

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Randy Winkler.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilors Barb Clifton, Jay Miller, Dirk Myers, Hans Parkinson, Jonathan Rice, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

Councilor Rice moved to excuse Councilor Rich Carter from tonight’s meeting; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

OTHERS PRESENT: John Dyer, Police Chief/Acting City Manager; Lisa Hamilton, City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Jim Bell, Rifle Community Television Manager; Michael Churchill, Rifle Community Television Assistant Manager; Rick Barth, City Engineer; Kimberly Bullen, Government Affairs Coordinator; Hannah Klausman, City Planner; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Nancy Bayne; Ava Bowles; Raymond Flores; Gil Frontella; Jeff Johnson; Michael Langhorne; Mike McKibbin; and Helen Rogers.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the July 2, 2014 regular meeting
- B. Authorize the submittal of a Department of Local Affairs grant application to conduct a study for a Reverse Osmosis and Granular Activated Carbon Water Treatment Facility - Resolution No. 12, Series of 2014
- C. Support a traditional grant application to Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for the North Waste Impoundment - Drying Bed Facility - Resolution No. 13, Series of 2014
- D. Support a grant application to Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for Railroad Avenue Corridor Improvements - Resolution No. 14, Series of 2014
- E. Adopt Visitor Improvement Fund (VIF) Advisory Board recommendation to fund a grant request for Railroad Avenue Corridor Improvements from VIF reserve funds
- F. Central Business District Zoning Amendments - Ordinance No. 8, Series of 2014 – second reading
- G. Special Event Liquor Permit: BPOE Lodge Rifle Elks Lodge No. 2195 for August 6-9, 2014 (approve permit; cancel public hearing listed in Item 7 below)
- H. Liquor License Renewals: Rocky Mountain Liquors, Walmart #5232
- I. May 2014 Sales Tax Report
- J. May 2014 Financial Report
- K. Accounts Payable

Councilor Rice moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Raymond Flores, owner of Classic Auto Body, reminded Council that in May 2014, he requested that the City enforce regulations in the building and fire codes that apply to auto body shops. He asked about the status of this matter. Planning Director Nathan Lindquist reported that City staff has met with Colorado River Fire Rescue staff to plan inspections of all auto body shops in Rifle.

There were no other citizen comments.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION – RIFLE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR JULY 24, AUGUST 23, AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 5, OCTOBER 3, OCTOBER 4, OCTOBER 9, OCTOBER 10, OCTOBER 31, DECEMBER 5, AND DECEMBER 31, 2014 AT UTE EVENTS CENTER

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Michael Langhorne presented Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation's (RREDC) application for a Special Event Permit to serve liquor at special events at the Ute Events Center at 132 East 4th Street on July 24, August 23, August 30, September 5, October 3, October 4, October 9, October 10, October 31, December 5, and December 31, 2014. City Clerk Lisa Hamilton reported that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. New Ute Theatre Society President Helen Rogers spoke in favor of granting this application.

Councilor Miller moved to approve a Special Event Liquor Permit for Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation to serve liquor at special events at the Ute Events Center at 132 East 4th Street on July 24, August 23, August 30, September 5, October 3, October 4, October 9, October 10, October 31, December 5, 2014 and December 31, 2014; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION – RIFLE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR JULY 25, AUGUST 1, AUGUST 16, AND AUGUST 22, 2014 AT CENTENNIAL PARK

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Mr. Langhorne presented RREDC's application for a Special Event Permit to serve liquor at special events at Centennial Park at 300 West 5th Street on July 25, August 1, August 16, and August 22, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. each day. Ms. Hamilton reported that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid.

Councilor Rice moved to approve a Special Event Liquor Permit for Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation to serve liquor at special events at Centennial Park at 300 West 5th Street on July 25, August 1, August 16, and August 22, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. each day; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER REZONING RIFLE REGIONAL WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY PROPERTY FROM DEVELOPING RESOURCES TO PUBLIC ZONE DISTRICT - MAP AMENDMENT 2014-2 – ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES OF 2014 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REZONING THE RIFLE REGIONAL WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY PROPERTY FROM DEVELOPING RESOURCE (DR) ZONE DISTRICT TO PUBLIC (PZ) ZONE DISTRICT

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Planning Director Nathan Lindquist explained that staff has recommended a new site for the water treatment plant on top of the hill near the City resource pit, rather than at the bottom of the hill adjacent to Highway 6 and 24. The new site will be accessed by a new driveway constructed from "Hospital Hill Road". The site is currently surrounded by vacant property. The property to the north has not been annexed into the City. Residential uses are located approximately 0.25 miles away to the north and the west.

The property is currently zoned Developing Resources (DR), a "holding" zone that does not permit large-scale development. Mr. Lindquist requested that the zoning be changed to Public Zone (PZ). This zone district is meant for public facilities such as water plants. Proposed Ordinance No. 9, Series of 2014 would rezone the Property accordingly, which the Planning Commission recommended at its June meeting. A public hearing is required for rezoning applications and public notice requirements have been met.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 9, Series of 2014, on first reading, as presented, and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER REZONING 2090 WHITERIVER AVENUE FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE DISTRICT - MAP AMENDMENT 2014-1 - ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2014 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REZONING THE A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 2090 WHITERIVER AVENUE FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (LI) ZONE DISTRICT TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) ZONE DISTRICT

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Jeff Johnson explained that Fellowship of the Rockies Church has applied to rezone property it owns at 2090 Whiteriver Avenue from Light Industrial, which does not allow for mobile homes or buildings to be placed on the property as desired by the applicant, to Medium Density Residential Zone District Light Industrial. The applicant proposes to add three temporary mobile classroom units on the property as classrooms. A new expanded building is planned for the property, at which point the mobile units would be discontinued. City Planner Hannah Lindquist reported that the Planning Commission recommended at its June meeting that the City Council rezone the Property, which passage of proposed Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2014 would accomplish. A public hearing is required for rezoning applications and public notice requirements have been met.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2014, on first reading, as presented, and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4-3-130 REGARDING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY - ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2014 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 4-3-130 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR APPROVAL FOR AND DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF RIFLE

Police Chief/Acting City Manager John Dyer explained that proposed Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2014 would amend procedures for the sale of City owned personal property to allow use of modern alternatives that were not available when this section was adopted.

Councilor Rice moved to approve Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2014, on first reading, as presented, and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER ENGINEERING DESIGN COST OF RIFLE REGIONAL WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY

This item was not ready for Council consideration.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR MULTIPLE ASPHALT REPAIRS

City Engineer Rick Barth recommended that Council award a contract for asphalt repairs at multiple areas, including Acacia Avenue, Coal Mine Avenue, Meadow Court, 12th Street, Park Avenue, and behind the Gateway Motel. The lower of the 2 bids that the City received was from Frontier Paving for \$48,100.

Councilor Miller moved to award a contract for asphalt repairs at multiple areas to Frontier Paving in an amount not to exceed \$48,100; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler. Abstaining – Myers.

CONSIDER VEHICLE DONATION TO RIFLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Chief Dyer informed Council that the Rifle Housing Authority has asked if the City has a truck that the Housing Authority can purchase. Staff recommends Council authorize the donation to the Housing Authority of a 1993 Ford Ranger with 114,000 miles and an estimated sale price of \$1,000 - \$1,500. The subject vehicle was replaced by a Ford F150 donated to the City by Garfield County earlier this year.

The Rifle Housing Authority provides a valuable service to Rifle senior citizens, and staff feels it would be appropriate to “pay forward” the generosity demonstrated to the City by Garfield County.

Staff would have been recommending auction of the vehicle later in the fall with proceeds from a sale being placed back into the Fleet Fund. The Fleet Fund currently has a fund balance of \$367,900.

Councilor Miller moved to authorize the donation to the Rifle Housing Authority of a 1993 Ford Ranger; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler. Abstaining – Clifton.

CONSIDER SIGNING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) FOR COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED OIL AND GAS LEASES IN THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

Government Affairs Coordinator Kimberly Bullen explained that the Bureau of Land Management has invited the City to participate as a cooperating agency in the development of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Previously Issued Oil and Gas Leases in the White River National Forest. She recommended that Council approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding related to this matter.

Councilor Rice moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management for Cooperating Agency Status in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Previously Issued Oil and Gas Leases in the White River National Forest; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Dyer reported on the following items: Public Safety Citizens Advisory Board; and shared services with Colorado River Fire Rescue.

Ms. Bullen reported that the City did not receive a Fishing is Fun grant for a new boat ramp on the Colorado River.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Rice recently led 15 Rifle High School students to Washington DC and New York City.

Councilor Miller reported on these issues discussed at the June 2014 meeting of the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado: proposed declaration of Vermillion Basin as a National Monument; the need for communities to be held harmless if federal oil and gas leases are cancelled, with consequent loss of revenues in those communities; Cameo Shooting Sports Center in old Xcel power plant; and Moon Lake Electric plans to replace powerlines in areas south of Grand Junction.

Councilor Clifton congratulated Deputy City Clerk Kristy Christensen on achieving Certified Municipal Clerk status from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Councilor Myers will attend the Club 20 Summer Policy Meeting later this month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Lisa K. Hamilton
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor