

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 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 Alan Lambert, Jay Miller, Jen Sanborn, Jeanette Thompson, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Keith Lambert.

Councilor A. Lambert moved to excuse Councilor Jonathan Rice from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Charlie Stevens, Utilities Director; Dick Deussen, City Engineer; Daryl Meisner, Police Chief; Kevin Kelley, Construction Inspector; Dave Gallegos, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator; Devin Jameson, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator; Trish Manuppella, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator; William Jones, Police Detective; Dewey Ryan, Police Officer; William VanTeylingen, Police Officer; Vaughn Miles, Police Sergeant; Mike Kuper, Police Officer; John Miller, Police Detective; Chad Paulson; Brandyn Bair; Blaine Wright; Martin Beeson; Angela Beeson, Zeke Beeson, Eli Beeson; Ezra Beeson; Jeff Cheney; JB VanTeylingen; Patricia VanTeylingen; Cindi Ryan; John Gardner; Kirk Swallow.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: Minutes from the October 6, 2010 Regular Meeting; Liquor License Renewal for Creekbend Coffee Inc.; Accounts Payable

Councilor A. Lambert moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

REVIEW MCGRAW-HILL BEST OF 2010 CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

The City Council congratulated City staff, Stanek Constructors Inc., and Schmueser Gordon Meyer, Inc. on receiving McGraw-Hill's Gold Hard Hat Award recognizing the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility as the Outstanding Civil/Public Works Project of 2010.

COMMENDATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Chief Meisner presented commendations to Police Lieutenant J.R. Boulton, Jr., Police Detective William Jones, and Police Officers Dewey Ryan and William VanTeylingen for their response to and investigation of the December 15, 2008 homicide.

ACKNOWLEDGE PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S SERVICE

The City Council presented a plaque to Gary Osier, who retired from the Planning and Zoning Commission following 9 years of service on the Commission.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

ANNOUNCE WATER MAIN REPAIR

Utilities Director Charlie Stevens announced that the repair of a large water main would take place on October 24 starting at 9:00 p.m. The complex repair will probably require 6 to 8 hours to complete. Mr. Stevens requested that all water customers turn off irrigation systems and limit other water needs after 9:00 p.m. on October 24. He expected service to be restored by 8:00 a.m. on October 25.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES

City Manager John Hier explained that in June 2010, the City requested attorneys to submit proposals to provide prosecutorial services to the City. After receiving 5 proposals, the City interviewed 2 finalists. Ms. Angela Roff is willing to provide such services on terms that are acceptable to the City.

Councilor Sanborn moved to appoint Angela Roff to serve as City Prosecutor effective January 1, 2011; seconded by Councilor Winkler.

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

CONSIDER ROCKY MOUNTAIN ALTERNATIVE FUELING LLC REQUEST TO WAIVE USE TAX FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS RETAIL PUMP AND COMPRESSOR IMPROVEMENTS

Kirk Swallow, Owner, Rocky Mountain Alternative Fueling LLC (RMAF), and Assistant City Manager Matt Sturgeon explained that RMAF plans to construct a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) pump at the Shell filling station on Railroad Avenue. RMAF is requesting the City waive the \$14,140 in use tax associated with the project. The total cost of the CNG infrastructure will be approximately \$900,000, of which \$675,000 would be funded by a Governor's Energy Office grant.

The City's Business Incentive Policies do allow the Council to consider waiving or rebating fees to "support businesses which offer unique goods and services not presently available in the community." This will be the first retail CNG pump infrastructure on the West Slope. Determining whether to grant the full or a partial amount of the requested use tax waiver is a policy question. Each incentive request entertained by the City is unique, and there is no established precedent set by Council regarding an appropriate amount to waive.

Council weighed waiving use tax during the current recession against providing an incentive to a unique business.

Councilor A. Lambert moved to waive \$7,070 in use tax for Rocky Mountain Alternative Fueling LLC's Compressed Natural Gas retail pump and compressor improvements; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported that staff was continuing to draft the 2011 budget, which Council would discuss in a workshop following tonight's regular meeting.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Sanborn reported that on October 15, she and Councilors Miller, Rice, and Thompson went on a tour of the Piceance Basin and the Roan Plateau led by wildlife biologists from the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the Colorado Wildlife Federation, and the National Wildlife Federation. The focus of the tour was declining mule deer and sage grouse populations. The sage grouse is a candidate for listing on the federal

endangered species list. If mule deer numbers continue to decline, this could have an effect on Rifle's economy, which relies in part on hunting.

Councilor A. Lambert announced that Symphony in the Valley would perform at Rifle High School on October 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilor Miller announced that the Garfield County Regional Airport open house would take place on October 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mayor Lambert announced that on October 23, from 9 a.m. until noon, Grand River Hospital District's Medical Records Department would host a free Community Shredding Day to help local businesses and individuals dispose of unwanted paperwork.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor