

## RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 4, 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, Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Manager Michael Churchill, RCTV Assistant Salvador Tovar, Chief of Police John Dyer, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, City Engineer Rick Barth, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Ryan Hoffman, Jonathan Rice, Bryan Semel, Melody Massih, Cheryl Currier, Mark Sills, Cloud Shadowshot, Thomas Duggan, and Paul Currier.

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

- A. Minutes from the April 20, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. Juvenile Sentencing for Minor in Possession - Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2016 – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- C. Accounts Payable

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

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Citizen comments were heard from Cheryl Currier in opposition to retail marijuana.

### **RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM WPX ENERGY**

Representatives of WPX Energy, Susan Alviar and Jeff Kirkland, presented a plaque and memo to the City of Rifle for “Many Years of Support and Valuable Business Partnerships in the Piceance Basin”.

### **(ACTING AS LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY) PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER APPLICATION BY RIFLE TEQUILA’S, INC. DBA TEQUILA’S FOR A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE**

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. Pedro Gomez presented the application of Rifle Tequila’s Inc., dba Tequila’s, for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License located at 800 Airport Road, Suite 3. City Clerk Kristy Christensen stated 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 Rifle Tequila’s Inc., dba Tequila’s, for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

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

### **CONSIDER AUTHORIZING 2016 CONTRIBUTION TO THE RIFLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

City Manager Matt Sturgeon stated City Council budgeted to contribute \$36,000 to the Rifle Community Foundation in 2016. Staff believes the foundation provides a necessary service to the community as well as City Council, and recommends City Council approve the contribution.

Councilor Green moved to approve the contribution to the Rifle Community Foundation in the amount of \$36,000; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

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

### **CONSIDER DESIGN BID AWARD FOR GEOTECH SERVICES TO YEH & ASSOCIATES,**

City Engineer Rick Barth explained staff requested three proposals for Geotechnical Consultation services to investigate the subgrade issues occurring on Railroad Avenue. Staff recommends award of the contract to Yeh & Associates for the amount of \$29,860.

Councilor Wood moved to approve the bid award for geotechnical services to Yeh and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$29,860; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

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

**CONSIDER LETTER TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE JORDAN COVE PROJECT**

Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen explained that the memo requests the Department of Energy and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reconsider its decision regarding the Jordan Cove LNG terminal. The Jordan Cove export facility is the only viable LNG facility on the West coast that would directly link Colorado to new energy markets via the Ruby Pipeline which originates in Northwest Colorado and carries natural gas from this region to western states.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission letter supporting the Jordan Cove Project seconded by Councilor Pruett.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Winkler; No - Wood

**CONSIDER TAX DEFICIENCY FEE ASSESSMENT – ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2016**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 4 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SALES AND USE TAX COLLECTION**

City Attorney Jim Neu stated several recent incidences have highlighted the City’s need to be more diligent and consistent in enforcing the Retail Sales and Use Tax Code to ensure complete and proper collection. Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2016 amends the code to require any at-fault retail taxpayer to reimburse the city for additional costs associated with necessary notice provisions.

Councilor Pruett moved to approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2016 as presented and order the ordinance to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

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

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON RETAIL MARIJUANA**

Council directed staff to update the medical and retail marijuana code to limit the number of medical marijuana businesses to the number that currently exists in the City, and continue to limit the retail marijuana businesses to retail cultivation facilities only, and the same number of retail cultivation facilities as currently allowed which is four.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

City Clerk Kristy Christensen announced this week is Municipal Clerks Week.

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported on the following items: annual Strategic Planning with Council, praise to staff for resolving issues with both water plants, and City Council Workshop on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief John Dyer noted the Police Department is hiring 2 part time record technicians which will allow the department to keep the customer window open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilor Hamilton announced it is Teacher Appreciation Week this week.

Councilor Green commented on the Hubbard Mesa tour with BLM.

Councilor Clifton thanked City staff for the annual Spring Cleanup.

Councilor Elliott noted the Hubbard Mesa tour with the BLM was very informative.

Councilor Pruett thanked staff for their participation in the Strategic Planning session.

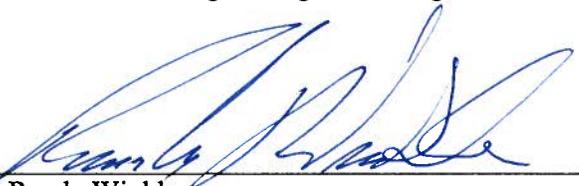
Councilor Wood announced the Rifle Rendezvous is May 13<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Winkler thanked Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen for facilitating Strategic Planning.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
Kristy Christensen  
City Clerk



  
Randy Winkler  
Mayor