Work Session

Staff & Councilmember Reports

RECREATION
Mathew Mendisco reported for Parks and Recreation: Football camp registration out. Baseball registration out and Soccer started this week. Shorten seasons. Rules in response to the last Colorado Executive Order. All is moving along. Josh out with Public Works helping out with parks maintenance. Mathew helps once a week if possible. Josh is returning to recreation; he had been repurposed to public works and was at an 80/20 split. We will see his split come back to recreation as things begin to ramp up on that front.

POLICE
Chief of Police Tuliszewski: Police Department has been busy the last couple of weeks. We had up to three health violation call ins, four welfare checks and about 27 calls for service in the last ten days. The year to date statistics indicate we are up by 76 calls from same time last year. It is definitely busier. Getting ready for the 4th of July and do our normal try to educate, try to get voluntary compliance, as a last resort we will issue tickets. Families with fountains that stay on the ground and sparkles, we will let them go for a couple of hours. Anything that leaves the ground into the air we are going to address. Working with the Town Manager recent legislation concerning law enforcement and will have a formalized report. Good time to have a discussion with the impact of the new law. In compliance with the smaller items and will need time for the additional items. It will cost anywhere from $10,000 to $15,000 a year to maintain the new data collection and storage. Will need to equip the police cars to be in compliance. There will be a decrease in street productivity that will go to administrative reporting for officers. We need to present the facts and impacts. If you would like to read, it is SB-20-0217.

PUBLIC WORKS
Frank Case, Public Works Supervisor:

PLANNING

ADMINISTRATION
Mathew Mendisco, Town Manager: Our Community Planning Event went well. A lot of great input from the community. We got a decent turn out for a Friday between 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. It’s not a great time to ask people to come out at the end of the week; it was the only day that really worked. We will have another one the end of July and final one in August and move into Phase 3 of the Comp Plan which is the final drafting. Admin wise ticking up and moving along. Applying for several different grants. Moving forward with the Hayden Center. Audit starts next week; filed an extension so we have until the end of October to file. Mathew out tomorrow until next week. Chief and Mary Alice is around next week. Financials in the packet and things are looking up. Talked to the YVRA Director about sales tax measure that we are still pressing ahead with for the Hayden Center. In the meantime, Amy Williams and Rachel Watters is pressing ahead with community support and is really high and has not changed. If you haven’t taken the online survey, please do so. We have received 130 responses to date. Budget process starting this month, goals and funds associated with that. As I was indicating, the airport director was anticipating a 50% decrease in load factor on their airplanes. Typically, there is a 70%-80% load factor. However,
with the increase of flights that Southwest Airlines will bring in, they actually expect to be on par or slightly below last year. Which would be fantastic since last year was the best year since 2008. They probably are going to be requesting a modification to their liquor license to allow people from the terminal to grab something and go. Staff would support that. Planning Commission next week with several applications; we have never been busier. We will need to certify the ballot in approximately a month. Elections are coming up; three council seats and the mayor seat up for election.

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Councilmember

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. Councilmembers Gann, Hagins, and Wuestewald present. Also present were Town Manager, Mathew Mendisco, Town Clerk, Sharon Johnson, and Police Chief, Greg Tuliszewski.

OPENING PRAYER Mayor Redmond offered the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Redmond led the Pledge of Allegiance.


PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

PROCLAMATIONS/ None.
PRESENTATIONS

CONSENT ITEMS None.

OLD BUSINESS

Subsequent Amendments, and Prior Adopted Personnel Code


Review and Consider Approval of Resolution 2020-11 A Resolution Reactivating the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Hayden and Routt County for the purpose of participating in the Coordinated election to be held November 3, 2020


NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consider Ratification of Cooperative Agreement for Distribution of CARES Act Funds


Review and Accept May 31, 2020 Financial Statements


Review and Discuss Lowering the Excise Tax on Marijuana Cultivation and Extraction

Mathew opened the discussion with an explanation of the excise tax and how it is assessed and collected. Routt County has a 5% excise tax and Routt County only allows cultivation and it must be grown outdoors. Other Routt County municipalities do not have an excise tax. It has merits because the company could go to Steamboat where there is not an excise tax and to remain competitive, staff has been discussing. We have an application for a conditional use permit and they will be doing cultivation and manufacturing. They have a hemp operation currently and is moving it. We believe it has merit to remain competitive. So, we wanted to bring it to you for discussion. You have the ability to raise or lower the tax rate. Councilmember Wuestewald asked about a former discussion they had on they believed it was sales tax in regards to Steamboat Springs. Mathew confirmed yes it was sales tax and Hayden sales tax rate is 4%. If voters approve the Hayden Center sales tax increase. Hayden will have the same sales tax rate as City of Craig 8.9% and .4% higher than Steamboat Springs. Steamboat Springs currently is 8.5% total and Hayden currently is 7.9%. Councilmember wants to make it competitive, for the business, yet what if we don’t gain the growth and we just lowered the excise tax for not. Councilmember
Gann was not in support of lowering the excise tax when we are requesting the town to approve higher tax rate in another area. He finds it contradictory. He had already voted to purchase the school and not in favor of cutting anything in town. Councilmember Hagins acknowledged Councilmember Gann’s point and expressed we should get through the school project and look at the excise tax at that time. Councilmember Hagins believed that 5% was fair. This is not a sales tax, an excise tax and only comes out of business pockets. He suggested we revisit at a later time. Mayor Redmond suggested to start a conversation with those in the industry. Mayor Redmond thinks 5% is reasonable. Mathew stated it would be good to revisit with the entire council is here. Mathew acknowledged Councilmember Gann brought up a good point about the fact that we are asking people to increase to fund and redevelop the school. Is this the time to be lowering something for industry?

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Hagins brought up the fact that we have drinks in front of us unable to easily drink and we know one another and in restaurants you don’t need to wear a mask and you don’t know the people. Mathew acknowledged it was a fair question to ask the County Public Health Commission. Mathew encouraged that the Council read the new Public Health Order. Councilmember Hagins suggested there be better communication to the public to reduce confusion and make non-residents aware of the Public Health Orders and Executive Orders. Councilmember asked if Town of Hayden is moving forward on road repair. Mathew indicated that the chip seal of Harvest will happen and asphalt will come in at that time and road repairs from waterline repair will be completed at that time. Mathew updated them on the waterline we attempted repair in front of the Yampa Valley Airport is not repaired because we estimate that it is over twenty feet deep. We rented equipment from Wagner to repair it and we ran out of boom and reach and we still weren’t there. We had to fill it back in; its isolated right now and the airport has water. This is an old loop to the new loop installed for Seneca Hill off the mainline. We are evaluating what it will take to repair that line. Do we need to repair it? Could we abandon it? It was suggested to abandon it. Mathew expressed we didn’t know if it effects fire flow. We are running our water model now to figure it out. The twenty feet deep is the length of the waterline. It was repaired on the west side, not in the road. If we have other breaks it will be twenty feet deep. It would dig a massive area for a bench to get to the line and then fill it all back in and there are not twenty-foot trench boxes. If we are not going to abandon, have discussion about coming to grade in two places and abandon a section of line and put in a new section at the proper depth. It will be very expensive. For now, the line is isolated and the airport does have a loop system. Moving forward with the Hospital Hill Tank design. We got the grant for half the cost and the mixer will go in this summer. It has been a big item we have been trying to get done for a while. The Water Treatment Plant we are at substantial completion, we have two check valves that are leaking so we are installing new ones and fiber optics line to be installed by the electrician; other than that, we are through the project, we are done. The Water Treatment Plant is working at full tilt. Chip seal on Harvest takes place the first part of August. It has
been difficult to get asphalt companies. We are getting a price for 5th Street and Washington. Looking to repair that section. We are interviewing Public Works Directors, four candidates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Redmond adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Recorded by:

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF July 2020.

J. Timothy Redmond, Mayor

Sharon Johnson, Town Clerk