

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 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, Joe Elliott, Jay Miller, Dirk Myers, Jonathan Rice, and Mayor Randy 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; Rick Barth, City Engineer; Don Chaney, Cultural and Special Events Coordinator; Dick Deussen, Utilities Director; John Dyer, Police Chief; David James, Fleet Mechanic; Jim Miller, Resident Engineer; Ava Bowles; Raymond Flores; Gil Frontella; Gary Miller; Helen Rogers; Julie Skramstad; and Sam Skramstad.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the September 3, 2014 regular meeting
- B. Special Event Liquor Permit: Grand River Hospital District Volunteer Association for October 11, 2014
- C. July 2014 Sales Tax Report
- D. July 2014 Financial Report
- E. Accounts Payable
- F. Intergovernmental Agreement for Congregate Meal Program

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Raymond Flores, owner of Classic Auto Body, asked about the status of enforcement of air quality regulations related to auto body shops. Council and staff informed Mr. Flores that Colorado River Fire Rescue and the State of Colorado, not the City, are responsible for enforcing the regulations.

Gary Miller asked Council to preserve the mountain bike trail near the new water treatment plant site.

There were no other citizen comments.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER APPLICATION BY CITY OF RIFLE FOR ARTS LIQUOR LICENSE AT UTE EVENTS CENTER AT 132 EAST 4TH STREET

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Cultural and Special Events Coordinator Don Chaney presented the City’s application for an Arts liquor license at the Ute Events Center at 132 East 4th Street. City Clerk Lisa Hamilton stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. Staff’s recommendation was that Council approve the application.

Helen Rogers, President, New Ute Theatre Society, expressed support for the application.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the application of the City of Rifle for an Arts liquor license for premises located at 132 East 4th Street; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER PURCHASING TRAILER FOR EXCAVATOR

Councilor Carter moved to approve the purchase of an equipment trailer from Hanson Equipment in the amount of \$31,607, as recommended by Fleet Manager David James; seconded by Councilor Clifton. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AGREEING THAT A PORTION OF COLORADO HIGHWAY 13 NO LONGER SERVES THE ONGOING PURPOSES OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM PURSUANT TO CRS §43-2-106(1)(A) - RESOLUTION NO. 16, SERIES OF 2014

City Attorney Jim Neu reminded Council that the City had applied to the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the devolution of a portion of Highway 13 that, if accepted, would be conveyed to the City for its ownership, maintenance and control. As part of the devolution process, the City will enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with CDOT that sets forth the terms and conditions of the conveyance of the right-of-way, which will include a payment of \$5.6 million to the City, representing CDOT’s estimated 20-year maintenance budget on this segment. A condition of the IGA prior to the Transportation Commission making its final determination is that the City agree that the highway segment no longer serves the purposes of the state highway system. Resolution No. 16, Series of 2014 would satisfy that requirement.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 16, Series of 2014; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT TO CONSTRUCT RIFLE REGIONAL WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY

Utilities Director Dick Deussen and Resident Engineer Jim Miller informed Council that 7 construction companies demonstrated interest in the City’s Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) approach to building a new water treatment plant. Five qualified companies submitted bids. After comparing availability, resources, common references, local knowledge, experience, fees, approach, and other aspects, staff recommended selecting Moltz Construction, Inc. as the CM/GC, and awarding of the Design Phase Services in an amount not to exceed \$72,398.

Councilor Miller moved to select Moltz Construction, Inc. as the Construction Manager/General Contractor for the Rifle Regional Water Purification Facility, and award the Design Phase Services in an amount not to exceed \$72,398; seconded by Councilor Clifton. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 2 AND 16 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2014 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTERS 2 AND 16 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF CITY EMPLOYEES TO CITY OF RIFLE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Neu explained that proposed Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2014, would restrict the appointment of more than one City employee to any board or commission and prohibit a City employee from being appointed to a board that is directly related to that employee’s position or department.

Councilor Carter moved to approve Ordinance No. 13, 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 – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported to Council on these issues: mosquito control; temporary closure of Raynard Ditch Trail; street projects; budget workshops; and removal of tamarisk and russian olive trees.

Ms. Hamilton updated Council on coordination with the County Clerk of the excise tax ballot issue on the November 4 ballot.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilors welcomed new Councilor Elliott.

Councilors congratulated Ms. Hamilton for acquiring Colorado Election Official Certification.

Councilor Clifton encouraged citizens to attend the Laugh Your Tail Off comedy show on October 11 at Grand River Conference Center.

Councilor Miller: “Go Bears!”

Councilor Elliott urged citizens to apply to serve on the Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Lisa K. Hamilton
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor