

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Charlie Stevens, Utility Director; Rod Hamilton, Public Works Director; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Patty Lambert; Lynne Miller; Nancy Bayne; Julie Wernsman.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 16, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING; MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 23, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING; THAI CHILI CORPORATE REPORT OF CHANGES; LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS; MAY SALES TAX REPORT; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilor Miller excused himself from voting on the June 16 minutes. Councilor Thompson excused herself from voting on the June 16 and June 23 minutes. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Annick Pruett thanked the community for the July 4th fireworks show. Mayor Lambert thanked Ms. Pruett and the other community members for helping with the fundraising efforts.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Tim Mayberry with Johnson, Holscher, and Company, P.C. audited the City’s financial statements earlier this year. Mr. Mayberry provided an overview of their findings. Mayor Lambert pointed out the Audit was reviewed during the workshop and many questions were answered at that time. Councilor Miller moved to approve the Audit; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION GRHD VIP CELEBRATION

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. The Applicants Patty Lambert and Lynne Miller were sworn in and reviewed GRHD’s request. GHRD will be hosting a VIP party for WestFest at the hospital on August 12, 2010. Ms. Nelson stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. Councilor Thompson moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION GRHD GRAND WINE AFFAIR

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. The Applicants Patty Lambert and Lynne Miller were sworn in and reviewed GRHD's request. GHRD will be hosting a Grand Wine Affair at the hospital on September 9, 2010 to benefit the Grand River Volunteer Association. Ms. Nelson stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. Councilor Rice moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION ELKS LODGE

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. The Applicant Nancy Bayne was sworn in and reviewed the Elk's Application for a beer garden during the County Fair on August 5 – 7, 2010. Ms. Nelson stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION RIFLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. The Applicants Annick Pruett and Julie Wernsman were sworn in and reviewed the Chamber's Application for a wine tasting at the Fairgrounds on August 6, 2010. Ms. Nelson stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. Councilor Thompson moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 10-10: PURCHASING CODE AMENDMENTS FOR LOCAL PREFERENCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE CITY OF RIFLE PURCHASING POLICY

Mr. Hier explained that the City awards preference to local contractors bidding on City projects as part of the City's purchasing policy at Chapter 4, Article III of the Rifle Municipal Code. Ordinance 10-10 amends and clarifies these policies. Since first reading, staff has further refined the text of the Ordinance to better reflect the City's goals for local preference. Councilor Rice moved to approve Ordinance 10-10 on second as amended and ordered it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

AWARD ENERGY INNOVATION CENTER DEVELOPMENT – PHASE I

Mr. reported that six bids were submitted for this project. The engineer's estimate, including engineering, material testing, geotechnical work, and power, was \$350,000. The lowest bidder, Johnson Construction, came in at \$243,640.75. Garfield County has agreed to pay for 50% of this work (\$121,820.38). Alternate A includes the paving around the buildings and structures at the RRWRF for a cost of \$76,975. Councilor Miller moved to

award the contract to Johnson Construction, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$320,615.75; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

CONSIDERATION OF SERVICE BAY ADDITION TO PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE CENTER

The Utility Department recently purchased a substantial quantity of reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment equipment. Mr. Hamilton noted this equipment is temporary being stored in an empty building on West 2nd Street at a monthly rental rate of \$950. The potential time frame to store the equipment could be three to four years, depending on completing construction of a new water purification facility. Consideration has been given to the possibility of constructing a new service bay at the Public Works Service Center to store the equipment. Mr. Hier reported that an additional bay would cost approximately \$130,000. Staff was directed to return at a future meeting with firm costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: fireworks; summer maintenance issues; DOLA funding; draft Strategic Plan; Boat Ramp; NUTS management of theatre; water rates; new parking garage; Westfest event; personnel updates. Ms. Nelson stated there will be a workshop on July 14th to discuss the Proposals received for Prosecutorial Services. Council would also like to take a tour of the RO equipment that night. Mr. Sturgeon described a recent DOLA grant. Mr. Braaten reviewed the upcoming Ballot Initiatives and was directed to return at a future meeting with a resolution stating Council’s opposition to the Initiatives.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROARING FORK LEADERSHIP

Councilor Sanborn has been invited to become a Board Member for Roaring Fork Leadership.

RIFLE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Council thanked everyone involved in make the fireworks display a success.

CML CONFERENCE

Mayor Lambert attended the CML Conference, where he learned about a new program being offered to Colorado municipalities. ICMA is sponsoring a program to help cities measure their accomplishments and community satisfaction. The City of Rifle may wish to participate in the program. Mr. Hier will look into it further and report back to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER CRS SECTION 24-6-402(4)(b)

Councilor Lambert moved to adjourn to Executive Session for Legal Advice; seconded by Councilor Sanborn (9:30 p.m.).

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

Councilor Rice moved to adjourn from Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Lambert (9:40 p.m.).

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor