

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 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 (RCTV) Manager Michael Churchill; City Engineer Rick Barth; Utilities Director Dick Deussen; Police Chief John Dyer; Executive Assistant Danielle Hogan; Planning Director Nathan Lindquist; Public Works Superintendent Bobby O'Dell; Sara Brainard; Dave Campbell; Paula Campbell; Joe Carpenter; Tanya Doose; John Getty; Kristen Hodgden; Ryan Hoffman; Mel Kent; Chris Krelovich; Rachel Pokrandt; Mike Samson; and Shannon Ullmann.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the June 15, 2015 regular meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor License Renewal: Rocky Mountain Liquors
- C. Authorize September 2015 municipal election to be conducted by mail ballot – Resolution No. 18, Series of 2015
- D. Zone the Graham Mesa Water Tank Property Public Zone (PZ) District – Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2015 – 2nd reading
- E. Accounts Payable

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Rachel Pokrandt announced that Colorado Mountain College would be opening a downtown Rifle location.

John Getty asked Council to address issues with vehicles traveling to the end of Acacia Avenue, and their drivers not knowing that Acacia Avenue dead ends.

There were no other citizen comments.

RECEIVE BRIEFING REGARDING GLOBAL PETROLEUM SHOW

Garfield County Commissioner Mike Samson and Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation Staff Member Mel Kent briefed Council on the Global Petroleum Show.

CONSIDER APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Councilors cast ballots to select citizens to serve on the Visitor Improvement Fund Advisory Board as follows:

	Sara Brainard	Tanya Doose	Ryan Gilbert
Councilor Carter	x	x	
Councilor Clifton	x	x	
Councilor Elliott	x	x	
Councilor Miller		x	x
Councilor Myers		x	x
Councilor Rice	x		x
Mayor Winkler	x	x	

Councilor Clifton moved to appoint Sara Brainard and Tanya Doose to the Visitor Improvement Fund Advisory Board for terms ending May 31, 2018; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR WATER EFFICIENCY PLAN UPDATE

Councilor Rice moved to accept a Colorado Water Conservation Board grant of \$30,200 and award a contract to Schmueser Gordon Meyer for \$27,720 to update the City’s Water Efficiency Plan; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AMENDING RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW THE KEEPING OF BEES – ORDINANCE NO. 14, SERIES OF 2015 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-10, 7-6-120, AND 7-6-140 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING BEES AND ANIMALS

Councilor Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 14, 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 EXTENDING THE IMPACT FEE WAIVER PROGRAM THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016 – ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2015 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ENACTING DEVELOPMENT FEE REDUCTIONS AND WAIVERS AND BUILDING INCENTIVES TO STIMULATE GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY

Councilor Carter moved to approve Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2015, on first reading, as presented, and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Myers. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER REZONING CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN OR NEAR THE 700 TO 1000 BLOCKS OF STILLWELL AVENUE FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPING (MDR-X) ZONE DISTRICT TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR) ZONE DISTRICT – ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2015 – 2ND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REZONING CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN OR NEAR THE 700 TO 1000 BLOCKS OF STILLWELL AVENUE FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPING (MDR-X) ZONE DISTRICT TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR) ZONE DISTRICT

Councilor Rice moved to approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2015, on second 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 AGREEMENT WITH JON ISHAM FOR DEDICATION OF WHITERIVER AVE. RIGHT-OF-WAY

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Dedication of Right of Way Agreement with Jon C. Isham; seconded by Councilor Rice. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT QUESTION REQUESTING VOTER APPROVAL TO BORROW FUNDS FOR STREET AND TRAIL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BE PAID FOR WITH EXISTING SALES TAX REVENUES - ORDINANCE NO. 15, SERIES OF 2015 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMITTAL FOR APPROVAL OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF RIFLE AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION A QUESTION WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD ISSUE SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN TAX RATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY

Councilor Carter moved to approve Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2015, on first reading, as presented, and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Elliott. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported on these issues: Whiteriver Avenue construction project; Meadow Circle water leak; water restrictions; water tank construction project; and Independence Day festivities.

City Clerk Lisa Hamilton introduced Executive Assistant Danielle Hogan. Ms. Hamilton reported that 7 citizens had filed paperwork to run for the 4 Council seats to be filled at the September 8 election. She also announced that the City’s insurance carrier had awarded the City a Loss Prevention Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in the Management of a Successful Loss Control Program.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Carter asked for a water treatment plant update at the July 15 meeting.

Councilor Clifton suggested that Council conduct a workshop session on garage sale sign regulations.

Councilor Elliott encouraged citizens to complete the community survey.

Councilors wished all a safe 4th of July holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER CRS 24-6-402(4)(B); AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER CRS 24-6-402(4)(E).

Councilor Clifton moved to adjourn to executive session to receive legal advice and discuss negotiations; seconded by Councilor Elliott (8:34 p.m.). Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Myers, Rice, Winkler

Upon return to open session following conclusion of the executive session, meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Lisa K. Hamilton
City Clerk

Randy Winkler
Mayor