

TOWN OF RYE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
June 11, 2025

Call to Order/Roll Call

Marty Rahl called the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street in Rye, Colorado. Those in attendance were as follows: Marty Rahl, Mayor; Kathy MacCormack, Mayor Protem; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Sandra Steele, Trustee; Geoff Pagnotta, Trustee; Aimee Kramer, Trustee; Heidi Miller, Trustee; Sheila Henderson, Resident; Greg Colter, Colorado Rural Water; Matthew Smith, Water Treatment Plant Operator; and Jocelyn Ensley, Town Clerk. Those absent were: N/A.

Audience Participation

N/A

Consent Agenda Items

- Kathy MacCormack made a motion to approve the May 14, 2025- Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. Sandra Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) Water Treatment Plant End of Month Report.
- The Board reviewed the Town of Rye Water Treatment Plant Survey/Audit performed by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) on April 24, 2025. The survey resulted in five deficiencies, eight recommendations, and zero violations. Marty Rahl stated that the ORC has already submitted the first required written response and is continuing to work close with CDPHE to ensure the Town is compliant with all regulations.
- The Board viewed the new security camera live feed for the water treatment plant.
- The Board reviewed the meter locating and mapping project progress in Diamond Maps.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that the bulk residential meter replacement project has been completed by Little Diggers Construction.
- The Board reviewed a quote from Little Diggers Construction to replace two commercial, four-inch meters. The Board discussed approving one of the four-inch meters due to the cost. Geoff Pagnotta made a motion to approve replacing the commercial four-inch Master Meter for the Town of Rye located at the water treatment plant. Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Jocelyn Ensley stated that the fire hydrant repairs on Oak & Petersen and Main Street are in progress as the contractor has started ordering parts for the repair and updates will be provided as they become available.
- Marty Rahl stated that B2H Survey has been working closely with Element Engineering in getting the Town surveyed for the Sewer Main Line CIP and an update will be provided from them as soon as possible.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that the manhole replacement on Matnock has not be completed but Little Diggers Construction is working diligently to get it scheduled.
- The Water and Sewer Monthly Meter Usage (Billing Register) was reviewed.
- The Town of Rye Summary of Accounts, RVS Systems Totals Report and CCMD Sewer Flow Chart were reviewed by the Board. Jocelyn Ensley stated that February 2025, March 2025, and April 2025 flow reports have not been provided by Colorado City Metro District because the meter needed to be fixed and has not been replaced. The Board discussed that this constitutes a breach of contract with Colorado City Metro District as they are to notify the Town of any issues with the meter and allow a Town representative to be present when the meter is being removed or replaced. Jocelyn Ensley stated that she will keep the Board updated when they provide any notice that the meter is being reinstalled.
- 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.
- Kathy MacCormack 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.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that no updates have been provided by law enforcement regarding the bank fraud event. Jocelyn Ensley then stated that no fraudulent activity has been detected by Valkyries IT Security, Pueblo Bank & Trust, or herself since opening the new accounts with Pueblo Bank & Trust. Geoff Pagnotta made a motion to allow the Town Clerk to resume prior accounting practices to include receiving utility billing payments through automatic payments. Kathy MacCormack 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.

Unfinished Business

- The Board discussed the pothole patchwork performed by Davis Paving on 6/10/2025. Marty Rahl stated that they offered to come back out to help patch up some areas that were missed or overlooked.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that website reformation for HB 24-1454 is underway and should be completed before the deadline July 1, 2025.
- The Board reviewed the first draft of the intergovernmental agreement created by Pueblo County. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the first draft has not been edited or revised by the Town attorney and suggested that the Board provide their edits or editions at the next monthly meeting so that they can be shared with the attorney.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that plans for the Town Fair Square are well underway with 8+ food trucks and 20+ vendors submitting their vendor applications early.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that a letter was sent to 2211 Coolidge regarding Resolution 2021-3 Rye Public Nuisance and no response was received. The Board agreed to keep the item on the agenda to be discussed at the next regular monthly meeting.
- The Board read, reviewed and discussed the ORC's advisement on implementing a water moratorium for the 2025-2026 year. Aimee Kramer made a motion to keep the item on the agenda through September 2025 to allow the ORC more time to collect data needed for a proper recommendation. Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Reports

CPA Update: N/A

Attorney Update: N/A

Trustee Updates: N/A

Staff Updates: N/A

New Business

- Marty Rahl stated that many properties in Town are in violation of Resolution 2021-3 Rye Public Nuisance and proposed sending out friendly reminder letters to all residents to maintain their properties. The Board discussed the properties in Town that are in violation. The Board instructed Jocelyn Ensley to send violation notification letters to the following properties: #69- 2117 Main St., #48- 2074 Main St., #65- 2086 Main St., #68- 2075 Main St., #102- 2077 Main St.

Executive Session

At 6:50 p.m. Kathy MacCormack made a motion to exit the regular monthly meeting and enter into executive session and stated "Personnel: For discussion of personnel matters

(Review/Discuss Jocelyn Ensley, Gib Rokich, Matthew Smith, and Markus Buck annual employee evaluations and current employee contract requirements) under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and NOT involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matters in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees." Aimee Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting

At 7:17 p.m. Aimee Kramer made a motion to exit the executive session and enter back into the regular meeting. Kathy MacCormack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


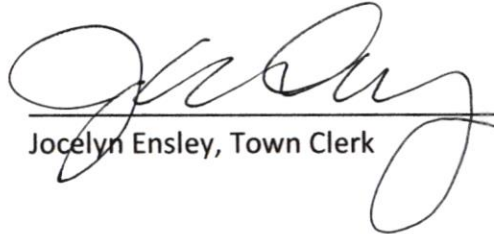
Kathy MacCormack made a motion to terminate Markus Buck from his employment position as a water treatment plant operator for the Town of Rye, effective immediately. Aimee Kramer seconded the motion. Marty Rahl called for the vote. Geoff Pagnotta voted, aye; Heidi Miller voted, nay; Kathy MacCormack voted, aye; Sandra Steele voted, nay; Patrick Ryan voted, nay; and Aimee Kramer voted, aye. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the Trustees votes were split 50/50, with three Trustees voting aye and three Trustees voting nay. Jocelyn Ensley stated that per Town of Rye policy the Mayor is to be the determining tie breaker vote when a 50/50 split vote is reached by the Board and asked the Mayor to place her vote for the motion. Marty Rahl voted, aye. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the motion passed with four votes aye and three votes nay. The Board continued to discuss the matter. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the Board will need to reenter the executive session to continue discussing the matter in detail. The Board agreed to go back into executive session.

Executive Session

At 7:26 p.m. Kathy Patrick Ryan made a motion to exit the regular monthly meeting and enter into executive session and stated "Personnel: For discussion of personnel matters (Review/Discuss Jocelyn Ensley, Gib Rokich, Matthew Smith, and Markus Buck annual employee evaluations and current employee contract requirements) under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and NOT involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matters in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees." Aimee Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment-

At 7:41 p.m., Patrick Ryan made a motion to exit the executive session and close the regular monthly meeting. Kathy MacCormack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.


Marty Rahl, Mayor
Jocelyn Ensley, Town Clerk

**The Next Regular Session meeting will be held on
July 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall at 2067 Main Street, Rye, CO 81069
The public is encouraged to attend.**

Individuals with disabilities needing auxiliary aid(s) may request assistance by contacting the Rye Town Clerk at 719-489-2011. We would appreciate it if you would contact us at last 48 hours in advance of scheduled events so arrangements can be made to locate the requested auxiliary aid(s).