

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, 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: Matt Sturgeon, City Manager; Lisa Cain, City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Jim Bell, Channel 10 Manager; Michael Churchill, Channel 10 Assistant Manager; Kimberly Bullen, Government Affairs Coordinator; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; John Dyer, Police Chief; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Tom Whitmore, Parks and Recreation Director; Shelley Aibner; Sara Brainard; Barb Clifton; Cindy Dempsey; Gil Frontella; Steve Fuller; Sarah Lambert; Mike McKibbin; Daryl Meisner; Dirk Myers; Wilma Paddock; Hans Parkinson; and Helen Rogers.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the August 21, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Liquor License Renewal: Wal-Mart
- C. Intergovernmental Agreement with Garfield County Clerk for support services for City election
- D. Accounts Payable
- E. Resolution of Substantial Compliance for Rudd Annexation - Resolution No. 16, Series of 2013

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING COUNCILORS JEN SANBORN, ALAN LAMBERT, AND KEITH LAMBERT

Mayor Miller presented plaques to retiring Councilors Jen Sanborn, Alan Lambert, and Keith Lambert.

Mayor Miller read aloud proclamations honoring Councilors Jen Sanborn, Alan Lambert, and Keith Lambert for their many years of service to the City of Rifle and its citizens.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT: NEW UTE THEATRE SOCIETY, INC. FOR BOOKCLIFFS ART CENTER BENEFIT ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

Mayor Miller opened the public hearing and swore in New Ute Theatre Society, Inc. (NUTS) President Helen Rogers; NUTS Volunteer, Event, and Marketing Coordinator Shelley Aibner; and Bookcliffs Art Center Vice President Cindy Dempsey. Ms. Dempsey, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Aibner presented NUTS' application for a special event permit to provide liquor service at the Bookcliffs Art Center Benefit at 1100 East 16th Street on September 14, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. City Clerk Lisa Cain stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid.

Councilor Carter moved to approve the Special Event Liquor Permit for New Ute Theatre Society, Inc. on September 14, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 1100 East 16th Street; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING USE OF XCEL UNDERGROUND FUND

City Manager Matt Sturgeon requested Council to authorize the use of the City's 1% Underground Fund held by Xcel Energy to bury power lines along the north side of West 14th Street from Railroad Avenue to Howard Avenue. This would improve the aesthetics of this corridor and prepare the corridor for future pedestrian improvements to the Park Avenue neighborhood and informal trail used by high school students. It might also assist in attracting development activity to the property located on the northwest corner of Railroad Avenue and West 14th Street. Xcel's estimate to underground this corridor is \$65,000. The City currently maintains a \$338,467 balance in the Underground Fund. Xcel Energy will contribute additional improvements with a value of \$44,756 and be responsible for the work.

Councilor Rice moved to authorize the use of the City's 1% Underground Fund held by Xcel Energy to bury power lines along the north side of West 14th Street from Railroad Avenue to Howard Avenue; seconded by Councilor Winkler. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, A. Lambert, K. Lambert, Rice, Sanborn, Winkler, Miller

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on wastewater lagoon remediation, street crack sealing, Beaver Creek plant water leak, and 2014 budget.

Ms. Cain reported to Council on election issues.

Staff members thanked the retiring Councilors for their service.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilors Sanborn, A. Lambert, and K. Lambert provided advice to the Council candidates. They thanked the community for giving them the opportunity to serve.

Councilors Winkler, Rice, and Carter, and Mayor Miller expressed their appreciation to Councilors Sanborn, A. Lambert, and K. Lambert for their service to the community

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Jay D. Miller
Mayor