

## **RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. \* Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

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

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

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

**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; Dick Deussen, City Engineer; Daryl Meisner, Police Chief; and Jim Gerloff.

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

- A. Minutes from the July 6, 2011 Regular Meeting
- B. Liquor License Renewal: Fiesta Guadalajara
- C. Set public hearing for Monique Krelovich d/b/a X Point liquor license application
- D. Award contract to purchase backhoe/dump body
- E. Visitor Improvements Fund Advisory Board Recommendation for Expenditure
- F. Accounts Payable

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

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

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

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

### ***PROCLAMATION - COLORADO MASONIC MONTH – AUGUST 2011***

Mayor Lambert read aloud and presented to Jim Gerloff, Rifle Masonic Lodge Past Grand Master, a Proclamation that August 2011 would be "Colorado Masonic Month," in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of the Masonic Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Colorado. Mr. Gerloff invited the public to the Lodge's ice cream social on August 2 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate this anniversary.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the proclamation; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

***PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES OF 2011 (FIRST READING): REQUIRE FILLING STATION (A/K/A GAS STATION) SITES BEING DISCONTINUED TO REMOVE ALL EQUIPMENT RELATED TO ITS OPERATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CANOPIES, PUMPS, TANKS, AND SIGNAGE***

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 16-3-105 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ABANDONED FILLING (GAS) STATIONS**

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Director of Planning Matt Sturgeon informed Council that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that Council approve proposed Ordinance No. 9, Series of 2011, which would amend Section 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to require the removal of filling station (a/k/a gas station) infrastructure and certain building materials upon closure of a facility. The purpose of the amendment is to avoid abandoned gas stations within the City of Rifle.

Councilor Rice moved to approve Ordinance No. 9, Series of 2011, on first reading as amended and to order it to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

***PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2011 (FIRST READING): AMEND LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES ON AIRPORT ROAD***

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 16-13-100 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES AND SECTION 16-13-170 AND APPENDIX C REGARDING ASPEN TREES**

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Mr. Sturgeon explained that proposed Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2011, would increase the requirement for screening along Airport Road while decreasing landscaping requirements for properties that are adjacent to streets that do not receive through traffic (such as Buckhorn Drive and Blacktail Drive). In addition, for all land uses in Rifle, aspen trees would be permitted but would not count towards required tree numbers. The intent is to provide trees that at maturity create large, shaded canopies. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that Council approve this ordinance.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2011, on first reading as presented and to order it to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

***CONSIDER APPOINTING MEMBERS OF VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS FUND ADVISORY BOARD***

City Manager John Hier reported that this item was not ready for Council consideration at this time.

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

***CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR 2011 STREET IMPROVEMENTS***

City Engineer Dick Deussen recommended that Council award a construction contract for the 2011 Street Improvements in the amount of \$484,105.55 to Frontier Paving Inc. Funds for this work are included in the 2011 Street Improvement Fund Budget. The work involves the reconstruction of 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Railroad and East Avenues allowing two way traffic and parallel parking on both sides of the street; 7<sup>th</sup> Street overlay between

Whiteriver and Birch Avenues; Aspen Avenue overlay between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets; and Whiteriver Avenue repair between 1<sup>st</sup> Street and the alley north of 1<sup>st</sup> Street. All street work includes reconstruction of curbs and gutters at various locations and new handicap ramps at all corners. Included in the work for 7<sup>th</sup> Street are drainage improvements between Aspen and Birch Avenue to avoid water damage to the street and concrete in the surrounding area.

Councilor Winkler moved to award a construction contract for the 2011 Street Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$484,105.55 to Frontier Paving Inc.; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

City Manager John Hier reported to Council on the following issues: preparation for mid-year financial review; Senior Center's recognition of public employees; Centennial Park flooding; Fourth of July celebration; Utility Director recruitment; startup of Cacaloco composting business; invitation to Council Candidates; utility issues; code enforcement; privatization of solid waste and recycling; Hyland Trucking; and natural gas conversion vehicles.

Mr. Sturgeon updated Council on Rifle Creek Plaza construction.

Police Chief Daryl Meisner reported to Council on the Police Department's community outreach programs and service calls.

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

Councilor Winkler was pleased that the Cacaloco composting business had begun. He also thanked Mr. Gerloff for his contributions to the community.

Councilor Miller thanked Senior Center Director Marie George for the Senior Center's recognition of public employees on July 19 and for all that Ms. George does for Rifle seniors.

Councilor Rice enjoyed a recent school trip to New York City and Washington DC. He enjoyed even more returning to Rifle and appreciates the opportunity to serve in local government.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS 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 Rice moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters; seconded by Councilor Thompson (7:54 p.m.).

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

Councilor Rice moved to adjourn from Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Thompson (8:15 p.m.).

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Lisa H. Cain  
City Clerk

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Keith Lambert  
Mayor