

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 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 Thompson. There were no objections to the motion; therefore the motion carried.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Lee Leavenworth City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Buzz Kehoe, IT Manager; Scott Becker; Gary Malchow; AJ Sandquist; David & Jamie Schreiner; Mark Chain; Jeanice Freeman; Layne Potrin; Sally Potrin; Jenn Reich; Greg Diven; Skip Fleming; Helen Rogers; Gil Frontella; Judy Hewitt; Carolyn Hutchison; Britt Kelly; T. Carter Page; Fil Meroz.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2008, REGULAR MEETING; MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2008 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; ACCEPTANCE OF SMART GROWTH GRANT FROM DOLA; LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL: RIFLE LIQUOR, CHOICE LIQUOR, WING NUTZ; SET HEARING FOR THAI CHILI LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION; FEBRUARY SALES TAX REPORT; FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT; APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL JUDGE

Councilor Sanborn refrained from voting on the Hearing for Thai Chili Liquor License. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Helen Rogers and Gil Frontella with the DDA noted they are working on a grant application for the Rifle Creek Theatre for a historic assessment of the structure. Council will explore this further at an upcoming workshop with the DDA. Mary called in and noted there continues to be efforts to further the Boys & Girls Club. She also stated there have been sightings of a mountain lion in the area, and Mayor Lambert suggested she call the Division of Wildlife.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

Scott Becker and Jeanice Freeman provided an update on recent and upcoming Chamber events.

PUBLIC HEARING: RIFLE RENDEZVOUS SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Applicants Skip Fleming and Gary Malchow were sworn in and reported that the Rifle Rendezvous has applied to have a beer garden at the Winchester Nite-club for Bike Night. Activities for all age groups will be available at the Winchester, but only those over 21 will be allowed in the beer garden. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 6-08: WESTSIDE MOBILE HOME COURT ADDITION ANNEXATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE WESTSIDE MOBILE HOME COURT ADDITION ANNEXATION.

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Mr. Leavenworth noted that the City received a petition to annex .67 acres of property located adjacent to the Westside Mobile Home Court. The applicant would like to expand the mobile home park as proposed in a pending planned unit development application. Mr. Leavenworth stated that Council is only considering the Annexation, not any pending development on the property. Applicants Mark Chain, Carter Page, Britt Kelly, and Carolyn Hutchison were sworn in. Mr. Chain reviewed the annexation and the proposed development. Sally Coffman was sworn in and noted her support of the annexation. Councilor Thompson moved to approve Ordinance 6-08 on first reading as presented and ordered it to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

USGS REGIONAL WATER DATABASE FUNDING REQUEST

Mr. Braaten has been in contact with USGS regarding their request for the City to participate financially in a regional water resource assessment/database to be developed by USGS. The project will involve the development and maintenance of a web-based and publicly-accessible, common data repository and water resource assessment for the Southern Piceance Basin. Kirby Wynn, Sam Potter, and Maria Pastorie reviewed the request. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the request for an amount of \$7500 from the Water Fund; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

T1 INSTALLATION PROJECT AT REMOTE SITES

Mr. Kehoe noted that budgets were proposed and approved for T1 communications between City Hall and the Water and Waster Water buildings in 2008. T1 Communications were also addressed in the FF & E budget submittals of the Justice Center, new Waste Water Treatment Facility, and the Deerfield Parks Maintenance buildings. Cartegraph, a Public Works and Utilities software, was approved and installed in late 2007. The usage of this software has been severely limited by the lack of a robust and fully supported communications system. The T1 installs for Water and Waste Water in 2008 were to address this shortcoming. Monies, from purchase savings, have been found in the Public Works budgets to fund T1 communications for the O&M building. Parks Maintenance, due to space limitations, in being asked to move into the former Valley Lumber location until the Deerfield project is complete. Mr. Kehoe proposes bundling the T1 line installs into one project, realizing savings in both cost and labor. The total cost for these proposed upgrades is \$131,021.40. Councilor Rice moved to approve this project; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

Mr. Hier reported that the City's Health Insurance provider CEBT has presented the City with options during its annual renewal process. The City's current plan, PPO 1, has increased by 22% due to utilization and a 5% surcharge being added to discourage enrollment in this premium plan. Because of the increased cost, staff is recommending the City switch to PPO 2. Councilor moved to approve the Health Insurance Rates for PPO 2 with CEBT; seconded by Councilor.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: upcoming facility tour; capital projects; roundabouts; bridge closure on west 3rd street; employee recruitment; street overlay program; employee pay plan; senior programs; request for qualification for the design of the entryway. Mr. Sturgeon thanked Peter Hayes, the Parks Department, O&M Crew, and Rifle Correctional Facility for their work on the Rifle Clean-up. Mr. Sturgeon also noted that a new planner is starting today, and discussed the progress on the Fairway Avenue project. Mr. Braaten gave an overview of the legislative actions that affect the City of Rifle.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

KUDOS

Councilor Miller congratulated Ms. Nelson and Water Operator Robert Burns on their recent certifications.

RIFLE CLEAN-UP

Councilor Lambert thanked all the volunteers who participated in the Rifle Clean-up.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Councilor Rice congratulated the Rifle High School Choir for being named 2nd in the State in a recent choir competition. The RHS girl's golf team is sending three qualifiers to the State tournament. The U-12 Girl's Soccer team beat the Glenwood Springs team.

SYMPHONY IN THE VALLEY

Councilor Thompson invited everyone to attend a Symphony in the Valley.

3RD STREET CLOSURE

Mayor Lambert stated he too is affected by the closure of 3rd Street, and appreciates everyone's patience while this project is completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL ADVICE & NEGOTIATIONS

Councilor Lambert moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Legal Advice under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and Negotiations under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e); seconded by Councilor Rice (9:10 p.m.).

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

Councilor Miller moved to adjourn from Executive Session: seconded by Councilor Lambert (9:21 p.m.).

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor