

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 2019

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 Barb Clifton.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Councilors Joe Carpenter, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Sean Strode and Mayor Barb Clifton.

Councilor Hamilton moved to excuse Councilor Elliott and Councilor Hostettler from tonight’s meeting; seconded by Councilor Strode.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Strode and Clifton

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Scott Hahn, City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Public Works Director Brian Prunty, Court Clerk Kathy Pototsky, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, employees of the Rifle Police Department, John Pototsky, Miranda Brath, Kelly Freeman, Jenna Allison, Josh Allison, Eldon Freeman, Carl Nesbit, Fred Allison, Julie Allison, Chelsie Swalya, Chloe Ramos, David Gallegos, Liza Gallegos, Daniel Engel, and Jessica Wilson.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were heard from Dave Gallegos concerning his termination of employment with the City.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Consent Agenda – consider approving the following items:

- A. Minutes from the May 15, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor License Renewal for RCG Rifle LLC dba Rib City Grill and Rocky Mountain Liquors, Inc. dba Rocky Mountain Liquors

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B; seconded by Councilor Carpenter.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Strode and Clifton

ADMINISTER OATH TO OFFICE TO JOSH ALLISON

City Clerk Kristy Doll administered the Oath to Office to new police officer Josh Allison.

CONSIDER AMENDING RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES OF 2019 - 2nd READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AND DATE OF THE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND MOVING THE DATE OF THE SECOND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE MONTH OF ANY REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

City Clerk Kristy Doll stated during the 2017 Regular Municipal Election the Rifle voters approved a Charter amendment allowing the City Council to set the date of the City Council Organizational Meeting by Ordinance. The Charter previously specified the Organizational Meeting was to occur on the first Monday following the election which did not conform to new State election requirements. Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2019 sets the date of the Organizational Meeting to the second Monday following the regular municipal election, which will provided the City Clerk the required 10 days to certify the election results. The change in the date of the Organizational Meeting will also make it necessary to change the date of the second regular monthly meeting following a municipal election in September to the fourth Wednesday, so that it occurs after the Organizational Meeting.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2019 on its second reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Strode.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Strode and Clifton

CONSIDER BALLOT QUESTION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING COMMENCEMENT OF CITY COUNCIL TERMS OF OFFICE - ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES OF 2019 – 2nd READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REFERRING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, A QUESTION WHETHER SECTION 3.4 OF THE CITY CHARTER SHALL BE AMENDED TO ACCURATELY REFLECT THE COMMENCEMENT OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS TERMS OF OFFICE AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

City Clerk Kristy Doll explained the Charter Section 3.4 currently states terms of the newly elected Councilmen shall commence on the first Monday following an election which does not conform to State election deadlines in Title 31. During the 2017 Regular Municipal Election, the Rifle voters approved a Charter amendment to Section 3.8 allowing the City Council to set the Organizational Meeting of the Council by Ordinance. To remedy this inconsistency of the Charter Section 3.4 and Section 3.8 and to align with current State election laws, Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2019 places a ballot question on the September 10, 2019 Regular Municipal Election to amend the Charter stating Councilmembers terms of office commence at the Organizational Meeting of the City Council. Since the Organizational meeting can be set by Ordinance, even if state election laws change, the City can easily evolve with those changes.

Councilor Strode moved to approve Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2019 on its second reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Strode and Clifton

CONSIDER BALLOT QUESTION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION - ORDINANCE NO. 6, SERIES OF 2019 - 2nd READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REFERRING TO THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019, A QUESTION WHETHER SECTION 2.3 OF THE CITY CHARTER SHALL BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO THE STATE OF COLORADO COORDINATED ELECTION IN NOVEMBER IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS.

City Clerk Kristy Doll noted the Rifle Home Rule Charter Section 2.3 states the City's Regular Municipal Election shall be held on the second Tuesday of September of each odd numbered year which is unique compared to other Colorado municipalities who hold their elections in April or November. If Rifle moves their Regular Municipal Election to November in odd years, this would allow the City to coordinate with Garfield County that holds elections in November. Coordinating Municipal Election with the County would save the City money and staff resources that are expended to conduct its own election. In addition, the Colorado Secretary of State provides assistance with election calendars, deadlines and forms, and access to SCORE for coordinated elections. Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2019 sets that ballot question for the voters to decide if they want to move the date of the Rifle Regular Municipal Election to the State of Colorado Coordinated Election in November in odd numbered years. If Ordinance No. 6 is passed by the City Council and the Charter amendment approved by the Rifle voter, the terms of the City Councilmembers then sitting shall be extended to the next Regular Municipal Election in November 2021.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2019 on its second reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Green.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Strode and Clifton

**CONSIDER REGULATIONS FOR UNLAWFULLY PARKED VEHICLES –
ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES OF 2019 – 1st READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING CHAPTER 8,
ARTICLE II OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION
OF UNLAWFULLY PARKED VEHICLES.

City Attorney Jim Neu stated amendments to the Rifle Municipal Code for unlawfully parked vehicles are to clarify existing parking ordinances and ensure that parking is available for passenger vehicles. The section Chapter 8, Article II of the Code is currently entitled Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicles, but is being changed to Unlawfully Parked Vehicles. The City currently has a 72-hour limit for parking in the right-of-way and that will remain, but with these amendments the vehicle will need to be utilized for its intended purpose and moved at least 100 feet. Recreation vehicle is being added to the Code since the parking of RVs in the right-of-way is also an enforcement issue. RV parking on all public streets will have a 72 hour limit within a 7-day period of time; therefore, the RV needs to be parked in front of the residence of the owner or consenting resident. Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Ordinance No. 7, Series of 2019 on its first reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Strode. Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Strode and Clifton

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were given by City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Manager Scott Hahn, and Planning Director Nathan Lindquist.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL


Comments were heard from Councilors Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, and Sean Strode.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Kristy Doll
City Clerk





Barbara Clifton
Mayor

