

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

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 Pro Tem Jay Miller.

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

Councilor Lambert moved to excuse Mayor Keith Lambert from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Charlie Stevens, Utility Director; Rod Hamilton, Public Works Director; Nathan Lindquist, Planner; Peter Hayes, Building Inspector; Shaun Brainard; Ralph Koehler; John B. Scalzo; John Saye.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 REGULAR MEETING; MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: JON'S LIQUORS, CREEKBEND; AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT; AUGUST SALES TAX REPORT; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilors Rice and Sanborn excused themselves from voting on the Regular Minutes. Councilors Sanborn and Thompson excused themselves from voting on the Organizational Minutes. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Winkler.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Ms. Nelson administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilor Jen Sanborn, as Councilor Sanborn was unable to attend the Organizational Meeting.

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PROCLAMATION NAMING VETERANS PLAZA AT DEERFIELD PARK

Dick Maddox and Ralph Koehler with the American Legion were present for this discussion. The Legion is requesting that the entrance to Deerfield Park be named City of Rifle Veterans Plaza. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Proclamation; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Miller read the Proclamation aloud and presented it to Mr. Maddox and Mr. Koehler.

PUBLIC HEARING: DOC'S BREWING COMPANY LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Mayor Pro Tem Miller opened the public hearing and swore in the applicant Shaun Brainard. Mr. Brainard reviewed his application for a Brew Pub Liquor License. Ms. Nelson stated that the public hearing was properly noticed. The application is complete, the fees have been paid, and the applicant submitted a petition with signatures of those in favor of the liquor license being granted. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

RESOLUTION 24-09: 819 RANDOLPH TOWNHOMES MINOR SUBDIVISION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO,
APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE 819 RANDOLPH TOWNHOMES MINOR
SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF RIFLE

The applicants John Savage and Dean Hubbell reviewed their request to subdivide an existing duplex at 819 Randolph Avenue. Resolution No. 24, Series of 2009 approves the minor subdivision and final plat. Mr. Lindquist noted that staff is recommending approval. Councilor Lambert moved to approve Resolution 24-09; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

ADOPT PARKS AND REC STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Briedis stated that the Parks and Rec Advisory Board (PRAB) held its 4th Annual Strategic Planning Session on September 14th of this year, and adopted the Plan at its September 28th meeting. This Plan is the guiding document for the parks and recreation departments. Councilor Rice moved to adopt the Plan; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

UPDATE ON IGA’S WITH GARFIELD COUNTY

Mr. Neu stated that he is working with the legal staff at Garfield County on two IGA’s regarding the Airport. The first IGA addresses utility upgrades at the Airport, including water and sewer main upgrades. The second IGA addresses the Airport runway extension. Mr. Neu will be bringing the IGA’s forward for Council’s consideration at a future meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: 2010 Budget; construction on 16th Street; West 2nd Street overlay; 9th Street traffic light; 7th Street water runoff due to a spring; future meeting with contractors regarding the City’s local purchasing policies; October 16th meeting with the Economic Development Corporation; new City policies regarding the flu season. Mr. Sturgeon reported on: Library project and demolition; Comprehensive Plan meeting with the general public; current warnings and zone violations; committee working on downtown zoning re-write. Mr. Braaten reviewed a memo from CLEER regarding renewable energy projects, an upcoming shopping incentive program, and requests for letters of support for a bio-energy product and composter. Mr. Stevens discussed a letter in the Council packet from the Colorado River District, a graph on the levels of algae in the pond, the new wastewater facility, upcoming watershed permits, and the aforementioned IGA’s regarding the Airport. Mr. Whitmore stated the walk-through for the Parks Maintenance building will be this Friday.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ODOR AND TASTE OF CITY WATER

Councilor Sanborn acknowledged a letter written by a citizen regarding the odor and taste of Rifle’s water. She too is looking forward to this problem resolving once the cold weather kills the algae in the pond.

KUDOS

Councilor Lambert thanked Ms. Nelson for her work on the Council minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Miller thanked Ms. Nelson for helping him prepare for tonight’s meeting.

VETERANS PLAZA

Mayor Pro Tem Miller invited everyone to attend a ceremony on November 8th for the West Garfield County Veterans Memorial at Veterans Plaza.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Jay Miller
Mayor Pro Tem