

Hayden Town Council Regular Meeting March 20, 2025

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Gann called the regular meeting of the Hayden Town Council to order at 6:02 p.m.
Mayor Pro Tem Gann Offered a moment of Silence
Mayor Pro Tem Gann Led the Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmembers Bell, Haight and Hicks were present, Councilmembers Carlson arrived at 6:07 p.m. and Mayor Banks arrived at 6:40 p.m. Councilmember Hayden was absent. Also present were Town Manager Mathew Mendisco, Assistant Town Manager/Community Development Director, Tegan Ebbert; Finance Director Andrea Salazar, Town Clerk, Barbara Binetti; Public Works Director, Bryan Richards; and Chief Scott Scurlock.

Councilmember Reports and Updates

Study Session – Yampa Valley Transit Authority Presentation by Bill Ray

Mr. Ray included the following materials for the Board packet and the presentation:

1. Council/Board form Memo
 - a. RTA formation timeline
 - b. IGA terms chart
2. Template Resolution: Reminder that this is review only and not for action until second public hearing. First Public Hearing will be held during New Business
3. Draft IGA

PowerPoint presentation

Public Comment

Eric Owen, Superintendent of Hayden Schools, 169A S. 4th Street. Mr. Owen wanted to thank the Town of Hayden and share his appreciation to Chief Scurlock for the incident that occurred at the school this week and for their help to make the whole situation run smoothly. Also, he shared that this was the 1st opportunity for the Drama Club to use the Hayden Center stage for an event. He thanked the Hayden Center to allow the High School students to shine!

Proclamations and Presentations Presentation and swearing in of new Officer Bobby Adler by Chief Scurlock

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2025
- b. Approve payments – 3/14/25 in the amount of \$268,633.54

Councilmember Carlson moved and Councilmember Bell seconded. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Items Removed from Consent Agenda There were none

Old Business

- a) Request to Review and Consideration to Approve a Contract with Anson Excavation and Pipe for the Construction of the Northwest Business Park Water Heating and Cooling Schedule 1. Mathew Mendisco gave an overview of the Geothermal Project to the Board to answer concerns and questions that were brought up at the last meeting. Mayor Banks moved and Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- a. Review and Consideration to Approve 1st Reading of Draft RTA IGA – Agenda amended to “Open a Public Hearing to Review and Consider to Approve the 1st Reading of the Draft RTA IGA as the proper legal notices were published with appropriate notice”. The public hearing opened at 7:37 p.m.
Public Hearing Comment
Dallas Robinson, 300 S Spruce Street, and 250 W Lincoln (Business Owner)
Mr. Robinson spoke to the council about how impressed he is with the work on the RTA. During his tenure on the Council, he said how they fought to have a voice on these issues. He understands how big a deal it is to be heard in this conversation. He suggested some sort of circulator that would help to get the people to the business opinion and support of the RTA. The Public Hearing closed and 7:40 p.m.
Mayor Banks moved and Mayor Pro Tem Gann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Review and Consideration to Approve the Hayden Resiliency Project consultant contract with Clarion Associates, LLC. Mayor Banks moved and Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Banks moved and Councilmember Hicks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Pulled Consent Items There were none

Staff and Councilmember Reports and UpdatesHAYDEN CENTER

Sarah Stinson, Director Arts and Events:

Rhonda Sweetser, Director Parks and Recreation:

POLICE

Chief of Police Scurlock:

- Chief Scurlock presented the Broken Windows Theory - The "broken windows" metaphor illustrates this point: if a broken window on a building is left unrepaired, it encourages further vandalism, leading to more broken windows and, eventually, more serious damage or unlawful occupation. Visible signs of crime, antisocial behavior, and civil disorder create an urban environment that encourages further crime and disorder, including serious crimes.
- The PD is seeking guidance on the direction the council wants to take on unpaid traffic and parking tickets. From Jan – Nov of 2024, 13 unpaid traffic tickets totaling \$1,590.00 – Out of roughly 520 tickets written during the same period (2.5%). 56 unpaid parking tickets totaling \$4,745.00 – Out of roughly 270 tickets written during the same period (20.7%)
- For the 3/17/2025 court date, 17 people were supposed to appear; 15 did not. Of the 15, five failed to appear twice.

- Three of these tickets were for speeding in the school zone
 - Two of those were repeat offenders – not seeing a change in behavior, which is our goal
 - Currently, the court will send a letter saying you missed a court date on the first failure to appear and an outstanding judgment warrant to DMV after two failures to appear. After that, nothing is done.
 - Unless it's a court summons, the court does not issue an arrest warrant, though it is possible for the council to ask the judge to do this
 - It's also possible to pass an ordinance to allow the town to send people to a collection's agency
- Councilmember Bell asked if to reach out to Judge Erickson to come speak with the Council about options to take care of these issues.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bryan Richards, Public Works Director:

Two weeks ago, the Council asked to have traffic counts done. There will be one this summer at Shelton Lane. Bryan asked to have CDOT do a study on each end of town. He is waiting to hear if they will do the additional counts. The Vac truck was delivered yesterday. The crews spent a lot of time training. The new truck will make the crews much more efficient. The airport lift station failed. Public Works will be changing both pumps. We published a bid for milling and overlay to the Bridge. Bryan has noticed settling in the trenches from the work that Duckles had done last summer. That will be finished when the weather clears and dries. Bryan had a preconstruction meeting with Duckles on Tuesday. The project will probably be completed in August as they are able to fit in this smaller project in their other projects. Bryan brought up the subject of Morman Crickets and the devastation they have caused in our surrounding communities. He has done research and the Crickets have arrived in California Park in the past. He asked that we reach out to Meeker, Rangely, and Craig to see if they have programs. Barbara said she would reach out to the other communities

PLANNING

Tegan Ebbert, Community Development Director:

Tegan told the Board that the Colorado Housing Authority would be attending eh April 3rd meeting. She also spoke about the Colorado Tourism Program. Mayor Banks asked if there are any other ideas for the old skate board property other than housing. Tegan responded no, that housing was the only direction the Board has given for the property.

ADMINISTRATION

Mathew Mendisco, Town Manager: Mathew reported that the he spoke with CDOT. The sidewalks to the skate park and hopefully on the north side of the highway are in plan as well as a flashing crosswalk. The street improvements to lower the speed limit is tentative with medians and an expanded road way. Mathew told the Council that there will be a meeting may 1st at the Hayden Center from 4-6 p.m. with the PUC. This will be one of 2 public hearing in the area for the Hayden Station. Mathew also informed the Council that the Council Retreat will be held in the 3rd week of July. Also, the CML Conference is the week of June 25th for any councilmember who would like to attend.

Barbara Binetti, Town Clerk Nothing new to report

Andrea Salazar, Finance Director: Nothing new to report

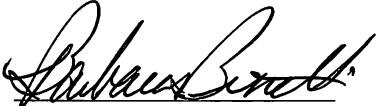
Councilmember Reports and Comments:

Councilmember Haight asked if there is anything in our Town Code about "to go drinks". She said she had not found anything. Tegan said she would bring it back at the next meeting.

Executive session: There was no Executive Session

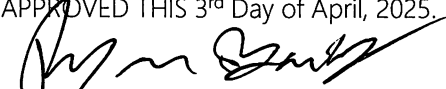
Adjournment: Mayor Banks adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Recorded by:



Barbara Binetti, Town Clerk

APPROVED THIS 3rd Day of April, 2025.



Ryan Banks, Mayor