

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

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

Councilor Bascom moved to excuse Councilor Rice from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Lee Leavenworth, City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Bill Sappington, Public Works Director; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Jeanice Freeman; David Smith; John Sandquist; Tim Galkowski; Frank Smith; Ronald Jacobs; Jan Ketelsieger; Andrew Dean; Scott Schilt; Nate Schilt; Chad Schilt; Mike Dean; Joseph Dean; Sally Brands; Annick Pruett.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2008, REGULAR MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; DECEMBER SALES TAX REPORT; KUM & GO LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL; SHALE COUNTRY CORPORATE REPORT OF CHANGES/LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Frank Smith appeared before Council to ask for their support of a 45-day continuance of BLM's Comment Period of the EIS. Troop 223 was present to earn their Communications Badge.

Councilor Rice arrived at 7:10 p.m.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

ACTION, IF ANY, ON WORKSHOP ITEMS

Mayor Lambert stated that a workshop was held with the Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss their budget. The Chamber is requesting that the City assist in the funding of a Special Events Coordinator. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the expenditure of \$17,748 from the Contingency Fund to fund 75% of a half-time employee's salary; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Bascom, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert
No – A. Lambert

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Sally Brands, Board Member, noted that Habitat is requesting a waiver of all fees due to the City for a duplex being built for two local families. Mr. Hier stated that this would amount to \$42,000 in total fees, of which water and sewer fees would be \$19,400. Councilor Bascom moved to waive all fees except water and sewer fees, for a final fee waiver in an approximate amount of \$22,600; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

REPORT ON PARKING IN DEERFIELD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Mr. Hier noted that staff has reviewed a request by the Deerfield Park Subdivision HOA concerning on-street parking. The HOA has requested that the City initiate some form of parking regulations within the subdivision. HOA regulations presently prohibit on-street parking, an issue that has been problematic for the HOA to regulate. The HOA Board, Patty Marshall, Tim Galkowski, John Sandquist, and David Smith were present for this discussion. Mayor Lambert suggested that the HOA, with City permission, post their own "No Parking" signs and provide enforcement. Mr. Leavenworth will draft an agreement between the City and the HOA for Council's consideration at the March 19 Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUEST

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Annick Pruett and Jeanice Freeman stated that the Chamber has applied for a Special Events Permit to serve liquor at their annual event in March. Ms. Nelson stated that public notice of the hearing was properly posted, the application is complete, the fees have been paid, and the Police Chief indicates no problem with the application. Councilor Thompson moved to approve the Permit; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2-08: CITY PROPERTY REZONE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, RE-ZONING TEN CITY-OWNED PARKS AND THE ROSE HILL CEMETERY FROM VARIOUS ZONING DESIGNATIONS TO PUBLIC ZONE DISTRICT (PZ).

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. The Public Zone District (PZ) in the City of Rifle was created to provide a classification for lands owned, leased, or used by the City for public recreation, cultural, educational, civic, and other public purposes within the City. However, the majority of the City's parks and the Rose Hill Cemetery are zoned according to the surrounding uses in the area, from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Developing Resource (DR) Zone Districts. This creates an issue for the City when the need arises to construct a new maintenance building or accessory structure, for example, which construction may not be permissible in every assigned zone district. The PZ Zone District, on the other hand, permits all the uses associated with parks and open space. Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2008 is a City-initiated re-zoning request to re-zone Arnold Park, Action Park, Deerfield Park, Davidson Park, Moki Park, Palomino Park, Heinze Park, Joyce Park, Macintosh Park, Metro Park, Centennial Park, and the Rose Hill Cemetery to PZ Zone District. Councilor Rice moved to approve Ordinance 2-08 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, A. Lambert, Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR WEST RIFLE AUTO-ISOLATION VALVE PROJECT

Mr. Stevens noted this request is for the purchase of two valves that will allow water plant operations staff to better control the operational levels of the west tank, and provide more consistent water quality to the West Rifle area. This item was planned for in the 2008 budget. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Construction Services in an amount of \$100,000 from the Water Plant Expansion Fund, and \$8,264.30 from the Contingency Fund, for a total cost not to exceed \$108,264.30; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

AWARD 24TH AND CO-13 TRAFFIC SIGNAL BID

Mr. Sappington noted that four bids were received for the 24th Street Signal, and recommends accepting the bid from Apeiron in an amount of \$374,742.60. DOLA is contributing \$250,000 towards this project. Councilor Lambert moved to award this bid to Apeiron in an amount of \$300,000 from the Street Improvement Fund, and \$74,742.60 from the Contingency Fund, for a total cost not to exceed \$374,742.60; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

AWARD DUMP TRUCK BID

Mr. Sappington stated that bids were received for a dump truck with plow. It is recommended that Transwest be awarded the chassis and Kois Brothers be awarded the body, for a total combined bid of \$117,369. Councilor Miller moved to award the chassis to Transwest in an amount not to exceed \$65,758, and the body to Kois Brothers in an amount not to exceed \$51,611, for a total amount \$117,369; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: odor at Wamsley Elementary; senior citizen services; meeting regarding legislation, severance tax, and oil shale; local case studies; upcoming City and County managers' conference; damage to City streets from winter weather. Mr. Sappington stated that a consultant has reviewed the situation at Wamsley Elementary, and has several recommendations that should help alleviate the odor. Mr. Stevens reported on the new wastewater facility, the solar project, and the Beaver Creek intake project.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

SYMPHONY IN THE VALLEY

Councilor Thompson invited everyone to attend an upcoming symphony.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Councilor Rice invited everyone to attend an upcoming play at the high school. He also congratulated six members of the wrestling team who are going to State.

RIFLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Councilor Bascom thanked Deb Grizzle for her service to the seniors as Director of the Housing Authority, and wished her well in her retirement. Councilor Bascom also welcomed new Director Carol Boyd.

ROUNABOUT FUNDING

Councilor Lambert stated that Garfield County is giving the City of Glenwood Springs \$200,000 towards the cost of a roundabout, and wondered if GarCo would consider helping the City of Rifle fund its roundabouts.

KUDOS

Councilor Sanborn summarized a letter thanking Police Officer Shea Malizewski for his kind service to a citizen. Councilor Miller extended the appreciation of the seniors to John Hier for his work on senior issues.

UPCOMING MEETING

Mayor Lambert will be going to Denver tomorrow to meet with Senators Salazar and Allard to discuss local impacts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor

