

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 2, 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; Michael Churchill, Channel 10 Assistant Manager; J R Boulton, Police Lieutenant; Peter Hayes, Building Inspector; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Hannah Klausman, City Planner; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Dustin Marantino, Police School Resource Officer; Dawn Neely, Community Service Officer; Shelley Aibner; Dan Anglin; Nella Barker; Dave Bottroff; Shelley Evans; Gil Frontella; Phil Herman; Kristen Hodgden; Dana Ingram; Ben Jones; Chris Krelovich; Michael Langhorne; Jake Mall; Mike McKibbin; Kari Meskin; Jesse Miller; Mike Miller; Susan Nichols-Alvis; Ken Olson; Gary Osier; Helen Rogers; John Scalzo; and Amelia Shelley.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the September 16, 2013 Organizational Meeting
- B. Minutes from the September 18, 2013 Regular Meeting
- C. Special Event Liquor Permit: BPOE Lodge Rifle Elks Lodge No. 2195 for October 18, 2013 (approve permit; cancel public hearing listed in Item 6 below)
- D. Special Event Liquor Permit: New Ute Theatre Society, Inc. for October 19, 2013 (approve permit; cancel public hearing listed in Item 7 below)
- E. Planning and Zoning Commission Appointment
- F. Ruedi Reservoir Contract Amendments
- G. Accounts Payable

Councilor Carter moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Dave Bottroff, Reach-Out Colorado, asked the community to assist a local resident with yard cleanup.

John Scalzo asked the City to upgrade the acoustics and sound in the Council Chamber. He also suggested that Council answer any citizen who speaks during the citizen comment portion of the meeting, even if the answer is merely that Council will take the citizen's comments under consideration. Finally, he suggested that the Mayor not always vote last, because the City Charter does not require him to break ties.

Susan Nichols-Alvis asked Council to encourage the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to finish its evaluation of the downtown parking regulations. She also asked Council to evaluate the prudence of allowing citizens to serve on multiple advisory boards.

Chris Krelovich offered space behind the laundromat on 4th Street for contractor parking.

Helen Rogers reported that the DDA received input regarding parking on West 5th Street. After evaluation, the DDA found that there are adequate parking spaces without the 2-hour restriction within reasonable walking distance of West 5th Street businesses that those businesses' owners and employees can use and, therefore, the 2-hour restriction should not be changed.

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

PROCLAMATION – COLORADO CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTH

Mayor Winkler read the State of Colorado Proclamation declaring October 2013 as Colorado Code Enforcement Month. Council thanked Community Service Officer Dawn Neely, Building Inspector Peter Hayes, and Planning Administrative Assistant Charlotte Squires for their code enforcement efforts.

RECEIVE RIFLE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL UPDATE

Michael Langhorne, President, Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation (RREDC), and Dana Ingram, Main Street Coordinator and Communications Coordinator, presented RREDC's annual update.

Mr. Langhorne recommended that the City cancel the Memorandum of Understanding related to the Fitness Center as of December 31, 2013 and allow a private owner to take it over. Council will discuss this suggestion when it reviews the proposed budget for the Parks and Recreation Department later this month.

CONSIDER DIRECTING STAFF WITH RESPECT TO AMENDMENT 64

After extensive discussion, Council directed staff to prepare 2 ordinances for Council's consideration at its October 16, 2013 meeting. One ordinance would prohibit all types of recreational marijuana businesses. The other ordinance would regulate cultivation operations and prohibit all other types of recreational marijuana businesses.

CONSIDER REVISED LOCATION FOR CITY HALL PARKING STRUCTURE SOLAR ARRAY

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist introduced Martifer Solar's Phil Herman, Sol Energy President Ken Olson, and S:Flex Vice President Ben Jones. Mr. Lindquist explained that the solar array on the City Hall/Library Parking Structure was originally to be placed on a canopy that would cover the upper deck of the parking structure. The Martifer Solar design team has since discovered that the south wall of the parking structure was not designed to support a structure the size of the solar canopy. Council's consensus was to place the canopy on the upper deck of the parking structure, but split the canopy to avoid those parts of the south wall that cannot support it.

RECEIVE DRAFT 2014 BUDGET

City Manager Matt Sturgeon and Finance Director Charles Kelty presented to Council the draft 2014 budget. Council and staff will review the budget in detail at a series of workshops in October.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on the Ute Theatre; water main break; new Councilor orientation; and withdrawal of the City's grant application for the North Interstate 70 roundabout.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Myers encouraged citizens to participate in First Friday activities on October 4.

Councilor Miller said that at the request of the Rifle High School Ladies Volleyball Team, he wore a pink shirt to tonight's meeting to show his support for curing breast cancer.

Councilor Rice reminded the community that the Rifle High School Bears Football Team would be playing this Friday.

Councilor Parkinson noted his appreciation for the public process related to implementation of Amendment 64.

Councilor Carter offered tours of the Ute Theatre to new Councilors.

Mayor Winkler thanked Council Members for their well thought-out comments during the Amendment 64 discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor