

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 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 Rich Carter, Barb Clifton, Joe Elliott, Jay Miller, Dirk Myers, Jonathan Rice, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Matt Sturgeon; City Clerk Lisa Hamilton; City Attorney Jim Neu; Rifle Community Television Manager Michael Churchill; City Engineer Rick Barth; Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen; Utilities Director Dick Deussen; Police Chief John Dyer; Planning Director Nathan Lindquist; Resident Engineer Jim Miller; Shelley Aibner; Don Andre; Tanya Giard; Jane Holt; Dick Rhoades; Karen Rhoades; Helen Rogers; and Mike Samson.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the March 18, 2015 regular meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor License Renewal: Kum & Go #4924
- C. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Report of Manager Change: Kum & Go #4924
- D. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Modification of Premises: Sammy's
- E. Appoint members of Planning & Zoning Commission
- F. Accounts Payable

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Shelley Aibner, Tanya Giard, Jane Holt, and Helen Rogers, from the New Ute Theatre Society (NUTS), requested that Council waive for NUTS the fees to use the Ute Theater and Events Center, because all money that NUTS raises goes back to the Ute.

Garfield County Commissioner Mike Samson congratulated the City on acquisition of the Center of Excellence for Advanced Technology in Aerial Firefighting.

There were no other citizen comments.

CONSIDER AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR UTE THEATER PATIO

Councilor Miller moved to award a contract for reconstruction of the patio area in front of the Ute Theater to Frontier Paving in an amount not to exceed \$60,973, as recommended by City Engineer Rick Barth; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

(ACTING AS WATER ENTERPRISE) CONSIDER ENGINEERING SERVICE DURING CONSTRUCTION OF RIFLE REGIONAL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Councilor Clifton moved to authorize payment to Arcadis in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for construction engineering services for the Rifle Regional Water Treatment Facility on a time and expense basis, as

recommended by Utilities Director Dick Deussen and Resident Engineer Jim Miller; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

ANNEXATION OF GRAHAM MESA WATER TANK PROPERTY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, CONCERNING THE GRAHAM MESA WATER TANK PROPERTY ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF RIFLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING AN ANNEXATION PLAN FOR THE GRAHAM MESA WATER TANK PROPERTY ANNEXATION AS REQUIRED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE GRAHAM MESA WATER TANK PROPERTY

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reminded Council that it approved the First Amendment to Subdivision Improvements Agreement for Rifle Creekside Subdivision, Phase 1-A at its February 18, 2015 meeting. The First Amendment set forth the terms and conditions of the City's acquisition of additional land to construct a new water tank adjacent to the City's Graham Mesa Water Tank. The method of the conveyance of the Property was via a Boundary Line Adjustment Plat where the Property would be merged with the City's Graham Mesa Water Tank property, which is currently in unincorporated Garfield County. For the City to have jurisdiction to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment Plat, the City needs to annex the Graham Mesa Water Tank Property, which is accomplished by passing proposed Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2015. Proposed Resolution No. 8, Series of 2015 would make the requisite findings of fact required by state statute, and proposed Resolution No. 9, Series of 2015 would set forth the City's annexation plan.

Dick and Karen Rhoades urged Council to proceed with constructing the tank. They suggested that the City plant more trees to screen the view of the existing tank and the new tank, and paint the tanks, one with an image of a rifle, and the other with an image of an elk.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Resolution Nos. 8 and 9, Series of 2015; seconded by Councilor Carter. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2015, on first reading as presented and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Carter. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH EXPENSE REDUCTION ANALYSTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING NATURAL GAS UTILITY COSTS

Councilor Rice moved to authorize the City Manager to engage Expense Reduction Analysts for the purpose of reducing natural gas utility costs; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Sturgeon reported on maintenance issues at Museum. He thanked Deputy City Clerk Kristy Christensen for her service to the City and the community.

Police Chief John Dyer reported on a traffic study on Firethorn Drive.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilors thanked Ms. Christensen for her service.

Councilor Elliott supported the idea of painting the water tanks. He thanked Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore for pool maintenance.

Councilor Miller informed Council about an amicus brief planned by Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado related to potential restrictions on development resulting from a non-native plant.

Councilor Clifton thanked Mr. Whitmore for park maintenance.

Councilor Myers invited the public to attend the Energy Advisory Board meeting on April 2. He reported on activities at the Club 20 meeting. He reminded residents of Spring Cleanup starting April 27.

Council discussed delaying a ballot question on whether to fluoridate water to the 2016 election.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Lisa K. Hamilton
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor