, Town Clerk. Those absent were: Kathy MacCormack, Mayor Protem and Sandra Steele, Trustee.

Audience Participation

Fire Chief Gallegos addressed the Board of Trustees and stated that he had come to the meeting to provide some information and insight for the Town. Chief Gallegos continued by stating that Pueblo Regional Building is no longer the governing entity for Pueblo County as a whole and will be focused solely on the City of Pueblo moving forward. Chief Gallegos explained that because of this, the Pueblo County Building Division has been established to have oversight of all outlying Pueblo County areas to include Pueblo West, Beulah, Colorado City and that, due to being statutory municipalities, Boone and the Town of Rye need an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) to be included in oversight. Chief Gallegos stated that he understands the Town of Rye currently does not have any permitting, zoning or coding requirements and recommended the Town partner with Pueblo County Building Division for the following reasons: 1. Homeowners' insurance policies are effected by the inflated ISO ratings due to the lack of coding and zoning requirements resulting in more expensive policies and/or homeowners losing their insurance all together. Having building structure coding and permitting along with mitigation brings ISO ratings down. 2. Grant and loan criteria for capital improvement projects require established entities to regulate and enforce codes within the jurisdiction to protect the project investment. 3. Areas without building codes, permitting and oversight lead to dangerous and unsafe conditions for the community to live in. 4. Having a record of permitting and documentation of all remodeling, additions, or corrections made to a property increases the value of the property and surrounding properties. 5. When fires do occur, the responding agencies have a clear picture of the coding and zoning in place to properly protect a house, property, and community. Fire fighters and responding agencies are reluctant to enter a home or business when they do not know the conditions it was built or maintained under. It also impacts recovery of homes after a fire due to the longer timeline of the State to deem a property safe to occupy instead of the local County entity. 6. With the help of the Town of Rye and Colorado City Metro, Pueblo County just opened a Satellite Services Office in Colorado City to allow the Greenhorn Valley residents a local office to conduct all building permits through

and covers all County services without a trip to Pueblo. 7. The Town won't need to create the department from scratch and hire staff to oversee the needed zoning, coding, and permitting regulations, as Pueblo County has already established the division. Pueblo County will be easier to partner with than the state and allows for quicker timelines and approvals. The County better understands the rural nature of the Town of Rye and could have less oversight than the State may try to inflict. Chief Gallegos expressed that the Town should consider this in a timely manner and that he is happy to help set up future meetings with the Pueblo County Building Division to review an IGA and help answer any questions the Board or residents may have before voting on the matter. Marty Rahl stated that the Town would like to gather more information by having a meeting with the Pueblo County Building Division as well as speaking with the Town Attorney to ensure the Board has all the information needed to make a decision. Chief Gallegos mentioned that the Colorado City and Rye Fire Department is committed to reducing response times in the valley. He continued saying that when they have four staff members available on shift, he will have two of those staff members posted at the Rye Fire Station and he hopes to remodel the Rye Fire Station in the future to allow for staff overnights, but with no timeline yet.

Consent Agenda Items

- Aimee Kramer made a motion to approve the December 10, 2025- Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the reports from Marine Diving Solutions for the cleaning and inspections done to tank #2 & #3. Geoff Pagnotta stated that more information is needed regarding the leak detection for tank #1 to help complete the overflow valve requirements for the state. Jocelyn Ensley stated that she would reach out to Marine Diving Solutions to see if they can provide a written analysis to help the Town acquire quotes for repair.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that a Special Meeting with Mike Hager from Element Engineering has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st at 5:00 p.m. to deep dive into the revised Sewer CIP project. All Board members are encouraged to attend.
- Marty Rahl stated that she spoke with Jeff Lepley regarding the installation of the emergency services well at the water treatment plant and he stated that he can assist the Town in accessing a water discharge point. Marty Rahl stated that a quote will be provided for the Board to review as soon as she receives it.
- The Board briefly discussed the Inlet Silt and Reeds Removal and will leave it on the agenda for future discussions with Geoff Pagnotta and Matt Dennison, Little Diggers Construction.
- The Water and Sewer Monthly Meter Usage (Billing Register) was reviewed. Patrick Ryan stated that he has noticed the tiny home construction has continued and that the homes are in different locations than previously agreed upon. The Board discussed the

matter. The Board instructed Jocelyn Ensley to invite the property owner to the next meeting to give them the opportunity to update the board on the changes, provide updated building plans, and submit the required account upgrade applications.

- The Town of Rye Summary of Accounts, RVS Systems Totals Report and CCMD Sewer Flow Chart were reviewed by the Board.
- The Summary of Aged Receivables was discussed by the Board. Past due accounts were called by Jocelyn Ensley and reminded of their past due balance as well as the current due balance. The Board instructed Jocelyn Ensley to issue disconnect letters for all delinquent accounts surpassing 61+ days in payment.
- Patrick Ryan made a motion that the Accounts Payable/Transfer of Funds from appropriate accounts be paid and that appropriate funds be transferred per the Checks Written form. Geoff Pagnotta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheets.
- The Master Calendar was reviewed. Jocelyn Ensley has updated the calendar to reflect the date and name of persons completing monthly items. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the water tanks will be due for inspection and guidance from the ORC has been requested to ensure all state requirements are met.

Unfinished Business

- Marty Rahl stated that the revised Town of Rye and Pueblo County Intergovernmental Agreement for plowing services, chip and seal services, and striping services for Main St. and Boulder Ave. has not been received by the County and will remain on the agenda.
- Marty Rahl stated that the Town of Rye, Pueblo County, and Colorado City Metro District Intergovernmental Agreement for a Satellite Office has not been received by the County and will remain on the agenda.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that Devin Boisvert with DB Dirt Works plans to take the lights off the rye triangle tree in the coming days.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that all documents have been provided to the Town Attorney so that a lien can be placed on account #69 for lack of paying Ordinance and Resolution Violation Fees from 2022 totaling \$3000.00. An update will be provided as soon as the lien is placed.
- Marty Rahl stated that she didn't have any updates on the security cameras for vandalism and traffic infractions, but the topic will remain on the agenda.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that nomination petitions for the April 7, 2026, election have been provided to Geoff Pagnotta, Patrick Ryan, and Riki Rosty by request. All nomination petitions are due back by January 26, 2026, at noon, and all election proceedings and public notifications will be made according to the Colorado Revised statutes.
- The Board read and reviewed a quote from TextMyGov, along with updated notes pertaining to the program. Jocelyn Ensley stated that Paul Hendrickson with Valkyries

Information Security was able to have a one-on-one meeting with the program representative and confirmed that the program does not share, sell, or collect any information from the Town's account and does not pose a security threat. The Board discussed the optics of raising water and sewer rates for the upcoming Sewer CIP project and spending money on new programs. The Board discussed the matter. The Board agreed that the program will help to better educate the community and provide a broader outreach but decided to table the vote until the next regular monthly meeting.

- The Board discussed creating a monthly convenience fee or incentive for properties who choose to keep dumpsters on the Town right-of-way property. Geoff Pagnotta stated that it would be the Town's responsibility to be able to prove that a dumpster is on the Town's property and could potentially lead to an increase in surveying costs. The Board decided to remove the topic from the agenda.
- The Board read the 2026 Water & Sewer Rate Increase Reminder Letter to be sent out with the January 2026 water and sewer billing statements. Jocelyn Ensley stated that all water and sewer rates have been updated in the RVS billing system.

Reports

CPA Update: N/A

Attorney Update: N/A

Trustee Updates: N/A

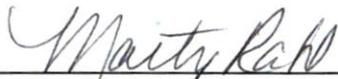
Staff Updates: N/A

New Business

- The Board read and reviewed Resolution 2026-1 Designating Postings and Official Newspaper. Patrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-1 Designating Postings and Official Newspaper. Heidi Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board read and reviewed Resolution 2026-2 Setting Regular Meeting Dates and Location of Postings. Aimee Kramer made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2 Setting Regular Meeting Dates and Location of Postings. Geoff Pagnotta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

At 7:35 p.m., Aimee Kramer made a motion to close the regular monthly meeting. Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Marty Rahl, Mayor



Jocelyn Ensley, Town Clerk

**The Next Regular Session meeting will be held on
February 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 81069
The public is encouraged to attend.**

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