Regular Meeting Hayden Town Council April 16, 2020

Work Session

Staff & Councilmember Reports
Recreation
None.

Police
CHIEF TULISZEWSKI: Not a lot from the law enforcement. Trying to flatten the curve on COVID-19, but numbers still are going up. Colorado and Routt County stay at home and social distancing is working. According to the models we were projected to have several hundred and we only have one. Dealing with new Public Health Order (PHO) 2020-03 and went to each business. Councilmember Wuestewald feels like we have flattened the curve. Hayden Police Department notified today, Kum & Go closed for now. Employee showed up with some of the symptoms and corporate policy is to be protective of employees and customers. It is not a confirmed case. Cleaning the store tomorrow and hope to be open tomorrow evening.

Planning
Mary Alice: Provided a memo to Mat on what she is working on. Building permits are still coming through. Haven’t been able to record the plats. Ensure there aren’t any barriers to construction moving forward. Sketch plan for Farm Village Subdivision is being worked on. Mat and I have been working close with the consultants on the Comprehensive Plan and will have more to report and progressing well. Personnel upset on the consultant level. Zach Wuestewald, looks like you are working on your dog kennel proposal. Working on marketing pieces for the restaurants on the Economic Development side. Still working on the school and doing webinars on the COVID-19 items. Keeping up on various grants to ensure we are on schedule.

Administration
MATHEW MENDISCO: The USDA grant application for Hayden Center design fees was submitted. DOLA awarded the grant for the Hayden Center. The PHO 2020-03 had comments in the paper. Folks were not as thrilled with this last order. Mathew heard rumors from the last Hayden School Board’s last meeting that needed to be squashed; Peabody was furloughing everyone to the end of the year. Not true. They did lay-offs in March, about 30 people and down to bare bones with miners to continue operations. I will update Councilmember Wuestewald questions in the COVID-19 update. All of our businesses currently open are complying to the order. Hayden Mercantile had appreciation week and gave a 10% discount. HiWay Grill and Bar is painting their sidewalk to show social distancing. Press release an hour ago for the return to normalcy. Mayor Redmond is on all the policy calls. Budget and planning going well. Mary Alice is busy as ever. The cash for business ran out and Congress is looking for a new stimulus package. Everything in Pitkin County is closed and their numbers are higher. Mathew asked for opinions on colors and format for the Comp Plan and banners for the end of town. Folks on Facebook wanted Heart of the Yampa Valley as did the Council. Heart of the Yampa Valley it is.

Councilmembers
None.

Staff reports will continue at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Redmond called the regular meeting of the Hayden Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved at the Regular Town Council Meeting on May 7, 2020.
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Councilmembers Engle, Meek, Hagins, and Wuestewald present. Also present were Town Manager, Mathew Mendisco, Town Clerk, Sharon Johnson, Police Chief, Greg Tuliszewski, and Public Works Director, Alex Evonitz.

Opening Prayer Mayor Redmond offered the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Redmond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – April 2, 2020

Consideration of Bill

Payment Voucher dated April 7, 2020 in the amount of $284,290.41


Public Comments

Proclamations/
Presentations

Consent Items

Old Business

COVID-19 Update

Mathew Mendisco, Town Manager provided an update on the number; 22 million unemployment of 159 million per federal government. March at 3.9% now at 14%. Colorado 360,000 claims and are mostly non-essential workers. All indications are that this will be like the great depression. Town of Hayden lucky that all those that shut down have been doing things to keep some sales moving. Town is working on getting the chamber going again and taking the role of President; which leads me to the Power Point. Governor’s presentation yesterday. Hospitalization. New data reports on long term care facilities. Social distancing based on honor system. Testing improving. Increased testing, from 5 days to 24-36 hours and want to decrease. Additional testing for those most at risk.


Right now looking at Governor of Colorado and Routt County, Phase I would be like back to our previous Health Order. Phase I would be with a sustained downward trajectory. Community questions on the restrictions getting tighter when only 40 cases in 25,000 population. There was a petition with 100 people wanting the stay...
at home lifted. Chief added it is difficult with the warm weather and doing so well. If we pull things off too soon it will be worse. We are doing good. Community willing to go with the flow. It will be based on numbers. Mathew indicated that we are trying to post the FAQs from Routt County and some questions will need to be answered by Public Health Board. Wuestewald, Gunnison County being attacked by Texas Attorney General because they are kicked out of the County. Routt County will not have that problem as they did not disallow only highly encouraged them not to travel.

New Business

Review and Ratify Resolution 2020-05 A Resolution Approving application to USDA Rural Development Grant


Pulled Consent Items None.

Staff and Councilmember Reports Continued None.

Executive Session

Adjournment Mayor Redmond adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Recorded by:

J. Timothy Redmond, Mayor

Sharon Johnson, Town Clerk

APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF May 2020.