

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 15, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Alan Lambert.

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

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Charlie Stevens, Utility Director; Rod Hamilton, Public Works Director; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Daryl Meisner, Chief of Police; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Steve Anthony; Mike McGunnis, Colorado Mosquito Control; Luke DeMoth; Colorado Mosquito Control; Alison Babbet; Elizabeth Stolfus; Michelle Hansen; Annick Pruet; Nancy Reiner; David Gomez; Dan Alvis.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2009 REGULAR MEETING; APRIL SALES TAX REPORT; APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: KUM & GO #4923 AND #4924; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilors Rice and Sanborn excused themselves from voting on the minutes. Councilor Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Annick Pruet, Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce Director, stated that several individuals from Rifle were named as *Local Choice* winners. Rifle was named #27 in *Outdoor Life* magazine in terms of recreational activities. Ms. Pruet also noted that the editor of *Snow West* magazine will be featuring snowmobiling opportunities in Rifle. Nancy Reiner and Dave Gomez noted they were at the last Council meeting to discuss the fact that the RFTA bus service may no longer include Rifle, and they were directed to speak with RFTA. In their discussions with RFTA, they were told it was up to the Rifle citizens to bring this item to the ballot; RFTA was not going to be presenting this idea to Council. Ms. Reiner and Mr. Gomez were encouraged to consider placing this item on the November ballot, as this would allow them to have more time for campaigning.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

Mike McGunnis and Luke DeMoth with Colorado Mosquito Control reviewed the Mosquito Control Program. They provided information on the mosquito lifecycle, diseases transmitted by

mosquitoes, maps of mosquito breeding sites, and mosquito control measures. A website is available for those interested in obtaining more information.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 18-09: AIRPORT HANGAR EQR CALCULATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING THE EQR SCHEDULE FOR AIRPORT HANGARS AT SECTION 13-4-60 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE

At the June 3, 2009 Council meeting, Garfield County Airport Director Brian Condi discussed future upgrades to the Airport. Through those discussions, Mr. Condi has requested that the City provide some certainty to how it calculates tap fees for airport hangars. Mr. Neu explained that Ordinance 18-09 amends the EQR Schedule to assign a value of one EQR per hangar, rather than calculate the EQR value on a case by case basis. Councilor Miller moved to approve Ordinance 18-09 on second reading as amended; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

RESOLUTION 17-09: ELDER COURT TOWNHOMES FINAL PLAT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FINAL TOWNHOME PLAT FOR ELDER COURT TOWNHOMES MINOR SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF RIFLE

The representative for the applicants Amanda Mauer reviewed this project. The owner of two duplexes constructed on Lot 9, Block E, Highlands East, Fourth Filing (760, 762, 764, and 766 Elder Court) applied to subdivide the Property into four separate townhome units. Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution 17-09; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

HIGHWAY 13 ACCESS CONTROL PLAN/CDOT IGA

Mr. Sturgeon noted that the City entered into an agreement with Garfield County for an Access Control Plan for Highway 13. Consultant Michelle Hansen with Stolfus & Associates reviewed the Plan. Councilor Sanborn moved to adopt the Plan, and authorized the Mayor to sign the IGA with Garfield County and CDOT; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

AWARD OF 2009 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Hamilton stated that five bids were received for this project. Staff recommends awarding the project to Frontier Paving in an amount of \$326,968.71. The schedule to complete the project is 75 days. Asphalt is currently being sold for \$80/ton, which is about half of the amount this time last year. Councilor Rice moved to award the Improvements to Frontier Paving in an amount of \$326,968.91, with a variable of \$25,000 per street should any variable in costs be required; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reviewed the following items: current projects; Centennial Park; employee evaluations; odor issues at the wastewater plant; legal issues; review of City's finances. Mr. Sturgeon expressed his gratitude that the access control plan is now complete. Mr. Sturgeon noted that weeds are growing rapidly due to the rain, and citizens must keep them mowed to no higher than eight inches. Mr. Sturgeon reviewed the Rimrock project. Mr. Hamilton discussed the temporary signal in place and reviewed the development project on Highway 13. Mr. Stevens provided a progress report, noted that masonry is being installed at the new wastewater plant, and reviewed his department's work order system.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NEW BAKERY ON WEST 3RD STREET

Councilor Thompson stated that there is a new bakery on West 3rd Street, and encouraged everyone to try it out.

DAMAGED ROAD

Councilor Sanborn noted that the Beaver Creek road is damaged, perhaps from truck traffic and the recent rain storms.

KUDOS

Councilor Miller thanked the staff for their hard work on the access control plan. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert congratulated Michael Churchill on his production of the play *Tarzan*. Councilor Sanborn and Charles Kelty recently graduated from the Roaring Fork Leadership program.

HOTELS

Councilor Miller inquired when the recently built hotels will be open. Mr. Sturgeon stated that the Super 8 is open, and the Hampton Inn will open in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL ADVICE

Councilor Sanborn moved to adjourn to 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); seconded by Councilor Rice (8:59 p.m.)

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

Councilor Sanborn moved to adjourn from Executive Session; seconded by Councilor Rice (9:29 p.m.).

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Alan Lambert
Mayor Pro Tem