

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

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 AT ROLL CALL: Councilors Barb Clifton, Joe Elliott, Jay Miller, Dirk Myers, Jonathan Rice, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

Councilor Rice moved to excuse Councilor Rich Carter from tonight’s meeting; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Matt Sturgeon; City Clerk Lisa Hamilton; City Attorney Jim Neu; Rifle Community Television Manager Jim Bell; Rifle Community Television Assistant Manager Michael Churchill; Deputy City Clerk Kristy Christensen; Utilities Director Dick Deussen; Police Chief John Dyer; Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore; Jill Hamrick; Becky Mall; Jake Mall; Gina Reece-Long; and Mark Sills.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the February 4, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor License Renewals: Jay’s; Nacho’s Mexican Dining
- C. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Special Event Permit: Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce for March 7, 2015 (approve permit, cancel public hearing)
- D. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Report of Changes: Nacho’s Mexican Dining
- E. Support traditional grant application to Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (GCFMLD) for Whiteriver Avenue improvements – Resolution No. 3, Series of 2015
- F. Support mini grant application to GCFMLD for new Senior Program bus – Resolution No. 4, Series of 2015
- G. November 2014 Financial Report
- H. November 2014 Sales Tax Report
- I. Accounts Payable

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mark Sills requested Council consider allowing additional retail marijuana cultivation facilities, beyond the 4 currently allowed.

There were no other citizen comments.

PRESENTATION TO JIM BELL

Council presented a plaque to retiring Rifle Community Television Manager Jim Bell and thanked him for his 18 years of service to the City and the community.

PROCLAIM 1ST SATURDAY OF JUNE AS RIFLE HERITAGE DAYS

Mayor Winkler read and presented to representatives of the Rifle Creek Center for Historical Preservation (RCCHP) a proclamation declaring the first Saturday of June as Rifle Heritage Days.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the proclamation; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER WAIVING FEES FOR UTE THEATRE AND EVENTS CENTER FOR RIFLE HERITAGE DAYS

Becky Mall and Jake Mall, RCCHP Board Members, requested a waiver of fees for RCCHP to use the Ute Theatre and Events Center for Heritage Days 2015.

After discussion, Council declined to waive the fees.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MOWER FOR PARKS DEPARTMENT

Councilor Elliott moved to authorize the purchase of a 2011 Jacobsen AR-522 from Michigan Turf Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$21,950.00, as recommended by Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO RIFLE CREEKSIDE ESTATES SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT

City Manager Matt Sturgeon and City Attorney Jim Neu reminded Council of the urgent need to construct a new water tank to remediate the current 3 million gallon storage tank. The ideal site is adjacent to the current water tank and is located on Tract F of Rifle Creekside Subdivision. Mr. Sturgeon has been negotiating with the owner of Rifle Creekside and the resulting terms of the land acquisition are contained in the proposed First Amendment to the Subdivision Improvements Agreement.

Councilor Rice moved to approve the First Amendment to Site Specific Development Plan and Subdivision Improvements Agreement for Rifle Creekside Subdivision Phase 1-A; seconded by Councilor Elliott. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER DESIGNATING PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY - RESOLUTION NO. 5, SERIES OF 2015

Mr. Sturgeon explained that the City officers currently authorized to sign on behalf of the City with respect to the water treatment plant loan no longer are employed by the City. He recommended that Council authorize him and Staff Accountant Teresa Beecraft to sign on behalf of the City.

Councilor Rice moved to approve Resolution No. 5, Series of 2015, designating persons authorized to sign on behalf of the City; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Sturgeon thanked Mr. Bell for the care with which he managed Rifle Community Television.

City Clerk Lisa Hamilton reminded Council of its annual strategic planning retreat on February 27 and 28.

Mr. Neu reported to Council on Marijuana Code violations by Rifle Mountain Dispensary.

Utilities Director Dick Deussen reported on repair of a water main break and repairs at water treatment facilities.

Police Chief John Dyer announced that the Police Department proudly escorted through the City the Rifle High School wrestlers heading to the state tournament.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilors congratulated Rifle High School wrestlers David Fugita, José Prado, Alex Rivas, and Zach Wisniewski on qualifying for the state tournament.

Councilors thanked Jim Bell for his service to the community.

Councilor Myers suggested asking citizens if they have questions about items on the consent agenda, before Council acts on those items.

Councilor Clifton encouraged the community to support the Animal Shelter by attending Hoot at the Ute on February 28 at 6 p.m.

Councilor Miller reported on issues discussed at the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado meeting and the Colorado Municipal League Policy Committee meeting.

Councilor Rice noted that basketball district tournaments would occur February 19. He also encouraged the community to attend Rifle High School’s play “Shrek the Musical.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Lisa K. Hamilton
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor