

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jay Miller.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager/Director of Planning; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Channel 10 Assistant Manager; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; Carlos Cornejo, Police Officer, and Officer Cornejo’s family; John Dyer, Police Chief; Wayne Edgeton, Assistant Recreation Director; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Mike Kuper, Police Sergeant; Vaughn Miles, Administrative Sergeant; Bobby O’Dell, Public Works Superintendent; Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Shelley Aibner; Dan Alvis; Susan Nichols Alvis; Stephanie Barnett; Gil Frontella; Krista Johnson; Mike McKibbin; Gary Miller; Cora Munson; Elissa Nye; Helen Rogers; Todd Saunders; Liz Stinson; Angela Strode; Sean Strode; and Sandy Vaccaro.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the April 3, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Liquor License Renewal: Cheermeister
- C. February Sales Tax Report
- D. Accounts Payable
- E. 2013 Intergovernmental Agreement for Mosquito Control

Councilor Carter moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, and E; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – K. Lambert (abstaining as to Item A), Miller (abstaining as to Item A), Carter, A. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

RECOGNIZE OFFICER CORNEJO FOR COMMUNITY WORK

Police Chief John Dyer read a letter commending Police Officer Carlos Cornejo for his volunteer work to benefit the community.

PROCLAMATION – ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

Todd Saunders, BPOE Lodge – Rifle Elks Lodge No. 2195, explained that the Lodge designates a week in May each year to honor America’s junior citizens for their service to the community. Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring May 5 through May 11, 2013 as Youth Week.

Councilor K. Lambert moved to approve the proclamation; seconded by Councilor Sanborn. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller.

PROCLAMATION – MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

Mayor Miller read a proclamation declaring May 5 through May 11, 2013 as Municipal Clerks Week.

Councilor Carter moved to approve the proclamation; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller.

DISCUSS BALLOT QUESTION FOR RECREATION CENTER

Angela Strode and Shelley Aibner, Co-Chairs of the Committee for a Rifle Community and Recreation Center, requested that Council direct staff to prepare a ballot question asking voters to approve a sales tax increase to construct a recreation center.

Cora Munson expressed her support for a recreation center.

After inquiry by Dan Alvis, Council and staff explained that there are insufficient funds generated by the existing Parks and Recreation sales tax to construct a recreation center.

Liz Stinson questioned whether voters would support a tax increase.

Council directed staff to prepare a ballot question for the September 2013 municipal election asking voters to approve a sales tax increase to construct a recreation center.

CONSIDER PURCHASING OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT TRUCK

Council will consider this item at its meeting of May 1, 2013.

CONSIDER PURCHASING ROLLER

Public Works Superintendent Bobby O'Dell requested that Council award a contract in the amount of \$48,080 to Faris Machinery Company to purchase an asphalt roller. The City's existing asphalt roller has been in service for over 20 years.

Councilor Winkler moved to award a contract in the amount of \$48,080 to Faris Machinery Company to purchase an asphalt roller; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller.

CONSIDER PURCHASING POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

Chief Dyer recommended replacing the Patrol K-9 vehicle, a 2006 pickup with over 140,000 miles on it, with a new vehicle. The low bid of \$29,941.68 was submitted by Columbine Ford.

Councilor A. Lambert moved to award a contract in the amount of \$29,941.68 to Columbine Ford to purchase a new fleet police vehicle; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller.

CONSIDER REFINANCING STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS – ORDINANCE NO. 8, SERIES OF 2013 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, SALES AND USE TAX REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2013

Finance Director Charles Kelty reminded Council that during its March 6 workshop, it reviewed information related to refinancing the 2003 Sales Tax Street Improvement Bond Issue. Interest rates have decreased over the past several years. It is anticipated that refinancing these bonds will provide a cost savings to the City of

approximately \$200,000 to \$260,000 through 2018. City Attorney Jim Neu explained that proposed Ordinance No. 8, Series of 2013, would authorize the refinancing of the bonds.

Councilor Rice moved to approve Ordinance No. 8, Series of 2013, on first reading as presented and to order it to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller.

CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 16 TO ADOPT COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD FLOOD REGULATIONS - ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES OF 2013 – 2ND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 ARTICLE 12 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCORPORATE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR REGULATORY FLOODPLAINS IN COLORADO AS PROMULGATED BY THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Mr. Neu informed Council that staff was still looking at possible amendments to the Colorado Water Conservation Board Rules. Council will consider this item at its meeting of May 1, 2013.

CONSIDER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING (DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CITY OF RIFLE) OF ACTIVITIES ON THE OLD RIFLE MILL SITE

Assistant City Manager/Director of Planning Matt Sturgeon reported that the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) would like to continue using the East UMTRA Site for a research and remediation project that will last for 5 years. He recommended that Council authorize the City Manager to grant permission to the DOE to use the property for this project.

Councilor A. Lambert moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Letter of Understanding regarding the use of the East UMTRA Site (a.k.a. Old Rifle UMTRA Site) with the U. S. Department of Energy; seconded by Councilor K. Lambert. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager John Hier reported to Council on the following issues: personnel recruitment; Spring Cleanup; spring activities by Streets and Parks Departments; Municipal Clerks Week; and his last meeting before retirement.

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council about Spring Cleanup, improvements at the Energy Innovation Center, and Ute Theatre bids.

Recreation Director Aleks Briedis announced that the City was awarded a \$350,000 grant from the Garfield Federal Mineral Lease District for Deerfield Park.

Chief Dyer announced that Kirk Wilson had been promoted to Police Sergeant.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor K. Lambert noted that there would be a public reception for Mr. Hier's retirement on April 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grand River Conference Center.

Councilor K. Lambert was pleased to announce the arrival of his second grandchild.

Councilor Sanborn urged citizens to study closely and become informed about both sides of the Recreation Center tax issue. She also stressed the need to treat the issue proponents and opponents with respect. Mayor Miller also encouraged citizens to study the issue, because other citizens might find a way to fund the center's construction other than by increasing taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Jay D. Miller
Mayor