

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2010

Rifle City Hall, 202 Railroad Avenue

The special meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilors Alan Lambert, Jay Miller, Jeanette Thompson, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Keith Lambert.

Councilor Lambert moved to excuse Councilors Jonathan Rice and Jen Sanborn from today's meeting; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

ROLL CALL: Yes – A. Lambert, Miller, Thompson, Winkler, K. Lambert

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Scott Becker, Chairman, Visitor Improvement Fund (VIF) Advisory Board; Annick Pruett, Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce; Linda Morcom, Garfield County Fair Board Member; Judy Hewitt, Rifle Rendezvous; Dave Ebeler, Garfield County Fairgrounds Manager.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

REQUEST FROM VIF ADVISORY BOARD TO CONTRIBUTE TO WESTFEST CELEBRATION

At its March 10th, 2010 meeting, the VIF Advisory Board heard a presentation from the promoters of WestFest. These same promoters also attended the joint City Council – Chamber of Commerce workshop later that evening. WestFest is an event by entertainer Michael Martin-Murphey that promotes the western heritage through music, art, food, education, and concerts. These events have been held in various communities across Colorado, and WestFest would like to hold their event at the Garfield County Fairgrounds this year. Promoters of WestFest have been working with the Garfield County Fair Board, and the Garfield County Commissioners have committed \$150,000 to this event. Mr. Becker reported that the VIF Advisory Board approved the expenditure of \$20,000 from the VIF budget, and is requesting that Council authorize this expenditure. Ms. Hewitt asked several questions regarding WestFest, and Ms. Morcom and Mr. Ebeler provided the requested information. Councilor Lambert moved to approve \$20,000 from the VIF budget to bring WestFest to Rifle; seconded by Councilor Miller.

ROLL CALL: Yes – A. Lambert, Miller, Thompson, Winkler, K. Lambert

Ms. Morcom requested the attendance of Council at the upcoming Commissioner's meeting to discuss the Agreement between WestFest and the County. Councilors Lambert and Miller will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Wanda Nelson, City Clerk

Keith Lambert, Mayor