

**RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

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 Rice.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Hier, City Manager; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10 Manager; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; Charlie Stevens, Utilities Director; Daryl Meisner, Police Chief; Mike Vander Pol; Linda Hunter.

**CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:** Minutes from the November 17, 2010 Regular Meeting; Liquor License Renewals – Shale Country Liquors; Kum & Go #922; City Strategic Plan; Copier Leases; October Sales Tax Report; Accounts Payable

Councilor Thompson moved to approve Minutes from the November 17, 2010 Regular Meeting, City Strategic Plan, Copier Leases, October Sales Tax Report, and Accounts Payable; seconded by Councilor Miller.

Roll Call: Yes – Miller, Rice, Sanborn (abstaining as to Minutes from the November 17, 2010 Regular Meeting), Thompson, Winkler, K. Lambert

As to the Liquor License Renewals for Shale Country Liquors and Kum & Go #922, these businesses failed Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division (“Division”) compliance checks in October 2010. The Division is currently taking action against these licensees and 7 other licensees that also failed compliance checks. City Clerk Lisa Cain’s recommendation was that Council wait to consider taking action against Shale Country Liquors and Kum & Go #922 until after disposition of the Division’s actions has occurred. This will allow the City to gain additional information from the State’s action and benefit from any stipulated facts in those proceedings. Mr. Mike Vander Pol was present on behalf of Shale Country Liquors and reported that its hearing before the Division was scheduled for December 13, 2010. Staff will update Council on all of the failed state compliance checks as they become resolved.

Councilor Rice moved to approve the Liquor License Renewals for Shale Country Liquors and Kum & Go #922; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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.

**CONSIDER ADOPTING POLICE DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Mayor Lambert reported that this item was not ready for Council consideration at this time.

**PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET**

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. This was the second public hearing on the proposed 2011 budget. City Manager John Hier and Finance Director Charles Kelty provided an overview of the proposed 2011 budget. The following funds were discussed: Parks and Recreation, Water, Wastewater, Sanitation, Fleet, and Information Technology.

**RESOLUTION 26-10: ADOPTING THE 2011 BUDGET**

This resolution adopts the 2011 Budget.

**ORDINANCE 17-10: ANNUAL APPROPRIATION**

This ordinance provides for the annual appropriation.

**RESOLUTION 27-10: MILL LEVY CERTIFICATION**

This resolution certifies the mill levy.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution 26-10, approve Ordinance 17-10 as presented and order it to be published in full as required by Charter, and approve Resolution 27-10; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Hier thanked Council and staff for its work to create the 2011 budget. He reported on holiday activities, Public Works projects, staff preparation of year-end reports (including 2011 goals), and code enforcement actions. He noted that Government Affairs Coordinator Mike Braaten and Parks Director Tom Whitmore were completing an application for a grant to fund asbestos removal at the Ute Theater.

Utilities Director Charlie Stevens informed Council that on March 3, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the City of Rifle, Colorado Mountain College, and Colorado State University will host an educational symposium on the biomass project that they are developing together. He encouraged Councilors to attend this program. He also reported that today the City submitted an application for a \$10,000 grant from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to perform engineering work related to water distribution system improvements.

Police Chief Daryl Meisner reported that the suspect in the October 22 shooting will be moving from St. Mary's Hospital on Monday. This will end the City's obligation to provide security for the suspect.

Mr. Kelty informed Council that an ordinance to approve a supplemental appropriation for the 2010 budget would be on its December 15 agenda.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilor Winkler encouraged Recreation Director Aleks Briedis to continue applying for grants.

Councilor Sanborn reminded citizens of the Holly Days festivities that will take place on December 11.

Councilor Miller thanked Mr. Hier and staff, especially Mr. Kelty, for their hard work in preparing the 2011 budget.

Councilor Rice thanked staff for organizing the December 3 holiday party.

Mayor Lambert reported that he and other Councilors attended the National League of Cities conference last week. Key sessions that he attended, and his primary reaction to each such session, were:

- How to Inject Innovation into Local Government (the City of Rifle already is doing so many things correctly in this respect)
- Home Fire Sprinklers (the 2009 Building Code addresses them; Council and staff ought to examine how home fire sprinklers reduce the requirements for fire safety in other building components)
- Financing Solar Energy Projects (the City of Rifle is much further ahead of what was presented at this session)
- Shopping for Retail (Council has a great deal of homework to do to attract new businesses to Rifle)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

---

Lisa H. Cain  
City Clerk

---

Keith Lambert  
Mayor