

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 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 Rich Carter, Barb Clifton, Jay Miller, Dirk Myers, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Sturgeon, City Manager; Lisa Hamilton, City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Jim Bell, Rifle Community Television Manager; Michael Churchill, Rifle Community Television Assistant Manager; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; Dick Deussen, Utilities Director; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Vaughn Miles, Administrative Sergeant; Jim Miller, Resident Engineer; Ava Bowles; Michael Chaffee; Nancy Genova; Shelley Kaup; Chris Krelovich; Mike Morgan; and Rex Rhule.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the August 6, 2014 regular meeting
- B. Liquor License Renewals: Moose Lodge
- C. Set public hearing on application for liquor license at Ute Events Center at 132 East 4th Street by City of Rifle
- D. Special Event Liquor Permit: Grand River Hospital District Volunteer Association for September 18, 2014 (approve permit; cancel public hearing)
- E. Special Event Liquor Permit: Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce for October 2, 2014 (approve permit; cancel public hearing)
- F. Intergovernmental Agreement with County Clerk for November 2014 Election
- G. Accounts Payable

Councilor Miller moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G; seconded by Councilor Carter. Roll Call: Yes – Myers (abstaining as to Item A), Carter, Clifton, Miller, Winkler

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

RECEIVE UPDATE FROM COLORADO RIVER FIRE RESCUE

Colorado River Fire Rescue (CRFR) Chief Mike Morgan and CRFR Board President Rex Rhule provided an update on CRFR’s activities.

RECEIVE GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY 2015 BUDGET REQUEST

Shelley Kaup, Energy Coach with Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER), and Nancy Genova, Colorado Mountain College Representative to Garfield Clean Energy, presented Garfield Clean Energy’s 2015 budget request.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT TO ARCADIS FOR DESIGN OF RIFLE REGIONAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Utilities Director Dick Deussen and Resident Engineer Jim Miller explained that the first construction package for the new water treatment plant would include mass excavation for a level site, a disinfection contact basin and clearwell sized for storage without granulated activated carbon backwash requirements, a finished water pump station, generator, and recycle basin. They recommended that the City use ARCADIS for design of these items in Package 1. The proposed Master Agreement for Professional Services would require that ARCADIS provide these engineering services on a time and expense basis not to exceed \$729,400.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Master Agreement for Professional Services with ARCADIS, including design of Package 1 on a time and expense basis not to exceed \$729,400; seconded by Councilor Clifton. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported on the 16th Street and Park Avenue projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(B)

Councilor Miller moved to adjourn to executive session to receive legal advice; seconded by Councilor Carter (7:57 p.m.). Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Winkler

Council returned to open session following conclusion of the executive session at 8:15 p.m.

CONSIDER BALLOT QUESTION TAXING RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION – ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2014 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, SUBMITTING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014, THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE CITY OF RIFLE SHOULD IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX OF 5% ON THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF RETAIL MARIJUANA FROM A RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY IN THE CITY

City Attorney Jim Neu explained that proposed Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2014 would submit a ballot question to the Rifle electorate on whether a 5% excise tax should be imposed on the sale or transfer of retail marijuana from a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility in the City. Approval of the ordinance would place the question on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot.

Council discussed expanding the ballot question to include a 5% tax on the retail sale of medical marijuana and recreational marijuana.

Councilor Myers moved to table Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2014, to the September 3, 2014 Council meeting; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Winkler

CONSIDER COUNCIL VACANCY

Hans Parkinson resigned from Council effective August 18, 2014. Council directed staff to advertise for letters from citizens interested in being appointed to this vacancy.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Winkler and Councilors thanked Mr. Parkinson for serving on Council.

Councilor Miller offered to arrange a tour by Council and staff of the Northern Pipeline plant northwest of Rifle.

Councilor Myers attended the Governance and Intergovernmental Cooperation conference.

Mayor Winkler welcomed students back to schools.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Lisa K. Hamilton
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor