

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 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 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, Rifle Community Television Manager; Rick Barth, City Engineer; Max Bowen, Police Officer; Kimberly Bullen, Government Affairs Coordinator; Kristy Christensen, Deputy City Clerk; John Dyer, Police Chief; Nick Flaten, Police Officer; Buzz Kehoe, Information Technology Director; Nathan Lindquist, Planning Director; Vaughn Miles, Administrative Sergeant; Jim Miller, Resident Engineer; Sam Stewart, Police Sergeant; Tom Whitmore, Parks and Recreation Director; Ava Bowles; Raymond Flores; Tom Jankovsky; Michael Langhorne; Mike McKibbin; Bryan Navarette; Anna Ortiz; Mike Samson; Todd Saunders; and Kirby Wynn.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the April 16, 2014 regular meeting
- B. Youth Week proclamation
- C. Police Week proclamation
- D. Liquor license renewals: Kum & Go #4923; Kum & Go #4924
- E. Set public hearing on application for liquor license at 1725 Railroad Avenue by Farm Fresh Café & Steakhouse
- F. Special Event Liquor Permit: BPOE Lodge Rifle Elks Lodge No. 2195 for May 16 and 17, 2014
- G. Transfer liquor license from Sports Corner to Big Kids Corner Bar, LLC at 100 West 3rd Street
- H. Grant agreement with Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (GCFMLD) regarding 16th Street Reconstruction Project – Resolution No. 6, Series of 2014
- I. Grant agreement with GCFMLD regarding digital conversion of Channel 10 equipment – Resolution No. 7, Series of 2014
- J. March 2014 Sales Tax Report
- K. March 2014 Financial Report
- L. Accounts Payable

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Raymond Flores, owner of Classic Auto Body, requested that the City enforce Environmental Protection Agency regulations on control of air emissions from automobile painting.

There were no other citizen comments.

YOUTH WEEK PROCLAMATION

Todd Saunders, BPOE Lodge Rifle Elks Lodge No. 2195, explained that the Lodge designates a week in May each year to honor America's junior citizens for their service to the community. Mayor Winkler read and presented to Mr. Saunders a proclamation declaring May 1 through May 7, 2014 as Youth Week.

POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

Police Chief John Dyer read a proclamation designating May 11 through May 17, 2014, as Police Week, and publicly saluting the service of law enforcement officers.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT BRYAN NAVARETTE

Bryan Navarette, an exchange student from Panama, accompanied by Anna Ortiz, a member of his host family, presented information about his experience in the United States.

CONSIDER DRAFTING SCOPING LETTER FOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Garfield County Commissioners Tom Jankovsky and Mike Samson and Garfield County Oil & Gas Liaison Kirby Wynn urged Council to comment on the scope of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Environmental Impact Statement for the Previously Issued Oil and Gas Leases in the White River National Forest (EIS). The new EIS will study 25 leases in the Thompson Divide. It will also study 40 leases on federal lands straddling the Garfield, Pitkin and Mesa county lines. All the leases were issued under a 1994 U.S. Forest Service EIS. The BLM's review is necessary because it failed to do its own environmental analysis or adopt the Forest Service's analysis before the leases were issued. County commissioners have serious concerns about the potential cancellation of the leases. Some of the leases being reviewed are already in production. Also, some of the leases tie into other units outside the study area, and subsequent decisions could impact those leases as well. The deadline for formal scoping comments is May 16. Mr. Wynn offered to share with City staff the comments that Garfield County will submit.

Councilor Rice moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter commenting on the scope of the Bureau of Land Management's Environmental Impact Statement for the Previously Issued Oil and Gas Leases in the White River National Forest; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER DEERFIELD PARK BLEACHER PURCHASE

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) had evaluated 2 bids for bleachers for Deerfield Regional Park – Phase 1. PRAB recommended that Council award a contract to CBS Constructors for an amount not to exceed \$78,255 for an enclosed system with a welded aluminum frame. An enclosed system has no gaps under seats or risers through which keys, cell phones, water bottles, etc., can fall.

Councilor Carter moved to award a contract to CBS Constructors for an amount not to exceed \$78,255 for an enclosed bleacher system with a welded aluminum frame for Deerfield Regional Park - Phase 1; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER POLICE DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PURCHASE

Information Technology Director Buzz Kehoe explained that before the City can virtualize the Police Department computer servers and work stations, the City must install additional storage and networking components. He recommended that Council approve the Police Department Storage and Virtualization Project and award a contract for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 to ICS Inc. for equipment and professional services.

Councilor Parkinson moved to approve the Police Department Storage and Virtualization Project and award a contract for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 to ICS Inc. for equipment and professional services; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER ADOPTING 2014 STRATEGIC PLAN

City Manager Matt Sturgeon presented a draft of the revised Strategic Plan, which includes the City’s Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Goals. He recommended that Council adopt the plan.

Councilor Carter moved to adopt the 2014 Strategic Plan; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER FACILITY CLOSURE AGREEMENT WITH CACALOCO ENTERPRISES, INC.

City Attorney Jim Neu reminded Council that in January 2013 the City had amended a lease of property on the Energy Innovation Center to Cacaloco Enterprises, Inc. The amendment set forth closure requirements of Cacaloco’s composting facility and provided for expiration of the lease on October 31, 2013. Cacaloco did not complete composting the materials at the facility by the expiration of the lease. The proposed Facility Closure Agreement and Bill of Sale would conclude this matter. The City would finish composting the materials and complete the closure requirements. Cacaloco would convey all of the improvements at the facility to the City for its use or sale. The City would be allowed to use Cacaloco’s screener free of charge to assist with finishing the composting of the remaining materials. City crews will perform all of the necessary work, which staff anticipates would be completed this summer.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Facility Closure Agreement and Bill of Sale with Cacaloco Enterprises, Inc.; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on these issues: cancellation of workshop on May 14 with Visitor Improvements Fund Advisory Board; Colorado Municipal League Spring Outreach Meeting on May 22; Spring Cleanup; and water treatment plant bidding process.

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist updated Council on mitigation of flooding risk in the Lions Park area.

Chief Dyer reported to Council about Police Department strategic planning.

Mr. Whitmore announced that the City had hired Dave Hadley to the Parks Superintendent position.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council expressed its appreciation to Police Lieutenant J. R. Boulton for 37 years of service to the Rifle community.

Councilor Myers reported that he attended the Energy Advisory Board meeting on May 1. He also participated in Junior Achievement’s Career Day at Rifle Middle School.

Councilors Clifton and Miller attended the Business Partnership Lunch at Wamsley Elementary School.

Councilor Miller announced that the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado will meet at City Hall on May 22.

Councilor Rice thanked the Police Department and the Rifle Fire Protection District for producing a DUI simulation film.

Council wished everyone Happy Mother's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(E)

Councilor Clifton moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations; seconded by Councilor Rice.

Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

Upon return to open session following conclusion of the executive session, meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor