

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

SPECIAL MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

The special meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilors Alan Lambert, Jonathan Rice, Jen Sanborn, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Keith Lambert.

Councilor A. Lambert moved to excuse Councilors Jay Miller and Jeanette Thompson from attending tonight’s meeting; seconded by Councilor Rice.

Roll Call: Yes – A. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, K. Lambert

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager / Director of Planning; Michael Churchill, Cable 10 Assistant Manager; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; Daryl Meisner, Police Chief; Rusti Pfaffenhauser; Jim Breitbach; and John Stubbart.

CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS PACKAGE PROPOSAL

City Manager John Hier; Jim Breitbach, Vice President – Marketing, Denman Employee Benefits Specialists; and Rusti Pfaffenhauser, Vice President – Operations, Denman Employee Benefits Specialists, presented staff’s recommendation that the City change health insurance carriers to the County Health Pool effective July 1, 2011, in order to improve employee benefits overall and best meet the City’s budget objectives.

Councilor Sanborn moved that the City change health insurance carriers to the County Health Pool (operated by County Technical Services), effective July 1, 2011, with net City costs not to exceed \$1.15 million, that the City implement patient advocacy services for employees at a cost of approximately \$3,500 annually, and that the City implement an employee wellness program at a cost of approximately \$10,000 annually; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert.

Roll Call: Yes – A. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, K. Lambert

CONSIDER SUPPORTING TRANSIT GRANT APPLICATION

Assistant City Manager / Director of Planning Matt Sturgeon reminded Council that the City had conducted an internal bus circulator options study. Federal grant funding for rural transportation authorities is currently available, but once this year’s grant application deadline passes, funding will not be available again until 2014. Council’s consensus was that staff should investigate the feasibility of applying for a grant this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor