

**RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, June 3, 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:** Acting City Manager Kimberly Bullen; City Clerk Lisa Hamilton; City Attorney Jim Neu; Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Manager Michael Churchill; City Engineer Rick Barth; Police Chief John Dyer; Consulting Engineer Michael Erion; Planning Director Nathan Lindquist; Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore; Rob Bleil; Andrea Davis; Steve Fuller; Ryan Hoffman; Chris Krelovich; Jason Raley; and Dana Wood.

**CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- A. Minutes from the May 20, 2015 regular meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor License Renewals: Texan Bar; Choice Liquors
- C. Accounts Payable

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Dana Wood, Coordinator, LiveWell Garfield County, presented information about LiveWell’s Gleaning Program for collection and distribution of excess produce.

Andrea Davis asked Council to help the Rifle Thrift Store remain in the community.

There were no other citizen comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER WATERSHED DISTRICT PERMIT NO. 1-15 - URSA OPERATING COMPANY, LLC**

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. City Attorney Jim Neu; Michael Erion, P.E., Consulting Engineer for the City of Rifle; and Rob Bleil, Regulatory/Environmental Manager, and Jason Raley, Regulatory Water Programs Consultant, URSA Operating Company (URSA), explained that URSA acquired the regional assets of Antero Resources Corporation. Antero held several watershed permits issued by the City for its oil and gas operations in the Colorado River Watershed. Staff has been working with URSA on the transfer of the Permits from Antero to URSA and ensuring URSA understands all of the conditions in the Permits. Staff inspected the permitted sites at the end of April and everything looked in compliance. Mr. Bleil and Mr. Raley updated Council on URSA and its activities in the watershed.

Proposed Watershed District Permit No. 1-15 would reflect URSA as the holder of the Permits and allow the consolidation of all of the performance bond requirements into one bond to cover all Permits. Permit No. 1-15

would also add a site URSA uses to collect and transfer drill cuttings that was not listed in any of the Permits so that all of their activities are contemplated and permitted.

Councilor Carter moved to approve Watershed District Permit No. 1-15; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler.

**CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR WHITERIVER AVENUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

City Engineer Rick Barth recommended award of the Whiteriver Avenue Pedestrian Improvements construction contract to Johnson Construction in the amount of \$546,150, and approval of ancillary expenditures for the execution of the project up to \$600,000. It is anticipated that work will begin in June and last approximately 3 months.

Councilor Miller moved to award the Whiteriver Avenue Pedestrian Improvements construction contract to Johnson Construction in the amount of \$546,150, and approve ancillary expenditures for the execution of the project up to \$600,000; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler.

**RECEIVE UPDATE ON RAILROAD AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist provided an update on Railroad Avenue Corridor Improvements.

He noted that using discarded shipping containers for storage in residential areas is prohibited by City regulations.

He reminded Council that the development fee reductions and building incentives to stimulate growth and economic development in the City would expire June 30, 2015.

**RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Acting City Manager Kimberly Bullen provided an update on the Community Survey.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Ms. Bullen reported on these issues: water break on Acacia Avenue; Heritage Days; and bus for senior recreation transportation.

City Clerk Lisa Hamilton reported on the upcoming municipal election, rescheduling the June 17 Council meeting to June 15, and hiring of Executive Assistant Danielle Hogan.

Mr. Neu reported on endangered fish and invasive fish in the City watershed.

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore announced that the Cooper Field dedication would take place June 20.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilors wished Councilor Elliott happy birthday.

Councilor Miller reported on these items discussed at the last Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado meeting: Natural Soda expansion; sage grouse bill by Representative Gardner; Enterprise Zones; ensuring Rifle information is at Information Centers throughout Colorado; and information at [Advancecolorado.com](http://Advancecolorado.com) for businesses considering relocation to Colorado.

Councilor Elliott thanked the City for starting this year's chip and seal projects.

Councilor Myers announced that the Northwest Colorado Oil and Gas Forum would make a presentation at Colorado Mountain College in Rifle on June 4, and the Garfield County Energy Advisory Board would meet during the evening of June 4.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Lisa K. Hamilton  
City Clerk

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Randy Winkler  
Mayor