

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 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 and Mayor Randy Winkler.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Matt Sturgeon; Executive Assistant Danielle Hogan; City Attorney Jim Neu; Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Manager Michael Churchill; Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen; Police Chief John Dyer, Senior Center Director Tami Sours, AmeriCorps Intern Cathleen Anthony; Planning Director Nathan Lindquist; City Planner Hannah Klausman, Ryan Hoffman; Natalie Wilson; Steve Wilson; Annick Pruetz; and Ken Sack.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the August 5, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Amend hearing date for Grand River Hospital District annexation – Resolution No. 20, Series of 2015
- C. Set hearing date for Rifle Animal Shelter annexation – Resolution No. 22, Series of 2015
- D. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor license renewals: Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1345, Black Bear Liquors, Walmart Stores Inc.
- E. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Change of registered manager: Farm Fresh Café (Banquet Hall); Farm Fresh Café (Steakhouse)
- F. Purchase of cemetery spaces
- G. Financial Report
- H. Accounts Payable
- I. Adopt the calendar for the 2016 budget - Resolution No. 23, Series of 2015
- J. Support a traditional grant application to the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for a segment of the Rifle Creek Trail - Resolution No. 24, Series of 2015
- K. Support a mini grant application to the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for the Centennial Park Playground - Resolution No. 25, Series of 2015

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

(ACTING AS LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY) PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER APPLICATION BY NATALIE WILSON ENTERPRISES, LLC, D/B/A OLIVE RIDLEY’S COFFEE AND TEA COMPANY FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE AT 228 RAILROAD AVENUE, UNIT C

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Natalie Wilson presented the application of Natalie Wilson Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Olive Ridley’s Coffee and Tea Company for a Beer and Wine license at 228 Railroad Avenue, Unit C. Executive Assistant Danielle Hogan 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.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the application of Natalie Wilson Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Olive Ridley’s Coffee and Tea Company for a Beer and Wine license at 228 Railroad Avenue, Unit C; seconded by Councilor Clifton. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Winkler

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER AMENDING SIGN CODE – ORDINANCE NO. 17, SERIES OF 2015 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING THE SIGN CODE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE SET FORTH AT ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Planning Director Nathan Lindquist and City Attorney Jim Neu explained that the major proposed changes incorporate:

- Allowing limited size suspended signage in the medium-density residential redeveloping (MDR-X) zone, previously prohibited.
- Redefinition of Fuel Canopy signage to allow signage attached to fuel pumps.
- Permit A-frame signs in Community Service and Tourist Commercial signs on internal sidewalks only.
- Removal of sixteen square foot size restriction on hunting season signs.
- Prohibition of “stake signs” with commercial advertising messages.
- Changing garage sale sign requirements to allow them to be placed off-premise with a limited duration and placement not on signage or lightpoles.
- Changing Political sign requirements.

Councilor Clifton had concern regarding the timeframe for signs to be removed being stated in hours past close of garage sale; she requested that it be a stated time and day. Discussion was had regarding what it should be. The outcome was 8:00 A.M. on Monday all garage sale signs should be removed.

Ken Sack from the public stepped up to speak regarding the Sign Code for City of Rifle. Mayor Winkler swore him in. Ken stated his concern that he felt that the Sign Code is restrictive and does not allow businesses set back from Railroad Avenue the opportunity to sufficiently advertise. Planning Department Director Nathan Lindquist came up to answer questions for Council, and offered options for business owners Mr. Sack may investigate.

Mayor Winkler realized a conflict of interest and stepped down. Councilor Miller stepped up as Mayor Pro Tem.

Public hearing was closed.

Councilor Carter moved to approve Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2015, on first reading, as amended, and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Elliot. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller. Abstaining Mayor Winkler.

CONSIDER ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR COURSES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF INSTRUCTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL LIQUOR SEMINARS – RESOLUTION NO. 21, SERIES OF 2015

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 21, Series of 2015; seconded by Councilor Elliott. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Winkler

CONSIDER CHANGING NUMBER OF HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS – ORDINANCE NO. 16, SERIES OF 2015 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 2-11-20 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS

Councilor Clifton moved to approve Ordinance No. 16, Series of 2015, on first reading, as presented, and to order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll Call: Yes – Carter, Clifton, Elliott, Miller, Winkler

DISCUSS SHARED MAINTENANCE WITH RIFLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

City Manager Matt Sturgeon and Senior Center Director Tami Sours presented information on the need to share outside maintenance with Rifle Housing Authority. Cost/time analysis was presented. Council is in favor of the idea, asked to bring formal IGA to next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported on the reason for the ballot issue related to streets and asked citizens to become informed regarding the need for the funds.

Executive Assistant Danielle Hogan updated Council on the municipal election.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Clifton reminded citizens that ballots went out and to inform themselves through the Candidate Forum about the ballot issue and the Council candidates.

Councilor Miller updated that he had attended the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado meeting in Hayden. Agenda items of interest was discussion of Colorado Plan, Enterprise Zone Re-designation, and CO Oil and Gas Association update regarding EPA Coal Meeting in Denver.

Mayor Winkler invited citizens to watch the Candidate Forum on Channel 10 and Riflenow.com, it was very informational.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Danielle Hogan
Executive Assistant

Randy Winkler
Mayor