

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 2, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Alan Lambert.

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Councilors Beth Bascom, Jay Miller, Jonathan Rice, Jennifer Sanborn, Jeanette Thompson, and Mayor Pro Tem Alan Lambert.

Councilor Rice moved to excuse Mayor Keith Lambert from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Bascom, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, A. Lambert

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Lee Leavenworth, City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Bill Sappington, Public Works Director; Nathan Lindquist, Planner; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Daryl Meisner, Chief of Police; Mark Fergen; Scott Becker.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2007, REGULAR MEETING; MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT; KUTAK ROCK BOND COUNSEL; AWARD COPIER LEASE; RESOLUTION 1-08: POSTING PLACE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS; RESOLUTION 2-08: CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY WITH WELLS FARGO; RESOLUTION 3-08: CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY WITH AXA ADVISORS

Councilor Thompson pulled the Financial Report for separate consideration. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rice.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Bascom, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, A. Lambert

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilor Thompson requested information about the Report. Mr. Kelty provided the requested information. Councilor Thompson moved to approve the October Financial Report; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Bascom, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, A. Lambert

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Mark Fergen and Scott Becker provided an update on recent and upcoming Chamber events.

ACTION FROM WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that Council interviewed candidates for Planning and Zoning Commission. Ballots with the candidates' names were distributed. Ms. Nelson tallied the results, and stated there was a tie between two candidates. A second ballot was distributed with those two candidates' names. A tally revealed a second tie. Mr. Leavenworth suggested that this item be continued until the next Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert stated that this issue will be resumed at the January 16 meeting.

RESOLUTION 6-08: PROMONTORY FILING IV SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE PROMONTORY AT GRAHAM MESA, FILING NO. 4 MINOR SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE CITY OF RIFLE

Applicants John Savage and Principal Steve Wagner were present for this discussion. Filing No. 4 of the Promontory at Graham Mesa is the final phase of development for this Subdivision. It includes 49 townhome units located southeast of Birch Avenue and East 17th Street. Resolution 6-08 approves the final plat and SIA. Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution 6-08 as presented; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Bascom, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, A. Lambert

PUBLIC HEARING: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 36-07: PUD TEXT AMENDMENTS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING THE CITY'S PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AT CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 6 AND SECTION 16-6-190 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mayor Pro Tem Alan Lambert opened the public hearing. Mr. Lindquist stated that the intent of allowing Planned Unit Development ("PUD") projects as alternatives to conventional zoned subdivisions is to promote creative, high quality projects in the City of Rifle. As the Council and staff have discussed previously, it has become apparent that the existing PUD regulations at Chapter 16, Article III, Division 6 of the Rifle Municipal Code are inadequate to instruct applicants about the City's planning goals and guide developers through the PUD approval process. Ordinance No. 36, Series of 2007 revises Chapter 16, Article III, Division 6 and Section 16-6-190 of the RMC to implement these new regulations. Councilor Rice moved to

approve Ordinance 36-07 on second reading as presented and ordered it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Bascom, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, A. Lambert

PUBLIC HEARING: RIFLE POND ANNEXATION

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 42-07: ANNEXATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS RIFLE POND SERIAL ANNEXATION.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 43-07: ZONING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS RIFLE POND SERIAL ANNEXATION PUBLIC ZONE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 4-08: FINDINGS OF FACT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, CONCERNING THE RIFLE POND SERIAL ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF RIFLE

RESOLUTION 5-08: ANNEXATION PLAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING AN ANNEXATION PLAN FOR THE RIFLE POND SERIAL ANNEXATION AS REQUIRED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert opened the public hearing. Mr. Sturgeon noted that the City plans to construct a solar array on the Rifle Pond site to power the City's raw water intake pump station. The property, consisting of approximately forty acres, is situated along Highway 6 & 24 to the east of the current City boundary. To obtain land use jurisdiction for the construction of the solar array and any future facilities, it makes sense to annex the property. State statute allows municipalities to annex city-owned property without the usual public notice and public hearing requirements. Ordinance No. 42 annexes the Property, and Ordinance No. 43 zones it Public Zone District. Councilor Rice moved to approve Ordinance 42-07 and 43-07 as second reading as presented and ordered them to be published by title as required by Charter, and moved to approve Resolution 4-08 and 5-08 as presented; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Bascom, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, A. Lambert

BISCUIT RANCH ANNEXATION AND GILBERT ANNEXATION.

For the record, Mr. Leavenworth stated that by Resolution Nos. 46 and 47, Series of 2007, a public hearing was set to consider the Biscuit Ranch Annexation and the Gilbert Annexation. The Developer rescinded both Petitions for Annexation, and the public hearing will not be held.

AUTHORIZE 2008 WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Sappington stated this item is for the design for the 2008 water and wastewater system improvements up to an amount of \$155,000. The work will include surveying, geotechnical investigation, design, plans and specifications, cost estimate, advertisement for bids, permit applications, prebid meeting and recommendation for award. Councilor Thompson moved to authorize the design improvements in an amount not to exceed \$155,000; seconded by Councilor Rice.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Bascom, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, A. Lambert

2008 STREET IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Public Works will be advertising for asphalt overlay including miscellaneous concrete work in the next few weeks and staff would like to obtain Council's feedback prior to bidding this work. Mr. Sappington stated that the proposed program for 2008 includes the original streets bid in 2007 and an additional location for 2008. Total amount of funds for the work included in the 2008 Street Improvement Fund are \$650,000.

CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF 18TH STREET

Mr. Sappington explained that this item is for engineering services for design of improvements to 18th Street from Railroad Avenue east to connect with the improvements underway for the Public Safety Complex for an estimated amount of \$40,000. Mr. Hier noted that the County would like to partner with the City for completion of this street, and staff will continue discussing this issue with them.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: upcoming projects; printed budget packets availability; senior citizen programs; pay plan; roundabouts; Wamsley school odor issues; comp plan; water distribution facility; UMTRA site leases. Mr. Sturgeon stated that the property at the bottom of Morrow Draw is on the market, and a developer would like to dedicate it to the City in exchange for park credits in the Farm Project. Council directed staff to pursue this further. Mr. Sappington stated that a new employee has been hired in the O&M Department; there have been two water leaks this week; trash pickup will be delayed one day this week due to the holiday. Chief Meisner provided an overview on the activities of the Community Police Specialist.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Council wished everyone a very happy 2008/

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Bascom stated that all candidates for Board openings should be interviewed, as Council had decided to do in November.

RIFLE SENIOR HOUSING DIRECTOR RETIRING

Councilor Bascom stated that Deb Grizzle is retiring after serving many years for the Housing Authority. Interviews are being conducted to select a replacement. Ms. Grizzle will be greatly missed by the seniors, their families, and the community.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Alan Lambert
Mayor Pro Tem