

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

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

Councilor Bascom moved to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Alan Lambert from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Lee Leavenworth, City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Charlie Stevens, Utility Director; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Nathan Lindquist, Planner; Sally, Dale, & Layne Potvin; Nick Senn; Tim Laudick; Julie Wernsman; Nathan Bell; John Parrish; Bob Madden; Quint Nichol; Wayne Pollard; Yancy Nichols; Beverly Grady.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2008, REGULAR MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER: SHANGHAI GARDEN; MAY FINANCIAL REPORT; MAY SALES TAX REPORT

Councilors Rice and Sanborn and Mayor Lambert excused themselves from voting on the minutes. Councilor Bascom moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Julie Wernsman, owner of Choice Liquors, reported that her sales have been reduced by 19% since the roundabout construction started. Nick Senn with SGM and Tim Laudick with Martinez Western presented their request to close the eastbound I-70 ramp during roundabout construction. They will return at the next Council meeting to discuss this request further.

PUBLIC HEARING: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPECIAL EVENT

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Applicant Julie Wernsman and Annick Pruitt were sworn and noted their request is to set up a booth to have wine and microbrew tasting at the fairgrounds on August 4th. Ms. Nelson stated the application is complete and the hearing was

properly noticed. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

2007 AUDIT

Mr. Mayberry reported that he presented a bulk of the Audit during the workshop held before the Council meeting. Mr. Mayberry provided a brief overview of the Audit. Councilor Rice moved to approve the 2007 Audit; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

***PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 27-08: 14TH STREET MARKETPLACE
PRELIMINARY PLAN AND PUD PRELIMINARY 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 14TH STREET MARKETPLACE
PUD.

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Sally, Dale, and Layne Potvin, and Yancy Nichols were sworn in. The applicant seeks approval for a two-story, mixed use project consisting of 20 bottom-floor units, 10 upper floor office units, and 32 condominium residential units located at 14th Street and Railroad Avenue. The applicants reviewed their request through conceptual drawings. Mr. Lindquist reviewed the staff comments and noted this project was approved by the Planning Commission. Council praised the applicants for their professional application and presentation. Councilor Rice moved to approve Resolution 27-08 with condition that the issue of the right-in/right-out issue on Railroad Avenue be addressed in the traffic study; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

Mayor Lambert called for a recess at 8:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:38 p.m.

RESOLUTION 29-08: FOOTHILLS BUSINESS PARK MINOR SUBDIVISION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,
COLORADO, APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE FOOTHILLS
BUSINESS PARK MINOR SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF RIFLE

Applicants John Ferris, Beverly Grady, and Nathan Bell reviewed their subdivision. The applicant requests a subdivision of 2455 Airport Road, Lot 1 in the Billingsley Subdivision into four lots. The largest lot will be 6 acres and is proposed to contain two hotels. Three smaller lots are proposed for an unspecified light industrial use. Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution 29-08 with amendments to SIA; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES BY SGM FOR 2008 WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Hier noted this request is to authorize SGM to manage Water and Sewer improvements in 2008. This request is needed due to the staffing shortage in the Public Works Department. Councilor Miller moved to authorize these Services in an amount not to exceed \$110,000; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Mr. Stevens noted that no comments were received regarding the 60-day review period for the Water Conservation Plan. Warren Swanson provided a quick overview of the Plan. Councilor Miller moved to approve the Plan; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Stevens gave an overview of a proposed Supplemental Water Treatment Facility that would augment the water being treated at the Graham plant. Water usage during peak times in the summer is 4.3 million gallons per day. The sand in the filters at the Graham plant needs to be replaced, and the inadequate filters keep the plant from running at 100%. The Supplemental Facility could produce 1 million gallons per day. Mr. Hier suggests financing could come by a loan from the General Fund to the Utility Fund. Councilor Bascom moved to authorize the acquisition of a Supplemental Water Treatment Facility in an amount not to exceed \$251,897, and provide a report to Council at the next meeting with the final cost of the Facility and operations and maintenance expenses to run the Facility; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: recruitment efforts for the Public Works Director; mid-year financial review; roundabouts; 16th Street; asphalt overlay project; DOLA presentation; Rifle Liquor request for reimbursement.

Mr. Hier reviewed the water restrictions presently in place. The City is now on an odd-even watering schedule, and there is no watering between the hours of nine a.m. and six p.m. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve these restrictions; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Council requested that everyone follow the watering restrictions, and conserve water where possible. Leaking swamp coolers and running toilets waste a lot of water.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Council wished everyone a safe and happy 4th!

CONGRATULATIONS FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Councilor Miller congratulated Charles Kelty and the Finance Department on a successful audit.

FIRE BAN STILL IN EFFECT

Councilor Rice reminded everyone that the fire ban is still in effect, to include the prohibition of fireworks.

SUMMIT PRESCHOOL NEEDS HELP

Mayor Lambert stated that Summit Preschool is in need of financial donations to keep their operations going.

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor