TOWN OF RYE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS September 24, 2025

Call to Order/Roll Call

Marty Rahl, Mayor called the Work Session 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; Sandra Steele, Trustee; Patrick Ryan, Trustee; Scott Thomas, Colorado Rural Water; Greg Colter, Colorado Rural Water; Josiah Thomas, Colorado Rural Water; Debbie Jackson, Resident; Sheila Henderson, Resident; Cordell Henderson, Resident; Cynthia Kidder, Resident; Keith Bailey, Resident and Jocelyn Ensley, Town Clerk. Those absent were: Kathy MacCormack, Mayor Protem; Aimee Kramer, Trustee; Heidi Miller, Trustee; and Geoff Pagnotta, Trustee.

Regular Meeting

Marty Rahl stated that Pueblo County, Colorado City Metro District, and the Town of Rye have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to provide a Satellite Services Office in Colorado City. Mayor Rahl went on to say that the Satellite Services Office will be located at the Susan Kalman Peaks to Prairie Community Center at 4705 Santa Fe Dr. Colorado City, CO 81019 and will provide over 40 programs and services such as SNAP, Medicaid, Leap, and DMV Registration twice a week to the Greenhorn Valley residents. Mayor Rahl presented a flyer from Pueblo County regarding the services and instructed Jocelyn Ensley to post it on the Town website. Mayor Rahl stated that a Ribbon Cutting event will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, starting at 12:00 p.m. with events to follow throughout the day and encouraged residents to attend.

Scott Thomas with Colorado Rural Water presented the Board with the agreed upon RevPlan Rate Adjustment for the Sewer Main Capitol Improvement Project. Scott Thomas stated that the rate study goes far beyond analyzing rates, and includes all Town assets, overhead costs, revenues, debt services, and capital improvement projects projected into the next 20 years. Scott Thomas stated that the rate increase is being initiated based on the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) presented by Element Engineering for the Sewer Collection System and includes a 1-phase construction plan with the start date in 2031. Scott Thomas stated that due to the cost of the project, the Town would need to acquire loans and grants and to qualify for the loans and grants the Town will have to raise all water and sewer rates to meet the debt repayment requirements. Scott Thomas went on to explain that the Board has been working diligently with him since 2024 to analyze and configure a rate increase that meets the requirements for the repayment of the loans and grants, while also being justifiable and fair to residents. Scott Thomas explained that the Board did not want to wait until 2031 to present a shockingly hefty rate increase all at once to residents and instead has chosen to slowly increase rates starting in

2026 through 2031 to include the following: 4% water base rate per year, 3% water usage rate per year, 10% sewer base rate per year, and 3% sewer usage rate per year. Scott Thomas reviewed the Water & Sewer Rates Increase Brochure mailed to residents on August 29, 2025, and discussed in detail the Typical Monthly Bill Graph, the Unrestricted Fund Balance Graph, the Drinking Water Revenue Requirements Graph, and the Wastewater Revenue Requirements Graph. Marty Rahl stated that the Town of Rye had Direct Discharge jet and camera all sewer lines in 2023 and based on their reports Element Engineering was able to compile the CIP for the Sewer Main. Marty Rahl stated that Element Engineering's CIP includes all sewer lines in Town, some requiring basic maintenance and repairs, while other parts of the sewer main lines will require replacement and relocation in full. Discussion was had by the public to include grant and loan opportunities, current loan repayment schedules, specific sewer main replacement locations, and the hard work from Colorado Rural Water in assisting the Town with the no cost RevPlan.

Adjournment

At 7:20 p.m., Patrick Ryan made a motion to close the Work Session. Sandra Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marty Rahl, Mayor

Jocel√n Ensley, Town Clerk

The Next Regular Board 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 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).