

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 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 Randy Winkler.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilors Rich Carter, Barb Clifton, Jay Miller, Dirk Myers, Hans Parkinson, Jonathan Rice, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

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; J R Boulton, Police Lieutenant; Dick Deussen, Utilities Director; John Dyer, Police Chief; Peter Hayes, Building Inspector; Dustin Marantino, Police School Resource Officer; Vaughn Miles, Police Administrative Sergeant; Bobby O'Dell, Public Works Superintendent; Tom Whitmore, Parks and Recreation Director; Brian Condie; Nancy Genova; Judith Hayward; Heather McGregor; and Mike McKibbin.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the September 4, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Special Event Liquor Permit: Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce for October 10, 2013
- C. Liquor License Renewal: Rifle Brewing Company
- D. Set public hearing for new liquor license application for Alma Ruiz d/b/a De Marco's Fettucine
- E. July 2013 Sales Tax Report
- F. July 2013 Financial Report
- G. Amend Personnel Manual regarding floating holidays for Police Officers – Resolution No. 17, Series of 2013
- H. Accounts Payable

Councilor Carter moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton (abstaining as to Item A), Myers (abstaining as to Item A), Parkinson (abstaining as to Item A), Carter, Miller, Rice, Winkler.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Brian Condie, Director, Garfield County Regional Airport, invited the public to the Airport's open house about its master plan on September 19, 2013.

Police School Resource Officer Dustin Marantino requested that the Council prohibit recreational marijuana businesses.

There were no other citizen comments or live call-ins.

RECEIVE BUDGET PRESENTATION FROM GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative (GCE) Board Secretary Judith Hayward, GCE Board Member Nancy Genova, and GCE Administrative Manager / Technical Writer Heather McGregor presented GCE's 2014 budget request.

CONSIDER ELM AVENUE SEWER REPLACEMENT

Utilities Director Dick Deussen and Public Works Superintendent Bobby O’Dell recommended that Council approve the replacement of the Elm Avenue sewer from 3rd Street to 5th Street. The 6-inch clay pipe sewer line is broken in several places and often becomes obstructed. The cost to replace the line, along with 2 manholes, is estimated at \$50,000, with construction to be performed by the City’s street construction crew.

Councilor Parkinson moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000 to replace the Elm Avenue sewer line, along with 2 manholes; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported to Council on recent water main breaks, electric vehicle recall, Colorado Municipal League district meeting, and 2014 budget.

Council directed staff to schedule a workshop on its October 2nd agenda on Amendment 64. At its October 2nd meeting, Council will also consider directing staff to take action related to recreational marijuana businesses.

Police Chief John Dyer thanked the Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team (TRIDENT) for its investigation into methamphetamine distribution in the Rifle area. The investigation resulted in 15 arrest warrants.

Mr. Deussen announced that City staff had built a new water main on Acacia Avenue.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilors Clifton, Myers, and Parkinson expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community as members of City Council. Councilor Clifton wished the Rifle High School football team good luck in its September 20 homecoming game.

Councilors Carter, Rice, Miller, and Mayor Winkler welcomed Councilors Clifton, Myers, and Parkinson to City Council.

Councilor Miller provided background on the City’s role in establishing Garfield Clean Energy. In addition, he reported on what took place at the September 17 meeting of the Colorado Department of Transportation with local cities and Garfield County.

Mayor Winkler thanked Councilor Miller for his dedicated service to Rifle as Mayor and his willingness to continue to serve as Council representative on several committees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor