

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 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, Randy Winkler, and Mayor Jay Miller.

Councilor K. Lambert moved to excuse Councilors Jonathan Rice and Jen Sanborn from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Winkler, Miller.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Sturgeon, City Manager; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Channel 10 Assistant Manager; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; John Dyer, Police Chief; Nathan Lindquist, City Planner; Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Kaija Briedis; Lilija Briedis; Sher Long; Mike McKibbin; Carter Sturgeon; Kelley Sturgeon; and Makenna Sturgeon.

OATH OF OFFICE – NEW CITY MANAGER MATT STURGEON

City Clerk Lisa Cain administered the oath of office to new City Manager Matt Sturgeon.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the May 1, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Appoint Alternate Member of Planning and Zoning Commission
- C. Liquor License Renewal: Rocky Mountain Liquors
- D. March 2013 Financial Report
- E. Approve contract for Garfield Federal Mineral Lease District grant for Deerfield Park – Resolution No. 5, Series of 2013
- F. Accounts Payable

Councilor Carter moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, and F; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Winkler, Miller.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

PRESENTATION TO RECREATION DIRECTOR ALEKS BRIEDIS

Recreation Director Aleks Briedis will leave his position later this month. Mayor Miller presented a plaque to Mr. Briedis in appreciation for his fourteen years of service to the City.

CONSIDER APPOINTING PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATE MEMBER

John Dyer and Judy Ortiz had expressed interest in serving in the alternate position on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. In a workshop prior to tonight's meeting, Council interviewed the applicants. Council cast ballots to choose between Mr. Dyer and Ms. Ortiz. By a vote of 4 to 1, Council selected Ms. Ortiz to serve as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

CONSIDER CITY'S BECOMING MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COUNTS

Sher Long, Executive Director, Community Counts, presented information about the Community Counts organization, a non-profit community-based program designed to offer residents a timely resource for open and respectful dialogue when they have issues, concerns or questions relating to the natural gas and oil industry.

Councilor A. Lambert moved that the City become a member of Community Counts for a fee of \$50; seconded by Councilor Winkler. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, 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

City Attorney Jim Neu informed Council that in 2010, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) promulgated rules and regulations to help prevent flooding and the negative impacts of floods by limiting development and other activities in floodplains throughout the State. The rules must be adopted by all Colorado municipalities. Recently, the CWCB suggested edits and amendments that the City needs to incorporate into Chapter 16, Article 12 of the Rifle Municipal Code in order to comply with the Rules and Regulations for Regulatory Floodplains in Colorado. Ordinance No. 7, Series of 2013 would adopt the CWCB’s suggested edits and amend Chapter 16, Article 12 of the Rifle Municipal Code.

Councilor A. Lambert moved to approve Ordinance No. 7, Series of 2013, on second reading as amended and to order it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Carter. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Winkler, Miller.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on the following issues: water sampling; biosolids action plan; approval of plans for new water treatment plant; and personnel changes.

Mr. Neu informed Council that ballot questions for the September 2013 municipal election will be on Council’s next agenda.

Council’s consensus was to reschedule its first meeting in July from Wednesday, July 3, to Monday, July 1, so as not to conflict with Independence Day holiday activities scheduled for July 3. Staff will place this item on the consent agenda for Council’s next meeting to formalize this action.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilors bid farewell to Mr. Briedis and wished Mr. Sturgeon well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Jay D. Miller
Mayor