

## RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. \* Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:01 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; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; Jim Neu, City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Rifle Community Television Assistant Manager; Rick Barth, City Engineer; John Dyer, Police Chief; Dick Deussen, Utility Director; Tom Whitmore, Parks and Recreation Director; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Bobby O'Dell, Public Works Superintendent; Lynne Miller; Dick Rhoades; Ava Bowles; Mary Fedora; Christine Gaines, Richard Deming; Corie Fitzgibbon; and Mike McKibbin.

### CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the March 5, 2014 regular meeting
- B. Liquor license renewal: Wing Nutz Bar and Grill
- C. Special Event Liquor Permit: Grand River Hospital District Volunteers Association for April 7, 2014
- D. Special Event Liquor Permit: Grand River Hospital District Volunteers Association for April 26, 2014
- E. Set public hearing on application for liquor license by Ruedi Creek Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Sammy's
- F. Amendments to Model Traffic Code requiring operator's license – Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- G. Amend Utility Code regarding senior citizen utility rates reduction – Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- H. Appointments to Visitor Improvement Fund Advisory Board
- I. Extension of Lease for Powdered Activated Carbon Equipment
- J. January 2014 Sales Tax Report
- K. Accounts Payable

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

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Richard Deming lives on County Road 320. Mr. Deming expressed his concern for possible future flooding in this area. A couple of years ago property in the area was damaged due to flooding. He would like help from Garfield County and the City of Rifle to mitigate the flood risk.

Christine Gaines handed a letter to Council concerning the same flood risk.

City Manager Matt Sturgeon had already spoke with Mr. Deming and said he would facilitate a meeting with Garfield County.

There were no other citizen comments.

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***CONSIDER PARKS AND RECREATION FEE CHANGES - RESOLUTION NO. 5, SERIES OF 2014***

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 11-6-70 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE**

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore explained the fees have remained unchanged for many years and need to be adjusted to attempt to keep up with increasing costs or, in some cases, to simplify the fee structure.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 5, Series of 2014; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

***CONSIDER AMENDING ANIMAL CODE REGARDING DOMESTIC FOWL AND ANIMALS – ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES OF 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> READING***

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-10, 7-6-120 AND 7-6-130 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DOMESTIC FOWL AND ANIMALS**

Councilor Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2014, on second reading as amended and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

***RECEIVE UPDATE ON STREET PROJECTS***

City Engineer Rick Barth gave an update on projects that have been completed year to date and projects almost completed. He gave an update on the projects at 24<sup>th</sup> and Howard, Acacia Avenue, 26<sup>th</sup> and Meadow, 12<sup>th</sup> and Park, City Hall solar conduit, Airport Road pedestrian crossing, and the pedestrian island on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Railroad.

***ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS***

Police Chief John Dyer reported to Council that the Police Department will be participating in a Strategic Planning session starting April 10<sup>th</sup>. He invited two members of Council to participate.

Mr. Whitmore gave an update to Council on the project at Deerfield Park. The Deerfield Park project is expected to begin the first part of April with completion anticipated in August.

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on the following issues: County Rd 320 flooding issues, Ute Theatre is almost complete, and tube settlers are being installed at Graham Mesa Water Treatment Plant.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilor Parkinson thanked the Department Heads and City staff.

Councilor Miller noted the monthly Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado meeting is tomorrow in Craig.

Councilor Myers announced the theatre in El Jebel is being remodeled and theatre seats are available. Councilor Myers also encouraged the Council to have their contact phone numbers on the City Website.

Mayor Winkler extended condolences to the family and friends of New Castle Police Chief Chris Sadler.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Kristy Christensen  
Deputy City Clerk

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Randy Winkler  
Mayor