

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

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

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Erin Sims, Deputy City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Daryl Meisner, Chief of Police; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Rod Hamilton, Public Works Director; Members of the Rifle Police Department: Jason Zwickl; Garret Duncan; Diego Pina; Mike Kuper; Kirk Wilson; Aimee Wride; Justin Macklin; Sharyn Vellenga; Randy Maliszewski; Kelly Blake; Rusty Slater; Jennifer Odom; John Scalzo; Jennifer Marvin; James Marvin; Jessica Wilson.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2008, REGULAR MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; RESOLUTION 30-08: ADOPTING CALENDAR FOR THE 2009 BUDGET; RESOLUTION 31-08: SUPPORT GOCO GRANT FOR DEERFIELD PARK; JUNE SALES TAX REPORT; JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT; LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: EL KORA; FIESTA GUADALAJARA

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

John Scalzo discussed Rifle's past, and fuel costs. Mr. Scalzo suggested the legalization of golf carts on City streets, and presented an elm tree to the Council. Jennifer Marvin noted she had written a letter to the Council asking about the possibility of curbside recycling. Pat Bowles called in to voice her concern over the cost of curbside recycling, and supports having the citizens take their recyclables to the Recycling Center.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Chief Meisner reported that four new employees who enforce the City’s municipal code are present to be sworn in. Mayor Lambert swore in Tim Blake, Randy Maliszewski, Sharyn Vellenga, and Lynda Simpson. Officer Blake read the *Law Enforcement Code of Ethics*, and his wife Kelly presented his badge.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 17-08: LIQUOR LICENSE FEES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING APPENDIX A TO THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSE FEES AND AMENDING LIQUOR LICENSEE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Neu stated that, earlier this year, the City Clerk asked us to look into recent state legislation regarding statutory limitations on local liquor licensing fees. The impetus for this research was to find a way to fund the responsible serving of alcohol classes and to eliminate the City’s need to expend resources on enforcing this requirement. In addition, with the recent growth of the City in general, liquor licensing enforcement and administration has put an increased demand on staff resources. Ordinance No. 17, Series of 2008 increases the City’s liquor license fees to coincide with the statutory limits. Increasing the City’s liquor license fees will assist the City with recouping the costs of administering and enforcing the Liquor Code, and pay for the responsible serving of alcohol classes to make this important education readily available to liquor licensees in the City. The fees will become effective on September 15, 2008. Mr. Neu discussed the revisions to the Liquor Code’s education requirements contained in the Ordinance. Councilor Lambert moved to approve Ordinance 17-08 on first reading as presented and ordered it to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

AMENDMENT TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Chief Meisner stated that staff was directed to look at amending the current parking restrictions at the request of a local business owner. The request is to limit parking to two hours on the following streets: 400 block of West Avenue, east side; 100 block of West 5th Street, both sides; 100 block of East 5th Street, south side. A public meeting was held July 21, 2008 to discuss these amendments; however, the meeting was only attended by the City Manager, Chief of Police, and Support Services Sergeant. Councilor Miller moved to directed staff to prepare a Resolution effectuating the aforementioned changes; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING

AWARD OF CONTRACT

Mr. Whitmore noted that staff has met with Doug Decker of White Construction and Doug Porterfield of DPA to develop a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Parks Maintenance Facility for a total of \$3,482,146. Councilor Lambert moved to award the contract to White Construction in an amount not to exceed \$3,482,146; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

FINANCING PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Mr. Kelty reported that staff has been negotiating with AAIG for the financing of the Parks Maintenance Building. Staff will bring forth an emergency Ordinance at the next meeting that discusses the terms and conditions of the financing.

7th STREET RAW WATER LINE UPDATE

Mr. Whitmore report that, at the last meeting, City Council approved the expenditure of up to \$45,000 from the Parks and Recreation Contingency Fund to cover the costs of extending a 6" raw waterline from Macintosh Park to Davidson Park. Because of timing, we used verbal estimates from the contractor for the 7th Street Project and our engineer. The engineer's estimate was higher, so we exceeded that by \$5,000.00 and expected to get the project done. Heyl Construction came back with the cost of \$67,000 to saw-cut asphalt, trench, install, bed the pipe, backfill, compact, and asphalt patch to prep for overlay. This cost does not include pipe, which we have purchased for approximately \$6,000.00. Even with the cost increase, the project is feasible. With the increase, as of right now, the project cost would be at \$73,000.00. Some additional pavement damage could occur, adding to the cost. If Council approved an additional buffer of \$2,000, and the project was completed for \$75,000, it would take five years to return the investment if water rates stayed the same. Water rates are expected to increase dramatically in the next few years. Staff believes converting to raw water irrigation at Davidson Park is still a sound investment. Staff is requesting authorization to expend an additional \$30,000 from the Parks and Recreation Contingency Fund, for a total project of \$75,000. Councilor Bascom moved to approve the expenditure of \$75,000; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR RIFLE REGIONAL WASTE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY (RRWWRF)

Mr. Stevens reported that this change order is actually a cost-savings from the original request. Councilor Miller moved to approve Change Order #2 for the RRWWRF; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF MATERIALS FOR FILTER REHAB AT GMWTP

Mr. Stevens noted this request is for the purchase and services from various vendors to remove the existing sand, acid wash Filter #1, and replace existing caulking and sand for Filter #1 and Filter #2. The cost for the materials and services is \$66,231. Councilor Bascom moved to approve the purchase for filter rehab in an amount up to \$68,000 to allow for additional expenses; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: new Public Works Director Rod Hamilton; construction projects; senior programs; DOLA presentation by Councilor Sanborn and Mike Braaten; boiler replacement at the swimming pool; staffing issues. Ms. Nelson reviewed the invitation from SunEdison for their solar demonstration on August 15. Mr. Hamilton is looking forward to working for the City and expressed his gratitude for this opportunity. Mr. Neu reported on the Workforce Housing Pilot Program. Mr. Whitmore thanked everyone for helping at the parks. Mr. Stevens noted that a new staff member has been hired for the wastewater treatment plant.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF RIFLE

Councilor Rice stated that new teachers have been hired and welcomed them to Rifle.

KUDOS

Councilor Bascom thanked IT Director Buzz Kehoe for the dramatic reduction in spam email.

SUMMER OF CONSTRUCTION

Councilor Bascom noted that the temporary closure of the eastbound ramp to I-70 went smoothly, and thanked Martinez construction for keeping the project on schedule. Councilors Lambert and Miller thanked the citizens for their patience with all the construction projects this summer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Councilor Bascom wished a very Happy Birthday to her brother. Councilor Miller sent out birthday wishes to his oldest son.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Councilor Sanborn reported that reimbursements may be available for those homeowners or business owners within the DDA district that have made improvements to their homes or store fronts.

RIFLE IN THE NEWS

Mayor Lambert showed off the cover of *Climbing Magazine*, which featured Rifle Mountain Park and its wonderful amenities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL ADVICE & NEGOTIATIONS

Councilor Lambert moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters under CRS Section 24-6-402(2)(f); seconded by Councilor Bascom (9:11 p.m.).

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

Councilor Rice moved to adjourn from Executive Session: seconded by Councilor Lambert (10:20 p.m.).

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor