

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 4, 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 Jay Miller, Jonathan Rice, Jen Sanborn, Jeanette Thompson, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Keith Lambert.

Councilor Sanborn moved to excuse Councilor Alan Lambert from attending tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Miller.

Roll Call: Yes – Miller, Rice, Sanborn, Thompson, Winkler, K. 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; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Daryl Meisner, Police Chief; Dick Deussen, City Engineer; Brook Loving; Dave Keithley; Yvonne Gehrett; Joshua Hale; Alice Laird; and Judy Martin.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the April 6, 2011 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes from the April 20, 2011 Regular Meeting
- C. Broker of Record letter appointing Denman Consulting Services, Inc. as City's Employee Benefit Plan Broker/Consultant
- D. Resolution No. 5, Series of 2011, joining County Health Pool
- E. County Health Pool Application for Membership
- F. Agreement with Labyrinth Healthcare Group (Patient Care) for employee health care advocacy services
- G. Liquor License Renewal – La Hacienda
- H. March Sales Tax Report
- I. Accounts Payable

Councilor Miller moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, F, G, H, and I; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

City Manager John Hier explained that Item E, County Health Pool Application for Membership, is part of the packet of documents required for the City to switch to using the County Health Pool to provide employee health benefits.

Councilor Thompson moved to approve Consent Agenda Item E; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT – RIFLE RENDEZVOUS FESTIVAL, INC.

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing and swore in Brook Loving, Dave Keithley, Yvonne Gehrett, and Joshua Hale, who presented the application of Rifle Rendezvous Festival, Inc. for a special event liquor permit to provide liquor service at the Rifle Rendezvous Festival on May 14, 2011 at the Garfield County Fairgrounds. City Clerk Lisa Cain stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid.

Councilor Rice moved to approve the Special Event Liquor Permit Application for Rifle Rendezvous Festival, Inc.; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON 2011 GARFIELD NEW ENERGY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Alice Laird, Executive Director, Garfield Clean Energy (GCE), presented a proposed GCE Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City and Garfield County. She explained that the 2011 IGA is essentially the same as the 2010 IGA approved by the City, with the primary difference being the listing of new funding sources. Garfield County has requested that each GCE partner approve the 2011 IGA and include the amount of funding they are able to contribute toward the general partnership. Government Affairs Coordinator Mike Braaten noted that this is an unbudgeted request, but can be accommodated by shifting funding that was provided in the Government Affairs budget for a part-time grants coordinator. No money has been expended from this \$15,000 line item this year. Staff is recommending a contribution of \$4,500.

Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the 2011 Garfield Clean Energy Intergovernmental Agreement with a funding amount of \$4,500; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – GARFIELD COUNTY SENIOR PROGRAM

Judy Martin, Program Manager - Senior Programs, Garfield County Department of Human Services, presented the proposed 9-Party Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Garfield County Senior Programs for 2011. The MOU calls for the City to contribute \$9,740.48 toward the Congregate Meal Services budget of \$333,704, and \$57,322.46 toward the Transportation Services budget of \$333,622, for a total contribution from the City of \$67,062.94. Ms. Martin noted that Councilor Miller identified a correction that ought to be made to the MOU. The correct statement is that the Cost Methodology for the time period is based on the estimated 2011 budget and the level of services provided to each jurisdiction in Calendar Year 2010.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the 9-Party Memorandum of Understanding for Garfield County Senior Programs from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 as corrected; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mayor Lambert read aloud the Proclamation supporting National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Proclamation of May 15-21, 2011 as National Police Week and May 15, 2011 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

Police Chief Daryl Meisner received the proclamation.

CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

Assistant City Manager / Director of Planning Matt Sturgeon explained that Garfield County has invited municipalities and special districts to participate in its Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning process. The County is asking if these jurisdictions wish to create a Multi-Jurisdictional Plan in an effort to make the entire County eligible for federal hazard mitigation funding opportunities under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. While the request to participate brings no financial obligation, jurisdictions that elect to participate will be expected to engage their staff in the planning process as well as officially adopt their "annex" to the Garfield County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Garfield County has consultants contracted through 2011 that will assist Rifle staff in preparing the City's hazards identification. Staff recommends that Council approve Resolution No. 3, Series of 2011, to show the City's commitment to participate in the Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning process.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution 2011-3, expressing the City's intent to prepare an annex to the Garfield County, Colorado, Multi-Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

CONSIDER GRANTING EASEMENT TO COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

City Engineer Dick Deussen presented the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) request that the City grant easements to CDOT to replace and maintain a drainage structure and culvert across State Highway 6. The easements (a permanent easement and a temporary construction easement) would be on the southeast corner of property north of State Highway 6 that the City purchased for the new water treatment plant. The easements would be outside the area needed for construction of the water treatment facility. Staff's recommendation is that the City accept CDOT's offer of \$1,420 and approve Resolution No. 4, Series of 2011, granting the easements.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution 2011-4, authorizing the transfer of an easement to the Colorado Department of Transportation for the purpose of constructing drainage improvements at or near Highway 6 Mile Marker 93.3, and accept CDOT's offer of \$1,420; seconded by Councilor Winkler.

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

CONSIDER RE-APPOINTING PHILIP ANTES TO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Ms. Cain informed Council that Philip Antes had submitted a request that he be considered for re-appointment to the Rifle Housing Authority Board. The subject seat's term runs through April 30, 2016.

Councilor Miller moved to re-appoint Philip Antes to the Rifle Housing Authority Board through April 30, 2016; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ENERGY INNOVATION CENTER SITE/VALLEY LUMBER PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT

Mr. Hier reminded Council that in 2010 Garfield County assisted the City with plans to develop and attract businesses to the former UMTRA site (now known as the Energy Innovation Center site). The preliminary work was completed and presently a new business, Cacaloco, is locating on the site. The County included \$500,000 of the original commitment within its 2011 budget to partner with the City in additional economic development efforts on the site. The City has requested that Garfield County consider amending its agreement with the City concerning the former UMTRA site, to permit the committed funds to be used on either the UMTRA site or the Valley Lumber Property Redevelopment site (now known as the Rifle Creek Plaza site), where Brenden Theaters is developing a 7-plex movie theater. Staff recommends that Council approve the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Economic Development – Energy Innovation Center Site/Valley Lumber Property Redevelopment.

Councilor Thompson moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Economic Development – Energy Innovation Center Site/Valley Lumber Property Redevelopment; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported to Council on the following issues: street work, utility issues, employee health insurance, The Rock Gym, Parks Department activities, presentations to citizens on the City’s water treatment plants, and repair of the Rifle Creek trail in the vicinity of City Market.

Ms. Cain discussed these items with Council: September 2011 municipal election; Council/Parks and Recreation Advisory Board workshop; and Senior Advisory Board alternate representative.

Mr. Sturgeon reminded the community of this month’s Spring Cleanup.

Mr. Braaten reported to Council on the following issues: oil shale scoping; Anvil Points cleanup funds; and residential irrigation audit/retrofit program

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Thompson announced the upcoming ArtillumA Dance Expos and Symphony in the Valley’s Mother’s Day Concerts.

Councilor Sanborn encouraged residents to participate in Spring Cleanup.

Mayor Lambert commended participants’ efforts in the Downtown Cleanup last Saturday. He also expressed appreciation to the City Council and City staff for their great working relationships and their desire to make Rifle a better place.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor