

**RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

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 Barb Clifton, Jay Miller, Dirk Myers, Hans Parkinson, Jonathan Rice, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

Councilor Rice moved to excuse Councilor Rich Carter from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Clifton. Roll Call: Yes - Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, 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; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; Kimberly Bullen, Government Affairs Coordinator; Dick Deussen, Utilities Director; John Dyer, Police Chief; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Charlotte Squires, Administrative Assistant; Beth Bascom; Ned Bascom; Ava Bowles; Theresa Hamilton; Britnee Hinman; Keith Lambert; Mike McKibbin; Sharon Pettinger; Ken Plum; and Gary Swallow.

**CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- A. Minutes from the December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Set Posting Place for Public Meetings – Resolution No. 1, Series of 2014
- C. Liquor License Renewal: Kum & Go #922
- D. Stipulations, Agreements, and Orders in the Matters of Rib City Grill, Choice Liquors, Kum & Go #4923, Jon's Liquors, and Thai Chili Bistro
- E. Special Event Liquor Permit: Grand River Hospital District Volunteers Association for January 25, 2014
- F. Special Event Liquor Permit: Grand River Hospital District Volunteers Association for February 28, 2014
- G. Development Fee Reductions and Waivers and Building Incentives – Ordinance No. 27, Series of 2013 – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- H. Minors on Liquor Licensed Premises Amendments – Ordinance No. 28, Series of 2013 – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- I. Auditor engagement letter
- J. November 2013 Sales Tax Report
- K. Accounts Payable

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN**

Gary Swallow asked Council to consider refunding fees for building permits purchased in October 2013, in light of Council's approval of Ordinance No. 27, Series of 2013. After discussion, Council declined this request.

A citizen requested an update on construction of the new water treatment plant.

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

***SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR TECHNICAL INNOVATION***

Council recognized Channel 10 Assistant Manager Michael Churchill for his technical innovations, including creating RifleNOW.org.

***SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR NED BASCOM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER***

Mayor Winkler presented a plaque to retiring Planning and Zoning Commissioner Ned Bascom to thank him for 15 years of service on the Commission.

***CONSIDER APPOINTING CITIZENS TO PLANNING COMMISSION***

Councilor Parkinson moved to appoint Steven Fuller to serve on the Planning Commission, as recommended by Planning Director Nathan Lindquist; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes - Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

***RECEIVE PRESENTATION ABOUT GRAHAM MESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

Graham Mesa Elementary School teacher Britnee Hinman presented a video about the school, which recently won the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award.

***PRESENT SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH PROCLAMATION***

Mayor Winkler read aloud a proclamation declaring January 2014 as School Board Recognition Month and presented the proclamation to Theresa Hamilton, Communication Director, Garfield School District Re2.

Councilor Rice moved to approve the proclamation declaring January 2014 as School Board Recognition Month; seconded by Councilor Parkinson. Roll Call: Yes - Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

***CONSIDER LICENSE TO ENCROACH AND ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT OF WAY AT 2090 WHITERIVER AVENUE***

Mr. Lindquist explained that Fellowship of the Rockies requested a License to Encroach in the right-of-way for a building (the former Winchester Night Club) at 2090 Whiteriver Avenue. Fellowship of the Rockies is remodeling the building into a church.

Fellowship of the Rockies will deed a portion of land to the City as right-of-way for Whiteriver Avenue. This portion of land contains the building in question, which protrudes into Whiteriver Avenue. This is an opportunity for the City to receive this parcel and clean up the right-of-way in this area.

The License to Encroach will allow the building to exist within the public right-of-way and operate as intended by the owner. Fellowship of the Rockies intends to build a new church on the property that will not encroach on City right-of-way. Staff and the applicant agreed that deeding the right-of-way on the Lot Line Dissolution plat now would allow the applicant to avoid the cost of creating another plat to deed the right-of-way at the time the new church was constructed.

Councilor Miller moved to approve a license to encroach in the right-of-way for a building at 2090 Whiteriver Avenue and accept right-of-way from Fellowship of the Rockies; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes - Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

***CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS FOR WATER TREATMENT***

Councilor Rice moved to authorize the purchase of chemicals for the Graham Mesa Water Treatment Plant for 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$215,476, as recommended by Utilities Director Dick Deussen; seconded by Councilor Parkinson. Roll Call: Yes - Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

**CONSIDER REVISING EDUCATIONAL LIQUOR TRAINING REGULATIONS – ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES OF 2014 (1ST READING), RESOLUTION NO. 2, SERIES OF 2014**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REVISING THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LIQUOR LICENSEES**

City Clerk Lisa Cain recommended that Council revise Rifle Municipal Code Section 6-5-170(a)(1) and (a)(2) with a change from 4-year attendee certification to certification at least every 3 years. Proposed Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2014, would accomplish this.

She also recommended that Council revise Resolution No. 5, Series of 1993, with a change from annual recertification of instructors to recertification at least every 3 years. Proposed Resolution No. 2, Series of 2014, would accomplish this.

Councilor Parkinson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2014, on first reading as presented and to order it to be published as required by Charter, and to approve Resolution No. 2, Series of 2014; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes - Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on the following issues: visibility of new island on Airport Road; tamarisk removal; graffiti cleanup; Fitness Center transition; strategic planning; Graham Mesa settlement basin; State of the Community luncheon.

Ms. Cain informed Council that a workshop with the Garfield School District Re2 Board of Directors is scheduled for February 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Government Affairs Coordinator Kimberly Bullen updated Council on the 2014 legislative session.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilor Myers asked staff about an impound lot at Whiteriver Avenue and Highway 13; graffiti; and sharing fuel resources with other jurisdictions.

Councilor Miller will attend the January 16 meeting of the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado.

Councilor Rice thanked Brenden Theatres for treating the Rifle High School football team to a free movie and refreshments.

Councilor Parkinson thanked City crews for clearing snow this winter.

Mayor Winkler encouraged citizens to participate in the ice fishing tournament this weekend.

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Lisa H. Cain  
City Clerk

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Randy Winkler  
Mayor