

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

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 Jay Miller.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilors Rich Carter, Alan Lambert, Keith Lambert, Jen Sanborn, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Jay Miller.

Councilor K. Lambert moved to excuse Councilor Jonathan Rice from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager / Director of Planning; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Channel 10 Assistant Manager; Robert Burns, Water Supervisor; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; and Daryl Meisner, Police Chief.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the December 7, 2011 Regular Meeting
- B. Liquor License Renewal: Jon's Liquors
- C. Find the Airport Runway Extension Annexation Petition to be in substantial compliance with state statutes and set a public hearing on said petition – Resolution No. 19, Series of 2011
- D. Accounts Payable
- E. Sale of used aerators; waiver of sealed bid requirement as to specific pieces of Utility Department used equipment
- F. Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with Garfield Clean Energy

Councilor A. Lambert moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, and E; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller

With respect to Item F, the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with Garfield Clean Energy, the signature line for the City of Rifle ought to be corrected to reflect that Jay Miller is Rifle's Mayor. Councilor K. Lambert moved to approve the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with Garfield Clean Energy as amended; seconded by Councilor Carter.

Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

PUBLIC HEARING - RIFLE AIRPARK PRELIMINARY PLAN AND PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing. Staff recommended that Council continue the public hearing to January 18, 2012.

Councilor Sanborn moved to continue the public hearing on the Rifle Airpark Preliminary Plan and Planned Unit Development to January 18, 2012; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert.

Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller

CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER FOR GE/ZENON MEMBRANE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT

City Manager John Hier requested that Council approve a change order to the agreement to purchase low pressure membranes with GE/Zenon, in the amount of \$139,500, for additional services for the reverse osmosis equipment previously purchased and in storage for use at the new Water Treatment Facility. These services need to be performed so the construction contractor can include the work and equipment in his bid.

Council will consider this item after receiving additional information from GE/Zenon and Malcolm Pirnie.

CONSIDER AMENDING UTILITY RATES – ORDINANCE NO. 19, SERIES OF 2011 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING APPENDIX A TO THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER RATES

Council considered proposed Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2011, which would, effective January 1, 2012, increase water user fees by 5 percent. Rates for users outside the City limits would still be 200 percent of in-City rates, and senior citizens would still receive a 20 percent discount. The flat fee for sewer service would increase to \$36.92 per month, with charges for water use in excess of 4,000 gallons per month increasing by 5 percent. Also, the automatic annual rate escalation percentage would increase to 5 percent, from the current 4.6 percent. A resident using 4000 gallons of water per month would see a bill increase of approximately \$5, while a resident using 7000 gallons of water per month would see a bill increase of approximately \$7.

City Attorney Jim Neu recommended that the ordinance be changed as follows: replace “water account” with “unit” and “sewer account” with “unit.”

Councilor A. Lambert moved to approve Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2011, on second reading as amended and to order it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Winkler.

Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier thanked staff for making certain that the Rifle Creek Theatre opened this year. He appreciated staff’s extra efforts during his recent family emergency. He reported to Council on the following issues: winter preparations; year end reports; museum break-in; and water rates.

Police Chief Daryl Meisner reported that, starting December 22, citizens can drop off outdated prescription drugs at the Police Department, which will dispose of them properly.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor K. Lambert expressed hope that the economy would turn around.

Councilor A. Lambert thanked the Brenden Mann Foundation for its generous grants to the community, and he thanked staff for its work in 2011.

Councilor Sanborn requested information prior to Council's upcoming workshop on water issues, namely, the percentage of water used for irrigation and non-household uses, and population projections that were made in 1995, 2000, and 2005.

Mayor Miller shared a letter from Boy Scout Troup #223 thanking the City and Parks Director Tom Whitmore for allowing them to recycle the seats from the New Ute Theatre.

Mayor Miller and Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Jay D. Miller
Mayor