

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 6:00 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; Michael Churchill, Rifle Community Television Assistant Manager; Rick Barth, City Engineer; Dick Deussen, Utilities Director; John Dyer, Police Chief; Ava Bowles; Erin Burwell; Steve DeForest; Mike McKibbin; Lou Rotella; and John Scalzo.

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 Miller moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiations; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

Council returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the May 21, 2014 regular meeting
- B. Contract with Department of Local Affairs for grant for South Rifle water line
- C. Liquor License Renewals: Red River Quick Mart; 6 & 13 Quick Mart; Thai Chili Bistro; Choice Liquors; Rib City Grill; Texan Bar
- D. April 2014 Sales Tax Report
- E. April 2014 Financial Report
- F. Accounts Payable

Councilor Miller moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, and F; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Scalzo offered to share Chinese Elm tree seeds.

There were no other citizen comments.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER EAGLE SPRINGS ORGANIC LLC D/B/A FARM FRESH CAFÉ & STEAKHOUSE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Steve DeForest presented Farm Fresh Café & Steakhouse’s application for a new Hotel & Restaurant liquor license for premises located at 1725 Railroad Avenue. City Clerk Lisa Cain stated that the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. Staff’s

recommendation was that Council approve the application with the condition that required Building Department and Fire Department inspections take place before the applicant starts operations.

Councilor Parkinson moved to approve the application of Eagle Springs Organic LLC d/b/a Farm Fresh Café & Steakhouse for a Hotel & Restaurant liquor license for premises located at 1725 Railroad Avenue, with the condition that required Building Department and Fire Department inspections take place before the applicant starts operations; seconded by Councilor Carter. Roll Call: Yes - Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF CITY PURCHASING AGENT’S EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION FOR ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR RIFLE REGIONAL WATER PURIFICATION FACILITY

City Manager Matt Sturgeon explained that, as the City’s Purchasing Agent, he authorized a geotechnical evaluation for an alternative site for the new Rifle Regional Water Purification Facility. It was necessary that the alternative site evaluation occur immediately to reduce the risk of the City’s losing the low interest loan that would fund construction of the facility.

Mr. Scalzo suggested the City use the site for a tree farm.

CONSIDER CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO BUILD ADD-ALTERNATE #3-A, AT-GRADE DUGOUTS FOR DEERFIELD PHASE 1

Utilities Director Dick Deussen appeared on behalf of Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore. He reminded Council that the City did not include at-grade dugouts in the Deerfield Regional Park - Phase 1 project because of potential soils issues. Fortunately, subsequent excavation did not reveal soils issues. Therefore, staff recommended that Council authorize Add-Alternate # 3-A, at-grade dugouts, to be included with Deerfield Regional Park-Phase 1 for a price not to exceed \$95,865.

Councilor Rice moved to authorize Add-Alternate # 3-A, at-grade dugouts, to be included with Deerfield Regional Park-Phase 1 for a price not to exceed \$95,865; seconded by Councilor Parkinson. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AMENDING PUBLIC WORKS MANUAL RETAINAGE REQUIREMENTS - RESOLUTION NO. 8, SERIES OF 2014

City Attorney Jim Neu advised Council that the City ought to update the retainage requirements in the Public Works Manual to stay current with state requirements. Proposed Resolution No. 8, Series of 2014, would make these updates.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 8, Series of 2014; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AWARDED CONTRACT FOR WEST 5TH STREET DESIGN

City Engineer Rick Barth reported that staff solicited bids to design improvements to West 5th Street. He recommended that Council award the contract to Boundaries Unlimited in the amount of \$19,400.

Councilor Carter moved to award a contract to design improvements to West 5th Street to Boundaries Unlimited in an amount not to exceed \$19,400; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

Police Chief John Dyer recommended appointments to the Public Safety Citizen Advisory Board.

Councilor Parkinson moved to appoint these citizens to the Public Safety Citizen Advisory Board: Erin Burwell and Albert Harris for terms expiring March 1, 2015; David Ling and Scott Minturn for terms expiring March 1, 2016; Jay Rickstrew and Judy Hewitt for terms expiring March 1, 2017; Bill Noel, George Pearson, and Lisa Petty for terms expiring March 1, 2018; and Richard Levine as alternate; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Miller, Myers, Parkinson, Rice, Winkler. Abstaining – Clifton.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Cain reminded Council of these meetings:

- June 11 workshop with the Garfield County Commissioners at 6:00 p.m., followed by a special meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- June 16 regular meeting, in lieu of a meeting on June 18, to allow Councilors to attend the Colorado Municipal League Annual Conference.

Mr. Sturgeon reported to Council on these issues: Chief Dyer’s appointment to the Colorado Peace Officers Standards and Training Board; street striping; and weed control.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilors congratulated Chief Dyer on his appointment.

Councilors urged citizens to show their appreciation to the streets crew.

Councilor Clifton announced the Rifle Animal Shelter’s vaccination clinic on June 7.

Councilor Myers attended the Colorado Wildland Fire Management Academy. He will represent the City at the Energy Advisory Board meeting and the Club 20 Summer Leadership Conference. He asked why the City requires backflow prevention devices; it is a state requirement. Liquor licensees are concerned about paying for Responsible Serving/Selling of Alcohol (RSOA) classes. An alternative is for licensees to send an employee to “Train the Trainer” classes, so that employee can teach the RSOA classes to other employees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Lisa H. Cain
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor