

TOWN OF RYE
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
September 10, 2025

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; Kathy MacCormack, Mayor Protem; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Sandra Steele, Trustee; Aimee Kramer, Trustee; Jim Echer, Colorado City Metro Manager; Matt Akers, Resident; Nitai Morano, Resident; and Jocelyn Ensley, Town Clerk. Those absent were: Heidi Miller, Trustee and Geoff Pagnotta, Trustee.

Audience Participation

- Matt Akers addressed the Board regarding a supplemental revenue idea to help cover the costs of the CIP Sewer Project. Mr. Akers stated that the nearest electric vehicle (EV) charging station is located at Circle K at I-25 and that there may be a potential need from residents and tourists for additional EV charging stations that could bring in potential revenue. Mr. Akers went on to say that a charging station is typically made up of a transformer box and port with connecting cables. The initial cost could be in the ballpark of \$6,000.00-\$8000.00 depending on the company and model and that there may be energy grants to cover the initial costs. Aimee Kramer stated that a study was done in Salida to incorporate EV charging stations into the downtown area to attract tourists. Jocelyn Ensley stated that she will request information from the Clerk Serve email chain to research the topic and provide her findings to the Board. Jim Echer stated that San Isabel Electric may be a good starting point to see if they offer grants and EV charging stations. Mr. Akers stated that the EV company Charge Point is a highly accessible company and makes it easy to locate their EV charging stations. The Board thanked Mr. Akers for the idea and requested he come to the October 8, 2025, meeting to present a more in-depth discussion to include quotes and funding options.
- Nitai Morano acknowledged the Board and stated that she had read the July 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes and was curious why account #33 was approved to be reimbursed for a large water leak yet the Board denied her request to be reimbursed for late fees accrued on her account. Marty Rahl stated that all late fee policies and discount policies have been forwarded to the Town Attorney for review and the Board is awaiting their remarks as there are no current policies to forgive late fees. Ms. Moreno asked how she will be notified of any policy changes and Mayor Rahl stated that she will be notified by written letter of the Boards decisions. Jocelyn Ensley stated that in 2023 the Board adopted an Adjustment for Water Breaks & Leaks Policy and Water Usage Rate

Adjustment Application to allow account holders to have their water usage adjusted and water usage credited up to 50% if the repairs are made within a two-month billing period and is allowed once per year. Jocelyn Ensley stated that she is now able to notify account holders on billing day of excessive water usage to ensure they can make repairs in a timely manner in accordance with the policy. Jocelyn Ensley stated that "Town of Rye Policy Manual- Late Fee Waiver/Reimbursement" will remain on the agenda until the Attorneys provide their remarks and the Board can make a final decision.

Consent Agenda Items

- Patrick Ryan made a motion to approve the August 13, 2025- Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. Aimee Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) Water Treatment Plant End of Month Report.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that Mike Hager with Element Engineering provided an update on 9/3/2025 stating that the revised Sewer Main CIP would be ready once all project cost estimates are received.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that the Colorado Rural Water Revplan Water & Sewer Rate Adjustment Analysis Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and the public is encouraged to come learn about the water and sewer rate increases set to take effect in January 2026-2031.
- The Board reviewed the meter locating and mapping project progress in Diamond Maps. The Board reviewed the meter replacement spreadsheet detailing 41 new meters being installed and 78 old meters needing replacement. Jocelyn Ensley stated that six, ¾ in. meters have been ordered for emergency outages over winter and that many meters will need to be replaced in 2026 as they have surpassed the expected lifespan.
- The Board reviewed a quote from Steel City Hydrants for the remaining inoperable fire hydrants on North Boulder Ave. and Main St. & Boulder Intersection. The Board agreed to keep the quote on the agenda to review through 2026 as the 2025 Budget is very tight through 2025.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that Little Diggers Construction has put in 811 locate requests to have the manhole on Matnock replaced as soon as possible. Updates will be provided once completed.
- 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 is 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 Greg Colter, Colorado Rural Water and Matt Dennison, Little Diggers Construction.

- The Water and Sewer Monthly Meter Usage (Billing Register) was reviewed. Account #47 reported a water leak during August 2025 and requested data be sent from their 2024 break to ensure the water adjustment application could be used in 2025.
- 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.
- 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. Patrick Ryan 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

- Jocelyn Ensley stated that quotes for the pothole patchwork were received from Davis Paving at \$350.00 and approved prior to the meeting to ensure the service could be scheduled prior to the winter weather in October.
- Marty Rahl stated that a conference call was held with Safe Routes to School Program directors. Mayor Rahl stated that she and Jocelyn Ensley provided transparent information relating to the Sewer CIP project in 2031 and inquired whether the Safe Routes to School Grant could potentially be used alongside loans and other grants for the projects replacement of sidewalks, roads, etc. Mayor Rahl stated that the project director explained that they should be able to work together with the project, but it depends on what the grant requirements are in 2031 or if the grant program will still be available. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the program directors suggested starting to collect small amounts of data and allowing the Town to gather data twice per year through 2031 to include "walking surveys" be made available to all residents, business owners, trustees, etc. to help submit required information over time. The Walking Survey will be mailed out in the next billing cycle to all account holders. Aimee Kramer stated that she can provide the Walking Surveys to parents walking to Science Day on September 18th to help gather the first round of data for 2025.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that the Town attorney was given the revisions for the Town of Rye and Pueblo County Intergovernmental Agreement for plowing services, chip and

seal services, and striping services for Main St. and Boulder Ave. and the revised contract will be provided as soon as possible.

- The Board reviewed the spreadsheet for the 2025 Town Square Fair to include the full budget, donations received, proceeds and vendors. Jocelyn Ensley explained that additional donations and sponsors will be needed in 2026 to cover costs for the growing event.
- The Board reviewed Resolution 2025-5- Water Tap Moratorium and notes from the ORC. Sandra Steele made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-5 Water Tap Moratorium. Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. Aimee Kramer voted, aye. Patrick Ryan voted, aye. Sandra Steele voted, aye. Kathy MacCormack voted, nay. The motion passed 3/1.
- The Board read, reviewed, and discussed all Public Nuisance violation letters sent to account #97. Jocelyn Ensley stated that she has spoken to account #97 multiple times as they have given updates on their progress to comply with the Ordinance. The Board agreed that account #97 continues to make progress to comply with Ordinance 2021-3 Public Nuisance. Sandra Steele stated that she will provide a report on the property at the next regular monthly meeting to determine if the violation needs to escalate.
- The Board read and reviewed Resolution 2025-6 Water & Sewer Rate Increase 2026-2031. The Board instructed Jocelyn Ensley to make minor adjustments and have the final Resolution prepared for approval at the October 2025 meeting to ensure it is approved before the 2026 Budget is finalized.
- The Board discussed the Town of Rye, Pueblo County, and Colorado City Metro District Intergovernmental Agreement for a Satellite Office offering public services at the VFW building in Colorado City. Marty Rahl explained that while the contract has not been received by the Attorneys yet, Pueblo County needs a definitive vote on whether the Board agrees to help fund the requested portion of overhead costs, totaling \$250.00 per month starting in October 2025 to be paid directly to Pueblo County. Patrick Ryan made a motion to approve funding the requested portion of the Greenhorn Valley Satellite Office, totaling \$250.00 per month, starting in October 2025 provided by Pueblo County. Aimee Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board read, reviewed and discussed Ordinance 2020-11 Wildlife Protection Through Refuse Disposal regarding account #48. The Board agreed that the approved Ordinance covered the placement and removal of trash bins during specific days and times and as such instructed Jocelyn Ensley to mail a first violation notice to account #48 requesting compliance.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that per the instructions of the Board she requested Petersen St. be mitigated. V & S Landscapes will split the cost of a woodchipper rental between the Town and another client to successfully complete the job and offset the cost of the equipment rental.

At 7:20 p.m. Aimee Kramer made a motion to enter Executive Session. Kathy MacCormack seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

"Personnel: For discussion of personnel matters (Review/Discuss Water Treatment Plant Operator Resumes and Interviews) 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.

At 7:25 p.m. Patrick Ryan made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Monthly Meeting. Aimee Kramer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy MacCormack made a motion to hire Kenneth Berve for the Water Treatment Plant Operator Position as outline in the Water Treatment Plant Contract. Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. Aimee Kramer voted, aye. Patrick Ryan voted, aye. Sandra Steele voted, nay. Kathy MacCormack voted, aye. The motion passed 3/1.

Reports

CPA Update: N/A

Attorney Update: N/A

Trustee Updates:

- The Board discussed the area around the abandoned street, Spear, adjacent to where the old bridge was washed out decade's prior. The Board instructed Jocelyn Ensley to research meeting minutes to see if the area was ever properly abandoned by the Town.
- Marty Rahl stated that she spoke with Trustee, Geoff Pagnotta, and he is making a steady recovery from health complications endured over the previous months. Mayor Rahl stated that Mr. Pagnotta intends to keep his seat on the Board through his term limits and the Board agreed that his expertise and participation in the Town is vital if he is still willing and able.
- Patrick Ryan inquired about the upcoming Colorado Municipal League (CML) meeting for District 7 & 14. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the CML fall meeting will be held on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in Trinidad. Jocelyn Ensley stated that all Board Members are invited to attend but they must RSVP to the clerk no later than September 22, 2025, to allow time to register and pay for their tickets.

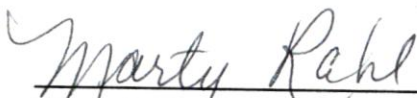
Staff Updates: N/A

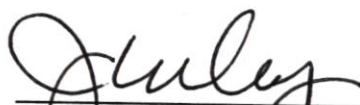
New Business

- The Board briefing recapped the Town of Rye Policy Manual- Late Fee Waiver/ Reimbursement. Marty Rahl emphasized that the Attorney's will review any changes that need to be made legally and provide their remarks to the Board.
- The Board reviewed the first version of the 2026 Budget. Jocelyn Ensley stated that per the CPA, all costs associated with the General Account need to be reduced to 4% to help balance the lack of revenue in the account and increase the Water and Sewer portion to 48% starting in September 2026 and continuing indefinitely. The Board agreed that the revenue would not be increasing in the General account in 2025-2026 and agreed that the split of 4%, 48%, 48%, would be appropriate moving forward. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the second version of the 2026 Budget would be made available at the next regular meeting monthly board meeting before being posted in the Greenhorn Valley newspaper for public comment.
- Jocelyn Ensley stated that the Tree Lighting Ceremony is officially scheduled to correlate with the Purple People Leaders holiday event and the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce parade of lights on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Marty Rahl stated that she will be reaching out to additional electric companies to schedule the lights being placed on the tree prior to Thanksgiving 2025.
- 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.
- The Board reviewed the 2026 Property/Casualty Preliminary Quote – Rye provided by CIRSA Insurance. Jocelyn Ensley stated that the insurance cost is going up by approximately 6% due to inflation costs. Aimee Kramer made a motion to approve the 2026 Property/Casualty Preliminary Quote – Rye, to include the Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage as well as the No-Fault Water Line Rupture & Sewer Backup option #2. Kathy MacCormack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment-

At 8:40 p.m., Patrick Ryan made a motion to 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
October 8, 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).