

## **RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. \* Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Councilors Alan Lambert, Jay Miller, Jonathan Rice, Jen Sanborn, Jeanette Thompson, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Keith Lambert.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Hier, City Manager; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager / Director of Planning; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10 Manager; Michael Churchill, Cable 10 Assistant Manager; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Dick Deussen, City Engineer; Daryl Meisner, Police Chief; Donna Gray; Jason Raley; Kathy Trapp; and Marge Gerloff.

### **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- A. Minutes from the February 16, 2011 Regular Meeting
- B. Liquor License Renewal Applications for Kum & Go #921, Kum & Go #4923, and Kum & Go #4924
- C. Accept proposal for professional facilitation services by Suiter & Associates
- D. Amendment to City Manager Employment Contract
- E. Accounts Payable

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

Roll Call: Yes – A. Lambert, Miller, Rice (abstaining as to Item A), Sanborn, Thompson, Winkler, K. Lambert

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN**

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

### **RECEIVE UPDATE FROM WILLIAMS ENERGY**

Donna Gray, Community Affairs Representative, and Jason Raley, Environmental Specialist, Williams Production, informed Council of Williams Production's 2010 achievements and its 2011 plans.

### **UPDATE ON FORMER VALLEY LUMBER SITE REDEVELOPMENT – SEWER MAIN RELOCATION**

Assistant City Manager / Director of Planning Matt Sturgeon reported that staff was moving ahead with relocating the sewer main that currently crosses the former Valley Lumber site.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

City Manager John Hier reported to Council on the following issues: redevelopment of the former Valley Lumber site; Pioneer Mesa Subdivision; all-hands meeting; solid waste collection request for proposals; proposed intergovernmental agreement with Garfield County about use of economic development funds; proposed agreement with New Ute Theatre Society, Inc.; and a recent meeting hosted by U. S. Representative Scott Tipton about oil shale development.

City Clerk Lisa Cain reminded Council of its upcoming workshops with the Downtown Development Authority and the Rifle Fire Protection District.

Mr. Sturgeon announced that, as a result of efforts by Planner Nathan Lindquist, the City will receive a grant in excess of \$800,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and the Department of Local Affairs. The funds will be used for an evaluation of how transit fits into future downtown plans, an assessment of pedestrian walkability, and specific development pro forma work for West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mr. Sturgeon also informed Council that the owners of the Kum & Go store at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Highway 6 would be breaking ground soon to remodel the store. The remodeling project will result in improvements to the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Highway 6.

### **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilor Thompson encouraged the public to attend Symphony in the Valley's Symphony Swing events on March 4 at Grand River Hospital and March 5 at Aspen Glen Club.

Councilor Rice said that Council would receive a report at its March 16 meeting from Rifle High School students who recently visited the State Capitol. He thanked State Senator Jean White and State Representative Randy Baumgardner for meeting with the students during their visit. Councilor Rice also congratulated the undefeated Lady Bears basketball team, who will begin state playoff action at home on March 4.

Councilor Miller noted that when the Gates Foundation recently reviewed the City's financial statements, it remarked that they were the most transparent financial statements they had reviewed in 32 years. Council praised Mr. Hier and Finance Officer Charles Kelty for their achievements in this area.

Councilor A. Lambert wished Mayor Lambert a happy birthday.

Councilor Winkler remarked that he observed Police Chief Daryl Meisner doing a good job of directing traffic around an accident at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Highway 6 early this week.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER CRS 24-6-402(4)(B); FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER CRS SECTION 24-6-402(4)(E); AND FOR DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER UNDER CRS 24-6-402(2)(F) AND NOT INVOLVING: (1) ANY SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE REQUESTED DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER IN OPEN SESSION; (2) ANY MEMBER OF THIS BODY OR ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL; (3) THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY PERSON TO FILL AN OFFICE OF THIS BODY OR OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL; OR (4) PERSONNEL POLICIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS PERSONAL TO PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES***

Councilor A. Lambert moved to adjourn to Executive Session to receive legal advice, discuss negotiations, and discuss personnel matters; seconded by Councilor Miller (7:48 p.m.).

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

Councilor Sanborn moved to adjourn from Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Thompson (8:54 p.m.).

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Lisa H. Cain  
City Clerk

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Keith Lambert  
Mayor