

# RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. \* Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Nicole Denardo; Donna Thate; Sally Brands; Chase Mullen; Tina May; John Savage; Dale Coombs; Eric Brynildson; John Scalzo; Brandan Maes; Karen Rhoades; Glen Ault; Chris Manera; Geneva Powell.

Clerk's note: Some signatures were illegible.

## CONSENT AGENDA

***MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2008, REGULAR MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; RESOLUTION 14-08 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE FARM/SMITH ANNEXATION; RESOLUTION 15-08 OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE SHOPPES AT RIFLE ANNEXATION***

Mayor Lambert noted the addition of an invoice from Garfield County to Accounts Payable. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the revised Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

## CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Mr. John Scalzo noted that city-wide clean-ups occurred in the 1970's, and the upcoming Proclamation regarding the "1<sup>st</sup> Annual Clean-up" in April is incorrect.

## ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

### ***PROCLAMATION HONORING YOUTH WEEK***

The purpose of this proclamation is to honor the youth of America. Mayor Lambert read the proclamation aloud. Councilor Rice moved to approve the Proclamation; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

***PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING RIFLE CLEAN-UP***

Councilor Lambert suggested the amendment to remove “1<sup>st</sup> Annual” based on Mr. Scalzo’s comments earlier. Mayor Lambert noted this proclamation kicks-off a Clean-up day. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Proclamation as amended; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

***PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING ARBOR DAY***

Mayor Lambert read the proclamation aloud that supports Arbor Day. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

***GRAND VALLEY CITIZENS ALLIANCE FEDERAL REQUEST REGARDING FUNDING FOR BLM OIL SHALE LEASING***

Frank Smith reviewed a letter to legislators which asks for limitations on appropriations for the next fiscal year regarding oil shale leasing. Councilor Sanborn moved to endorse the letter presented by GVCA; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

***RESOLUTION 13-08: THE FARM PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAN AND PRELIMINARY PUD DEVELOPMENT PLAN***

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAN AND PRELIMINARY PUD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FARM AT RIFLE PUD.

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Mayor Lambert requested that the comments from the Special Meeting on the Farm be incorporated into the record of this hearing. Mayor Lambert swore in the applicants and others who would testify at this hearing. Mr. Savage presented evidence of publication of this hearing and reviewed the project. Mr. Sturgeon noted that the Planning Commission approved the preliminary plan at its February meeting. Donna Toddy voiced concerns about the upcoming construction, and would like burms put around the houses to protect their view. Tina May owns an old farm house close to the project and is worried about the stability of her home once construction begins. John Scalzo noted his concern about the lack of a back yard, smaller houses, and narrow streets. A letter from Jim Comerford with Promontory Development Co. LLC noted his objection to the Farm PUD Preliminary Plan and Annexation. Councilor Lambert moved to approve Resolution 13-08 and the First Amendment to the Farm Annexation Agreement; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

***PUBLIC HEARING: SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 5-08: WORKFORCE HOUSING INCENTIVE PILOT PROGRAM***

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO ADOPTING AN WORKFORCE HOUSING INCENTIVES PILOT PROGRAM**

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. The purpose of this ordinance is to offer affordable housing in Rifle. Glen Ault was sworn in and asked for a quick summary of the project. Councilor Bascom moved to approve Ordinance 5-08 as amended and ordered it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

***APPROVE DOLA CONTRACT FOR CENTENNIAL PARK***

Mr. Hier stated DOLA has awarded the City \$500,000 for the construction of Centennial Park as part of the Energy/Mineral Impact Grant program. Councilor Rice moved to approve the DOLA Contract; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

***CENTENNIAL PARK PROPERTY PURCHASE***

Mr. Neu noted that the City has received a signed contract from a property owner to purchase property needed to complete Centennial Park in the amount of \$50,000. The area is approximately 1.4 acres and is just north of "The Great Bowl," as outlined in the Master Plan. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the purchase of this Property and authorize the Finance Director to issue a check for a closing on Monday; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

***ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS***

Mr. Hier reported on: Roundabouts; street repairs; engineering for the Entryway to Rifle; 4<sup>th</sup> Street Crossing; 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge; Public Safety Complex; Public Works Director position; Wastewater Treatment Plant; Facility Tour on May 9<sup>th</sup>; utilities at the swimming pool; Spring Clean-up; Strategic Planning session. Mr. Sturgeon provided an update on Fairway Avenue. Ms. Nelson reviewed staff's memorandum on utilizing liquor license fees to pay for Responsible Serving of Alcohol classes. Mr. Braaten discussed revenues needed for infrastructure needs; Anvil Points Clean-up; CML Spring Outreach Meeting and Annual Conference.

***COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL***

***LEAD POISONING***

Councilor Thompson stated that green pool cue chalk can cause lead poisoning.

***9NEWS HEALTH FAIR***

Councilor Lambert congratulated Grand River Hospital District for participating in the Health Fair.

***ARBOR DAY***

Councilor Sanborn encouraged everyone to join the Arbor Day Foundation. Members will be send 10-15 trees for planting.

***GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT***

Mayor Lambert was appointed by Governor Ritter to sit on the Colorado Workforce Development Council.

***DOLA FUNDING***

At a recent meeting, Mayor Lambert was approached by DOLA Director Susan Kirkpatrick, who voiced her interest in seeing Rifle receive funding for future projects.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Wanda Nelson  
City Clerk

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Keith Lambert  
Mayor