

**RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, July 21, 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 Lambert moved to excuse Councilor Jonathan Rice from tonight’s meeting; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Hier, City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Daryl Meisner, Chief of Police; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Charlie Stevens, Utility Director; Rod Hamilton, Public Works Director; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; Michael Langhorne; Nancy Bayne; Henry Huffman; John Elmore.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***MINUTES FROM THE JULY 7, 2010 REGULAR MEETING; LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS; AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DNR WATER CONSERVATION GRANT REQUEST; RESOLUTION 13-10: SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE FOR RRWPF; RESOLUTION 14-10: SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE FOR WTP; RESOLUTION 15-10: SUPPORTING GOCO GRANT APPLICATION FOR RIFLE CREEK TRAIL; RESOLUTION 16-10: SUPPORTING GOCO GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEERFIELD PARK; LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GNECI PERFORMANCE CONTRACT; MAY FINANCIAL REPORT; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE***

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

Roll Call: Yes – A. Lambert, Miller, 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 LICENSE APPLICATION ELKS LODGE***

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. The Applicants Nancy Bayne and Henry Huffman were sworn in and reviewed the Elk’s Application for a beer garden during Westfest on August 13 – 15, 2010. There will be two points of sale with additional security provided. Mr. Huffman stated that licensed servers will be present at all times. Ms. Nelson stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. Councilor Miller moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

***INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE RIFLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE VALLEY LUMBER PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT***

Michael Langhorne noted that the City received a grant from DOLA for \$25,000 to prepare development plans for the Valley Lumber site. This grant was received in partnership with the Rifle Economic Development Corporation (REDC). The scope of the work is intended to include preparation of grading and drainage plan, floodplain evaluation, shallow and deep utility plans, and a street and/or parking lot plan. The City and the REDC will equally provide the grant match of \$25,000, so each party is contributing \$12,500 to the Project. The REDC would like to manage the Project and enter into an Agreement with the City regarding each party's roles. Councilor Miller moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with DOLA, and approve the Agreement with the REDC with flexibility to allow staff to amend the payment draws if REDC elects not to front all of the money for the Project; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

***SECOND AMENDMENT TO RIFLE HEIGHTS SIA***

Applicant John Elmore described his request for a one year extension on paying his pre-payment of tap fees for his project on Whiteriver Avenue and for the Whiteriver Avenue Costs that are currently due August 2010. Mr. Neu noted that this development is the only one that is under the obligation of pre-payment of tap fees, and Council may wish to release the Developer of this obligation. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Second Amendment to the SIA releasing the developer from the pre-payment of tap fees obligation and extending the due date for the Whiteriver Avenue Costs until August 2011; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

***RESOLUTION 12-10: OPPOSING BALLOT INITIATIVES***

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO OPPOSING PROPOSITION 101 AND AMENDMENTS 60 AND 61 ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 COLORADO STATEWIDE BALLOT.**

Mr. Braaten stated that, at the previous Council meeting, staff was directed to bring a resolution forward for Council's consideration that opposed three ballot measures on the November 2010 Ballot. These measures, if they were approved by the voters, would result in a one-million dollar reduction to the City's revenues. Additionally, the City would be unable to borrow more than fifteen million dollars, a figure much lower than the City currently has outstanding making it impossible to borrow funds for the construction of a new water plant or any other capital project. The Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce and Grand River Hospital District are opposing these propositions, as are most local governments in the state. Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution 12-10; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

***SUPPORTING DOLA APPLICATION FOR WATER PLANT DESIGN***

Mr. Braaten noted this request is for the approval by Council to submit to DOLA an Energy Impact Grant request for a project totaling \$1.1 million. The grant request is for the continuation of the Rifle Water Treatment Plant Design, with DOLA providing \$750,000, and the City providing \$350,000. If funded, this request will substantially complete WTP design work. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Hier reported on: Action Steps for the Strategic Plan; customer service satisfaction survey; severance tax payment in August; DOLA grant presentation; 2011 budget preparation; 2009 Audit; capital expenditures. Ms. Nelson requested direction on the VIF Advisory Board appointments. Council will discuss them during the August 4<sup>th</sup> workshop. Mr. Sturgeon discussed downtown zoning, the preliminary plan for Rifle Airpark, a downtown redevelopment conference, and a HUD grant. Mr. Stevens reported on the PAC system at the WTP, the Barrett watershed permit, and upcoming changes in wastewater regulations. Mr. Neu commented on the Beaver Creek Road dedication. Chief Meisner invited everyone to participate in Rifle Night Out on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

### ***SEVERANCE TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING***

Mayor Lambert recently attended a meeting of the Severance Tax Oversight Committee. Mayor Lambert has been sitting on this committee for years.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***EXECUTIVE SESSION: FOR DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER UNDER CRS 24-6-402(2)(F) AND NOT INVOLVING ANY SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE REQUESTED DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER IN OPEN SESSION; ANY MEMBER OF THIS BODY OR ANY ELECTED OFFICIAL; THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY PERSON TO FILL AN OFFICE OF THIS BODY OR OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL; OR PERSONNEL POLICIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS PERSONAL TO PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES***

Councilor Miller moved to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel Matters; seconded by Councilor Lambert (8:36 p.m.).

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

Councilor Lambert moved to adjourn from Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Thompson (8:55 p.m.).

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Wanda Nelson  
City Clerk

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Keith Lambert  
Mayor