

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

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

Councilor Lambert moved to excuse Councilor Beth Bascom from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Bill Sappington, Public Works Director; Charles Kely, Finance Director; Errin Evans, Planner; Louis Beauchamp; Susan Nichols; Heidi Rice; Trent Pierson; Scott Becker; Michael Gamba; Britt Kelly.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2008, REGULAR MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; NOVEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT; NOVEMBER SALES TAX REPORT; SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR SERVICES; AWARD DESIGN ON WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS; APPOINTMENT TO DDA BOARD; PROPERTY CONVEYANCE AT ROUNDABOUT LOCATION

Mayor Lambert stated that staff is requesting for the Water/Wastewater Improvements be pulled for separate consideration. Mayor Lambert excused himself from voting on the minutes. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

AWARD DESIGN OF WATER/WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Sappington reported that a service line on Ute Street is going to require emergency repairs this winter, with an estimated cost of \$30,000. Staff believes the repairs cannot wait for warmer weather. Councilor Lambert moved to approve up \$130,000 for the design work of the water/wastewater improvements, and moved to approve up to \$30,000 for the emergency repairs on Ute Street; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mayor Keith Lambert reported that Council interviewed candidates for Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Lambert stated the Code allows the Mayor to appoint the candidates for P&Z, with the Council ratifying the appointments. Mayor Lambert appointed David Mead to a regular seat on the P&Z, and Brian Burgess as alternate. Councilor Lambert ratified the aforementioned appointments; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1-08: SANITATION RATE INCREASE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 6.7.60 OF APPENDIX A OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REFUSE COLLECTION RATES AND CHARGES

Mr. Kelty reported that Council approved a one dollar per can increase during the 2008 budget process. Ordinance 1-08 effectuates that change. Councilor Lambert moved to approve Ordinance 1-08 as presented and ordered it to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

APPOINTMENT OF LODGING TAX ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Ten candidates for the Lodging Tax Advisory Board were also interviewed by Council. Ballots with the candidates' names were distributed. The candidates with the seven highest votes will be regular members of the board, with the eighth highest being appointed as alternate. Ms. Nelson tallied the ballots, and gave the results to Mayor Lambert. Mayor Lambert stated that the following persons will be appointed to the Board: Scott Becker, Gil Frontella, Michael Langhorne, Trent Pierson, Helen Rogers, Matt Sturgeon, Doug Wright, and John Savage as alternate. Councilor Rice moved to appoint the aforementioned persons to the Board; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

RESOLUTION 7-08: APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT FOR MC31 MINOR SUBDIVISION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE MC 31 MINOR SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF RIFLE

The representatives for the applicant Michael Gamba and Britt Kelly were present for this discussion, and reviewed their project. The MC 31 Minor Subdivision proposes subdivision of the 10.49 acre Lot 31, McLearn Orchard Lands located on the south side of Airport Road, into two lots. Lot 1, consisting of approximately three acres, is proposed for retail commercial space intended to house Grand Junction Pipe and Supply, and the southerly lot will support retail commercial and/or mini-storage units. On July 31, 2007, after a duly-noticed public hearing and pursuant to Rifle Municipal Code §16-5-280, the City of Rifle Planning Commission approved a Combined Sketch/Preliminary Plan for the Property. Since this is a minor subdivision, the City Council is asked to approve the application by Resolution No. 7, Series of 2008. Resolution No. 7 also approves the Site Specific Development Plan and Subdivision Improvements Agreement for MC 31 Minor Subdivision (“SIA”). The SIA contains the City’s basic fee requirements, including offsite street impact fees, cash-in-lieu of water rights dedication fees, and I-70 and Airport Road impact fees. Ms. Evans stated that staff has certain conditions for this project, and recommends approval. Councilor Lambert moved to approve Resolution 7-08 with all conditions by staff, as amended, included; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

MUSEUM ROOF REPAIR

Mr. Whitmore stated that that the City hired a roofing consultant, developed a roof design, and solicited and received three bids in 2007 for the replacement of the Rifle Creek Museum roof. The project was included in the 2008 budget with an allowance for potential increases in material cost and unforeseen circumstances. The total amount budgeted is \$80,000.00. Staff is requesting council approval to hire a contractor and schedule roof replacement. United Materials is a contractor which has been working locally on RE-2 School District roofing projects. Councilor Rice moved to award the contract to United Materials in an amount not to exceed \$80,000; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Mr. Whitmore reported that the City issued RFP’s for the design and construction of the parks maintenance building at Deerfield Park. DPA Architectural was chosen, and has met with staff several times and developed a preliminary design and cost estimates for this project. DOLA has also awarded \$500,000 for this project. Councilor Sanborn moved to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with DPA for an amount of \$277,650, with the requirement that any additional costs under the agreement to be approved by Council; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

AWARD CONTRACT FOR SALARY SURVEY

Ms. Nelson stated that seven RFP’s were mailed to compensation experts for the update of the City’s Pay Classification Plan. Fox Lawson & Associates was the only company that responded to the request in an amount of \$28,000. Mr. Hier stated that staff can negotiate with FLA to bring the final cost closer to the budgeted amount of \$25,000, but additional work may

be necessary for the creation and updating of job descriptions. Councilor Rice moved to award the contract for the 2008 Salary Survey to FLA; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: Wastewater plant progress payments; sewer line backup; 18th Street reconstruction; affordable housing project; water treatment plant heater replacement; 2008 budget book; senior citizen program issues; Chamber of Commerce luncheon; CML Annual Legislative workshop; draft policy of FML revenues. Ms. Nelson stated that there are job postings on the City's website.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THANK YOU!

Councilors Sanborn and Lambert thanked all the folks who have volunteered in the community.

UPCOMING PRIMARIES

Councilor Rice encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming caucus.

TRAINING

Councilor Thompson reported that she and Councilor Miller attended a training in Denver for newly elected public officials.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor