

## **RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. \* Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Jay Miller.

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Councilors Alan Lambert, Jonathan Rice, Jen Sanborn, Jeanette Thompson, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Pro Tem Jay Miller.

Councilor Lambert moved to excuse Mayor Keith Lambert from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Hier, City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; Charlie Stevens, Utility Director; Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Rod Hamilton, Public Works Director; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Kris Swanson; Rich Carter; Kevin Kelley, Construction Inspector; Brian Condie; Paul Spencer; Pete Siegmund; Mike Russell; Liv Fawcett; Bill Bailey.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

***MINUTES FROM THE MAY 5, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING; PRAB APPOINTMENTS; SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR LA HACIENDA LLC LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION; CHEERMEISTER MODIFICATION OF PREMISES APPLICATION; IGA MOSQUITO CONTROL; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE***

Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN**

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

### ***HEALTH + WELLNESS CENTER***

#### ***UPDATE***

Kris Swanson, Rich Carter, and Michael Langhorne presented the new schematic design of the Health + Wellness Center. The design includes a multi-level center that includes basketball and racquetball courts, yoga studios, and a coffee shop.

#### ***MOU FOR SITE***

Mr. Langhorne noted this agreement is for the development of the south side of the former Valley Lumber site (presently owned by the City) for the Health + Wellness Center. Mr. Hier noted this is a win-win situation for the Center and the City. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the MOU as amended; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

### ***GARFIELD COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION***

Chief Meisner and Shelly Evans provided an overview of the Community Health Initiatives, which focused on the use of alcohol and drugs by youth. A policy advisory board, made up of key policy makers working in Garfield County, created a strategic plan that focused on social and environmental conditions and community norms. Data on substance abuse, treatment, and prevention were collected over several years, and a subcommittee reviewed treatment gaps and needs. Media campaigns about underage drinking were created. Ms. Evans expressed her gratitude for the community's support for their efforts.

### ***XCEL ENERGY COMMUNITY SOLAR ARRAY PROGRAM (SOLAR GARDENS)***

Mr. Braaten introduced Paul Spencer with the Clean Energy Collective. Through a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Spencer showed how this program seeks to promote community-sized renewable energy facilities owned in a cooperative fashion by customers of utilities. Advantages of the Collective include a 15% savings on premiums and aesthetics of the systems on community owned facilities.

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***IGA WITH GARFIELD COUNTY REGARDING AIRPORT WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES LOOP SYSTEM***

Mr. Neu and Brian Condi, Garfield County Airport Manager, explained that the City currently provides water and sewer service to the Garfield County Airport through several agreements dating between 1992 and 1999. The Airport is an out-of-City customer and the City serves all users on the Airport Property through one master meter. Part of the Airport upgrades occurring right now include upgrading the on-site utilities. Staff began working with the County very early in the planning process to standardize service to the Airport and ensure the water and sewer improvements complied with the City's Public Works Manual. These items are included in the IGA for the Airport Water and Sewer Utilities Loop Upgrade System. County Commissioner Mike Samson was present for this discussion. Councilor Rice moved to approve the IGA and assess in-City water rates for County property; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

Roll Call: Yes – A. Lambert, Rice, Thompson, Winkler, Miller  
No – Sanborn

***IGA WITH GARFIELD COUNTY REGARDING THE AIRPORT RUNWAY IMPROVEMENTS ROAD AND UTILITY RELOCATION***

Mr. Neu noted past discussions regarding the need for an IGA with Garfield County for the improvements being made at the Garfield County Airport. The County is extending the Airport's runway and adding a safety zone which necessitates their relocation of portions of Airport Road, County Road 346 and County Road 319. In addition, the City has water and sewer mains along the road alignment that also need to be relocated. The IGA reads very similar to the City's standard form SIA which allows the City to review and approve the plans and specifications, which it has done since the project is underway. The City will also make construction observation as the project is constructed, which it has been doing to ensure compliance with the approved plans and the City's Public Works Manual. Mr. Condi and Commissioner Samson answered questions from Council. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the IGA; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

***IGA WITH GARFIELD COUNTY REGARDING THE COMPOST FACILITY AT THE ENERGY INNOVATION CENTER***

Mr. Hier noted that Garfield County has expressed support for the City's Energy Innovation Center ("EIC") Concept and staff has been working with the County's administration to receive assistance in developing the EIC Site. Council approved a Lease at its last meeting for Cacaloco to establish a Compost Facility on the EIC Site which requires the development of an access road and utilities to serve the Leased Premises. The County has committed \$200,000 towards those improvements, which are estimated to cost about \$450,000. The IGA sets forth the terms of the County's contribution and the construction of the improvements. Further, the County is purchasing a shear grinder for use at the County Landfill will grind wood products for easier disposal. With the location of the Compost Facility on the City's EIC Site, staff has worked with the County regarding the delivery of the ground wood products to Cacaloco for use as a bulking agent in the composting operation. The County has agreed to work with Cacaloco as long as it makes economic sense. The BOCC approved the IGA at its meeting on Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Winkler moved to approve the IGA; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

***PURCHASE WATER PLANT EQUIPMENT***

Mr. Stevens noted that Reverse Osmosis (RO) equipment from a former Intel Plant in Colorado Springs is available for purchase. He and engineering consultants looked at the equipment during an on-site visit and concluded that it could be used in the future water plant. The equipment is valued at over \$1 million, and the City can purchase it for \$290,000. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the purchase of the Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$290,000; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Miller called for a recess at 9:20 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:25 p.m.

***PUBLIC HEARING: WATERSHED DISTRICT PERMIT NO. 3-10 (UNITED SCOTT GRAVEL PIT)***

Mayor Pro Tem Miller opened the public hearing. This hearing was properly noticed. Present for the Applicant were Mike Russell, attorney, Greg Lewicki, consultant for the Applicant, and Pete Siegmund with United, all of whom were sworn in. The City received an application for a Watershed District Permit from United Companies to operate a gravel mining operation known as the Scott Pit which is located across the Colorado River from the City's raw water intake. The City has been reviewing this Application since 2005 and it has been revised several times to its current iteration being considered now. The Applicant provided an extensive power point presentation detailing the Project and measures to

mitigate the concerns staff has had over the years. Jeff Simonson referenced his review of the revised Application in a letter dated May 11, 2010. A draft permit was included in Council's packet for consideration. Councilor Winkler moved to approve the Permit; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Hier reported on: recent budget cuts; new trail extension; Cacaloco lease; PAC equipment; upcoming Strategic Planning session.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

***KUDOS***

Councilor Rice attended a fantastic choir and band concert at Rifle High School. He noted that the track team is headed for the State meet. Councilor Rice congratulated the students who will be graduating this weekend from high school.

***NATURE AT THE SCOTT PIT SITE***

Councilor Sanborn appreciates the fact that the trees at the site of the Scott Gravel Pit were allowed to remain, and, in fact, were needed for the health of the watershed. Mayor Pro Tem Miller is thankful the eagles relocated their nest.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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Wanda Nelson  
City Clerk

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Jay Miller  
Mayor Pro Tem