

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 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 Miller. 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, Rifle Community Television Manager; Michael Churchill, Rifle Community Television Assistant Manager; Kimberly Bullen, Government Affairs Coordinator; John Dyer, Police Chief; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Kathy Pototsky, Municipal Court Administrator; Ava Bowles; Joe Carpenter; Drew Gorgey; John Martin; Mike McKibbin; Jon Pototsky; Gina Reece-Long; Jerri Ann Renner; Matthew Renner; Jim Snyder; and Craig Wilcox.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the February 5, 2014 Regular Meeting
- B. Amend Rifle Municipal Code with respect to Senior Center Advisory Board alternate member appointments - Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2014 – 2nd reading
- C. Special Event Liquor Permit: Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce for March 8, 2014 (approve permit; cancel public hearing)
- D. Authorize application for Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District grant for 16th Street reconstruction- Resolution No. 3, Series of 2014
- E. Authorize application for Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District grant for Community Television system upgrade – Resolution No. 4, Series of 2014
- F. December 2013 Sales Tax Report
- G. December 2013 unaudited Financial Report
- H. Accounts Payable

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSIDER APPOINTING SKYE SIEBER TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilor Clifton moved to appoint Skye Sieber to serve as an alternate 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 AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION CONCERNING TAUGHENBAUGH BOULEVARD

County Commissioner John Martin, Jerri Ann Renner, Jim Snyder, County Administrator Drew Gorgey, and Craig Wilcox requested that the City enter into a partnership with the County, property owners, the energy industry, ditch companies, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and public safety agencies to extend Taughenbaugh Boulevard to connect with County Road 332 (aka Last Chance Drive), citing improvement of traffic and pedestrian safety issues, reduction of truck noise, and provision of secondary access to the fire station and the hospital. Commissioner Martin said that the County would be the agency that would coordinate this effort. Council's consensus was that the City would participate in discussions about this matter.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilor Parkinson moved to authorize the purchase of a new fleet police vehicle from Columbine Ford in an amount not to exceed \$30,399, as recommended by Police Chief John Dyer; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER APPROVING MAIN STREET MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Lindquist reported that the structure of the Main Street Program has been under discussion for several months. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the Main Street Committee, and staff worked on a direction to bring for Council's consideration. The proposed structure is for the City to be the lead organization with City staff serving in the Main Street Coordinator role. Mr. Lindquist, City Planner Hannah Klausman, and Special Events Coordinator Blair Bracken would share coordinator duties. Staff has discussed this structure with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and received its approval, with the condition that a long-term funding strategy for the coordinator position be developed. Main Street would continue to be a partnership between the City, the DDA, the Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation, the Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce, downtown merchants, and community members. The advantage of this structure is that it would save dollars on staff costs, making funding available for downtown events and improvements. By participating in the Main Street Program the City receives technical assistance and a \$5,000 grant from DOLA for downtown improvements. Mr. Lindquist requested that Council approve the Main Street Memorandum of Understanding with DOLA.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Main Street Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Local Affairs; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Upon recommendation of Chief Dyer and Municipal Court Administrator Kathy Pototsky, Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to the Model Traffic Code making it a municipal violation for a driver to drive without having his license upon his person.

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported to Council on the following issues: certifications attained by staff; water plant plans; Ute Theatre; Acacia Avenue water line replacement; solar projects; mobile vendor licenses; and Taughenbaugh Boulevard.

City Clerk Lisa Cain informed Council that a workshop with the Rifle Creek Museum Board is scheduled for March 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Rice reported on Rifle High School athletics.

Councilor Miller said the Senior Center Board has implemented the membership provisions of Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2014.

Councilor Clifton invited the public to the Friends of the Rifle Animal Shelter's Spaghetti and No Balls fundraiser on March 15 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

Councilor Myers reported that he attended the February 6 Energy Advisory Board meeting, at which the source water protection plan and the energy master plan were discussed. Both plans are available on the Garfield County website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor