

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 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 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; John Dyer, Police Chief; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Kathy Pototsky, Court Administrator; Ava Bowles; Mike McKibbin; Jon Pototsky; and Alma Ruiz.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the November 20, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Special Event Liquor Permit: BPOE Lodge Rifle Elks Lodge No. 2195 for December 6, 2013
- C. Special Event Liquor Permit: Grand River Hospital District Volunteers Association for December 14, 2013
- D. Appoint John Collins as Hearing Officer; set hearings to consider suspension or revocation of liquor licenses of Jon’s Liquors, Rib City Grill, Kum & Go #4924, Choice Liquors, and Thai Chili Bistro
- E. Extend Domestic Animal Shelter and Impoundment Services Agreement with Friends of Rifle Animal Shelter (FRAS) through Dec. 31, 2014
- F. Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2013 (Refuse Collection Rates) – second reading
- 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 - Clifton (abstaining as to E), Carter, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

John Scalzo thanked City crews for effective snow removal.

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

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

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing and swore in Alma Ruiz and Ms. Ruiz’ daughter, Mariana Ruiz, who interpreted on behalf of Alma Ruiz. Alma Ruiz and Mariana Ruiz presented Alma Ruiz's application for a new Hotel & Restaurant liquor license for premises located at 119 West 3rd Street. Ms. Cain stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, the fees have been paid, and staff’s recommendation was that Council approve the application.

Councilor Parkinson moved to approve the application of Alma Ruiz d/b/a De Marco’s Fettucine for a Hotel & Restaurant liquor license for premises located at 119 West 3rd Street; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER CREATING PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD - ORDINANCE NO. 23, SERIES OF 2013 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

Police Chief John Dyer proposed that Council adopt Ordinance No. 23, Series of 2013, to establish a Public Safety Citizens Advisory Board to enhance police-community relations and facilitate a productive dialogue between the community and the Police Department regarding Police Department services. Council's consensus was to amend the ordinance as to membership requirements of the Board, so that the only requirement would be that at least 1 member be a high school student.

Councilor Carter moved to approve Ordinance No. 23, Series of 2013, creating a Public Safety Citizen Advisory Board on first reading as amended and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Parkinson. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER ELIMINATING VICTIMS ASSISTANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT BOARD – ORDINANCE NO. 24, SERIES OF 2013 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE XIV OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE VICTIMS AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Chief Dyer explained that the City created the Victims and Witnesses Assistance and Law Enforcement ("VALE") Board in 2012. He noted that there is little need for a VALE Board through Rifle Municipal Court. The County has a victim's assistance program which runs through County Court. All of the City's more serious cases go through County Court, with Municipal Court handling lower level crimes. He and Court Administrator Kathy Pototsky suggested eliminating the VALE Board and setting up this simpler process: (1) If there is a request for assistance through the Municipal Court, the Court Administrator will send the request to the Police Chief; (2) The Police Chief will send the request, with a recommendation, to the City Prosecutor and City Manager; and (3) If they concur that resources should be expended, the Police Chief will authorize the Court Administrator to expend the funds, charging the expense to the law enforcement training fund, which is raised through fine assessments through the Municipal Court.

Councilor Parkinson moved to approve Ordinance No. 24, Series of 2013, repealing Chapter 2, Article XIV of the Rifle Municipal Code regarding the Victims and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement Program on first reading as presented and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Carter. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER ADOPTING 2014 BUDGET

City Manager Matt Sturgeon and Finance Director Charles Kelty presented the following items connected with adopting the 2014 budget:

- Resolution No. 19, Series of 2013, adopts the 2014 Budget.
- Ordinance No. 25, Series of 2013, provides for the annual appropriation.
- Resolution No. 20, Series of 2013, certifies the mill levy.

Mr. Sturgeon requested that Council approve 2 amendments to the 2014 budget: (1) increase the Water Fund by \$185,000 to cover repairs at Graham Mesa Water Treatment Plant; and (2) increase the Capital Fund by \$950,811 to cover Ute Theatre construction that was not completed in 2013.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 19, Series of 2013, as amended; approve Ordinance No. 25, Series of 2013, as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; and approve Resolution No. 20, Series of 2013; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER APPROVING 2013 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Mr. Sturgeon and Mr. Kelty presented the following items connected with approving a supplemental 2013 budget:

- Resolution No. 21, Series of 2013, amends the 2013 Budget.
- Ordinance No. 26, Series of 2013, approves a supplemental appropriation.

These items would amend the Capital Fund, the Urban Renewal Authority, and the Sewer Fund.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 21, Series of 2013 and approve Ordinance No. 26, Series of 2013, as presented and 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

Ms. Cain reminded Council of its workshop with the Downtown Development Authority on December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on the following issues: snow removal, development fees, and repair of the water treatment plant.

Councilor Clifton moved to waive the requirements of the City Purchasing Code as to purchase of materials to repair the water treatment plant; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Parkinson thanked Ava Bowles for her interest in the City budget.

Councilor Rice praised City crews for snow removal activities. He also compared the City budget with the state and federal budgets.

Councilor Miller will be attending a Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee meeting on December 5.

Councilor Clifton encouraged citizens to attend First Friday activities on December 6.

Councilor Myers encouraged citizens to attend the Symphony in the Valley Choral Festival on December 6. He also reminded citizens to shovel their sidewalks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor