

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 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; Rick Barth, City Engineer; Kimberly Bullen, Government Affairs Coordinator; Dick Deussen, Utilities Director; John Dyer, Police Chief; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Jim Miller, Resident Engineer; Mehta Apuleo, Ava Bowles; Gil Frontella; Jeff Giard; Roger Giard; Maria King; Cesar Luna; Scott McGinnis; Mike McKibbin; Salvador Moreno; Helen Rogers; Mike Samson; Houston Stansbury; and Dennis Webb.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the November 6, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Liquor License Renewal: Jon's Liquors
- C. Letter to Bureau of Land Management regarding Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement
- D. Authorize City Manager to submit Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant Application to construct and connect redundant water line to South Rifle – Resolution No. 18, Series of 2013
- E. Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2013 (Amendments to Model Traffic Code) – second reading
- F. Cancel Council meeting scheduled for January 1, 2014; reschedule Council meeting scheduled for June 18, 2014 to June 16, 2014
- G. September 2013 Financial Report
- H. Accounts Payable

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO

Mike Samson, Scott McGinnis, and Maria King presented information about Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado and asked Council to consider authorizing the City to join the organization.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER APPLICATION OF ALMA RUIZ D/B/A DE MARCO'S FETTUCINE FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. City Clerk Lisa Cain said that Alma Ruiz d/b/a De Marco's Fettucine had filed an application for a new Hotel & Restaurant liquor license for premises located at 119 West 3rd Street. Staff had not yet received the results of a criminal history check on Ms. Ruiz, so they recommended that Council continue the public hearing to December 4, 2013.

Councilor Carter moved to continue the public hearing on the liquor license application of Alma Ruiz to December 4, 2013; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF CITY STREETS FOR 2014 COLORADO MINI CLASSIC BICYCLE RACE ON MAY 26, 2014

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist informed Council that the Bicycle Racing Association of Colorado had requested Council to close these streets from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2014 (Memorial Day) for the 2014 Colorado Mini Classic Bicycle Race:

- East Avenue between 4th Street and 9th Street
- Whiteriver Avenue between 4th Street and 9th Street
- 4th Street between East Avenue and Whiteriver Avenue
- 9th Street between East Avenue and Whiteriver Avenue

The race is a national youth bike race for ages 10 - 22. The race would bring 150 – 200 youth riders and their families from multiple states to Rifle. During the race residents would have vehicle access to their homes at race interludes that occur approximately every 30 minutes. Residents would be able to access their homes by foot throughout the entire event. Vehicles would not be permitted to park on-street during the race. Off-site parking for residents and visitors would be identified in the applicants' special event permit.

Councilor Miller moved to close these streets from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, May 26, 2014 (Memorial Day) for the 2014 Colorado Mini Classic Bicycle Race:

- East Avenue between 4th Street and 9th Street
- Whiteriver Avenue between 4th Street and 9th Street
- 4th Street between East Avenue and Whiteriver Avenue
- 9th Street between East Avenue and Whiteriver Avenue

Motion seconded by Councilor Carter. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER DIRECTING STAFF TO DRAFT ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS RELATED TO CHICKENS TO REDUCE ODOR IMPACTS

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist informed Council that there have been recent complaints from residents whose neighbors have chickens about odor from the chickens.

The City currently permits a homeowner to have up to 10 chickens in a backyard coop. A 6-foot fence and proper cleaning of the coop to prevent odors from spreading to neighboring properties are required. City code enforcement visits properties when complaints are received and can issue citations based on odor problems. City staff has issued warnings, but no citations for odor have been issued.

Council directed staff to propose additional regulations to reduce odor impacts.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. City Manager Matt Sturgeon provided an overview of the proposed 2014 budget. Council discussed the following funds: Information Technology Maintenance Fund, Information Technology Equipment Fund, Fleet Maintenance Fund, Fleet Loan Fund, Water Fund, and Wastewater Fund.

REVIEW WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT FEES

Council discussed reducing system improvement fees (tap fees) for the purpose of reducing barriers to business and housing starts.

Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance reducing temporarily various fees.

CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 22, SERIES OF 2013 (REFUSE COLLECTION RATES) – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING APPENDIX A TO THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REFUSE COLLECTION RATES AND CHARGES

Mr. Sturgeon explained that proposed Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2013, would increase refuse collection rates by 5 percent on January 1 of each year, starting January 1, 2014, to keep up with inflation, continue funding the annual spring clean-up, and prepare for negotiating a new sanitation service contract in 2017.

Councilor Parkinson moved to approve Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2013, on first reading as presented and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on the following issues: water treatment plant repair, East 4th Street public parking, Elm Avenue sewer replacement project, Airport Road pedestrian movement improvements, acquisition of trucks for the Utilities Department, and construction of solar arrays.

City Attorney Jim Neu reported that staff is working on proposed modifications of liquor-licensed establishment restrictions.

Council's consensus was to hold its 2014 strategic planning session on January 31 and February 1, 2014.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Myers cited signs of an improving economy.

Councilor Parkinson thanked Mr. and Ms. Sykes for their positive comments on the Elm Avenue sewer replacement project.

Mayor Winkler commended staff on its handling of the water treatment plant repair.

Councilors and Mayor Winkler wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER CRS 24-6-402(4)(B); FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER CRS SECTION 24-6-402(4)(E)

Councilor Rice moved to go into executive session to receive legal advice and discuss negotiations; seconded by Councilor Parkinson. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

Upon return to open session following conclusion of the executive session, meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor