

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 17, 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, Jeanette Thompson, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Keith Lambert.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Karl Hanlon, City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10 Manager; Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Charlie Stevens, Utilities Director; Dick Deussen, City Engineer; Daryl Meisner, Police Chief; Amelia Shelley; Brian Condie; Manual Gonzalez; Miguel Guardado; Braeden Paskett; Trenton Condie; Austin Kennedy; Baylen Berrett; Teyo Bennett.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: Minutes from the November 3, 2010 Regular Meeting; Liquor License Renewal – Jon's Liquors; Reimbursement Services Agreement with AFLAC; Security Agreement related to October 22 shooting incident; Funding Request for Rifle Holly Days Celebration; Accounts Payable

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Ms. Amelia Shelley, Executive Director, Garfield County Libraries, invited the community to attend the grand opening of the expanded Rifle Branch Library on November 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She thanked Council and staff for its support in facilitating the expansion.

Mr. Austin Kennedy spoke on behalf of members of Boy Scout Troop 232, who were observing the meeting to earn their Community Badges.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR GENERATOR PROJECT

Parks Director Tom Whitmore reported that this item was not ready for Council consideration at this time.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR IRRIGATION CENTRAL CONTROL

Mr. Whitmore informed Council that Parks, Cemetery, and Grounds and Facilities departments' responsibilities have grown over the past several years. Staff continues to work toward becoming more efficient through coordination, mechanization, and labor saving technology whenever possible.

Recently staff realized an opportunity to facilitate the purchase of a central irrigation control system. A centralized system would allow for a central point of management and control of the City's irrigation systems. This would include all parks, the cemetery, Justice Center, Library and Civic Plaza, as well as the Rifle Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. In addition to central control capabilities, the system would allow staff to manage irrigation with evapo-transpiration (ET) monitoring equipment. Plant watering would be based on plant needs. This adjustment would be made daily, compared to approximately 6 seasonal adjustments made manually throughout the irrigation season.

Though staff will still be doing irrigation maintenance at numerous sites, the system will reduce trips and vehicle miles traveled to each of the 24 irrigation sites and will help eliminate programming errors.

The Central Irrigation Control Project is categorized as a "Capital Equipment" and requires a competitive bid. This item was advertised locally and two area wholesale/retail companies submitted bids:

Grand Junction Pipe, Carbondale:	\$47,589.21
Ewing Irrigation Products, Grand Junction	\$45,387.04

Staff requests approval of the bid and authorization of equipment purchase from Ewing Irrigation and also authorization of an owner contingency of \$6,800.00 (approximately 15%) for a total project not to exceed \$52,187.04.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the bid and authorize the purchase of equipment from Ewing Irrigation, with an owner's contingency of \$6,800, for a total project not to exceed \$52,187.04; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. City Manager John Hier provided an overview of the proposed 2011 budget. The following funds were discussed: General Fund, Street Improvement Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, Economic Development Fund, Visitor Improvement Fund, Downtown Development Authority Fund, Capital Fund, Rifle Information Center Fund, Urban Renewal Authority Fund, and Energy Efficiency Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on the following matters: 2011 budget, privatizing solid waste collection services, Christmas lights, Ute Theater asbestos removal, wastewater lagoon sludge removal, and employee Christmas party. He thanked Public Works Director Rod Hamilton, who resigned to accept a position with another local government, for his service to the community.

Assistant City Manager Matt Sturgeon remarked that the new library will be a great asset to downtown and is a fine example of the power of collective efforts by two entities.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Thompson announced that Symphony in the Valley's Hollywood Holiday concert would take place December 3 in Glenwood Springs and December 5 in Aspen (see www.sitv.org for details).

Mayor Lambert noted that the owner of Graphix Done Right had written a letter to the City commending Recreation Director Aleks Briedis for his assistance with recent projects requiring City information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (1) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER COLORADO REVISED STATUTES SECTION 24-6-402(4)(E); (2) TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF REAL, PERSONAL, OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(A); AND (3) FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(B)

Councilor Miller moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss negotiations, discuss property interests, and receive legal advice; seconded by Councilor Rice (8:12 p.m.).

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

Councilor Miller moved to adjourn from Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Rice (9:20 p.m.).

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor