

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

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 Barbara Clifton, Joe Elliott, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Annick Pruett, Dana Wood, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Matt Sturgeon; City Clerk Kristy Christensen; City Attorney Jim Neu; Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Manager Michael Churchill; Police Chief John Dyer; Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen; Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore; Planner Hannah Klausman; Utility Director Jim Miller; Public Works Superintendent Bobby O'Dell; O&M Streets Crew Leader Mike Altman; O&M Construction Crew Leader Mitch Whalpole; O&M Technician Roland Klocker; O&M Technician Sean Wade; AmeriCorps Intern Cathleen Anthony; Larry Matlock; Carlton Hoffmeister; Edward Wilks; Jeff Odor; Steven Fuller; Daniel Le'Moine; Bill Gurley; Rick Peterson; Ryan Hoffman; Becky Mall; Jake Mall; Susan Nichols-Alvis; Krista Gaudio; Dustin Carnahey; Gyla Stark; Dave Stark; Trudy Lowery; Bryan Semel; T.J. Sifers; and Amy Shipley.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the January 20, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor License Renewals – El Kora Mexican Restaurant and Brenden Rifle 7 Theatres
- C. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Continue Public Hearing for Shear Intensity Hair, Nail & Tanning Salon to March 2nd
- D. Amending Rifle Municipal Code Pertaining to the Process of Issuing Special Event Permits - Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2016 –2nd reading
- E. Accounts Payable

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, and E; seconded by Councilor Hamilton. Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Hamilton, Green, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Comments were heard from Edwards Wilks, Jeff Odor, Susan Nichols-Alvis, T.J.Sifers, and Amy Shipley on the Bureau of Land Management Roan Plateau Supplemental Environment Impact Statement with regards to the Hubbard Mesa Recreation Management.

Krysta Gaudio, General Manager of Eagle Spring Meats and Farm Fresh Café, asked questions about their liquor license.

Comments were heard from Brian Semel and Edwards Wilks on Recreational Marijuana.

RECOGNITION TO ROLAND KLOCKER FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF RIFLE

Public Works Superintendent Bobby O'Dell presented to Roland Klocker a plaque for 40 years of service for the City of Rifle.

CONSIDER PARKING VARIANCE FOR RIFLE SNOWMOBILE CLUB AT HUFFMAN GULCH AREA FOR ANNUAL POKER RUN

Carlton Hoffmeister requested the parking fee be waived at the Huffman Gulch area for the Rifle Snowmobile Club's annual Poker Run being held on February 14th.

Councilor Clifton moved to approve waiving the parking fee at Huffman Gulch area for a Rifle Snowmobile Club's annual Poker Run; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Hamilton, Green, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING LETTER TO BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) ROAN PLATEAU SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT STATEMENT

City Manager Matt Sturgeon explained the City, as a Cooperating Agency with the Bureau of Land Management, is forwarding comments regarding the proposed alternatives for the Roan Plateau Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The SEIS for the Roan Plateau Management Area was prepared to resolve deficiencies with the 2006 Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and comply with a lawsuit settlement regarding oil and gas leasing. The City supports

Alternative 4 of the RMPA/SEIS, but is requesting the BLM find a resolution at a later date for the Hubbard Mesa area.

Councilor Clifton moved to approve the letter to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on Roan Plateau Supplemental Environment Impact Statement as drafted; seconded by Councilor Green.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Hamilton, Green, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

(ACTING AS LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY) PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER APPLICATION BY CITY OF RIFLE DBA UTE THEATRE AND EVENTS CENTER

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Tom Whitmore presented the application of City of Rifle dba Ute Theatre and Events Center for a Beer and Wine License located at 132 E Fourth Street. The Ute Theatre and Events Center currently has an Arts Liquor License. The City would like to change the liquor license class from and Arts Liquor License to a Beer and Wine Liquor License. City Clerk Kristy Christensen stated the State requires licensees to complete a new application in order for a licensed premise to change the classification of their liquor license, 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 Elliott moved to approve the City of Rifle dba Ute Theatre and Events Center beer and wine liquor license; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Hamilton, Green, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

LEASE WITH RIFLE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES OF 2016 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIFLE AND RIFLE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Jim Neu noted the Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation (RREDC) owns vacant property on Buckhorn Drive and has offered to lease it to the City for one dollar per year. Uses will likely be recreational, but the City may utilize the property for any other civic functions it deems desirable. The owner is able to have the property taxes abated since the City is leasing it for civic purposes. In order to have the property taxes abated, Garfield County Assessor's Office requires the property lease be approved by ordinance, and therefore, the lease with the RREDC is being approved by Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2016.

Councilor Clifton moved to approve Ordinance No.4, Series of 2016; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Hamilton, Green, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

DISCUSSION ON SEPTAGE RATES AND RULES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Utility Director Jim Miller explained the issues with the current septage rates and rules for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and proposed new septage rates and rules.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Hamilton, Green, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING PROPERTIES OWNED BY GARFIELD COUNTY LOCATED AT 1301 HOWARD AVENUE, 1241 HOWARD AVENUE, AND 1001 RAILROAD AVENUE TO PUBLIC ZONE DISTRICT – ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2016 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REZONING PROPERTIES OWNED BY GARFIELD COUNTY LOCATED AT 1301 HOWARD AVENUE, 1241 HOWARD AVENUE, AND 1001 RAILROAD AVENUE FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE (CS) TO PUBLIC ZONE (PZ) DISTRICT.

Hannah Klausman explained the City requested a Map Amendment to change the zoning of three parcels owned by Garfield County; 1301 Howard Avenue, 1241 Howard Avenue, and 1001 Railroad Avenue. The Zoning is being changed from Community Service (CS) and Developing Resource (DR) to Public Zone District (PD). The Map Amendment request is intended to clean up the City of Rifle's zoning maps. No use changes are occurring on the properties. Staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of this zoning change.

Councilor Pruett moved to approve Ordinance No. 2, series of 2016 as presented and order the ordinance to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Hamilton, Green, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

CONSIDER LEASE WITH 139 RAILROAD AVENUE, LLC - ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES OF 2016 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RIFLE AND 139 RAILROAD, LLC

Barb Clifton recused herself from consideration of this matter because of a potential conflict of interest and left the Council Chamber.

Matt Sturgeon noted the City would like to renew the lease with 139 Railroad, LLC for property located at 139 Railroad Avenue. The Lease term ended in 2015 and staff would like to renew it for another 2 years through 2017. The owner is able to have the property taxes abated since the City is leasing it for civic purposes. In order to have the property taxes abated, Garfield County Assessor's Office requires the property lease be approved by ordinance, therefore, the lease with 139 Railroad, LLC is being approved by Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2016

Councilor Green moved to approve Ordinance No. 3 as presented and order the ordinance to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

Roll Call: Yes –, Elliott, Hamilton, Green, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

Council Clifton Returned to the Council Chambers

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported on reported potholes.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Hamilton mentioned the school district appreciates the support of the Rifle Police Department.

Councilor Green gave an update on the Club 20 meeting.

Councilor Clifton invited everyone to Symphony in the Valley.

Councilor Elliott thanked Roland Klocker 40 years of service.

Councilor Pruett thanked Roland Klocker for his service and encouraged everyone to participate in the poker run and the Grand Chance for Chocolates.

Mayor Randy Winkler thanked Roland Klocker for his 40 years of service

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.


Kristy Christensen
City Clerk




Randy Winkler
Mayor

