

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 3, 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 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 Rice.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Rod Hamilton; Public Works Director; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Daryl Meisner, Chief of Police; Julie Knowles; Randy Ford; John Scalzo; Heather McGregor, CLEER.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2008 REGULAR MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; JULY SALES TAX REPORT; JULY FINANCIAL REPORT; APPROVAL OF PARKS AND REC STRATEGIC PLAN; AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN DOLA CONTRACT

Councilor Miller pulled the Parks and Rec Strategic Plan for separate consideration. Councilor A. Lambert moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

PARKS AND REC STRATEGIC PLAN

Councilor Miller stated that certain elements of the Plan need to be clarified, and has given his suggestions to Mr. Briedis. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Plan as amended; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

Julie Knowles and Randy Ford came forward to discuss speed abatement measures on East 7th Street. Steve Carter noted he is a candidate for Garfield County Commissioner. John Scalzo thanked Council for addressing the issue of electric vehicles at the workshop this evening.

PARTICIPATION IN CLEER REGIONAL GRANT APPLICATION

Ms. McGregor with CLEER stated that she has been working with local entities to develop a regional grant application to apply for one-time funding from the New Energy Communities initiative from DOLA and the Governor's Energy Office. The funding is aimed at increasing energy efficiency in local government operations and speeding the adoption of renewable energy technologies by local governments in Colorado. Mr. Braaten noted that City staff have been working with CLEER to ensure Rifle projects are included in the application and identifying potential matching funds for the grant. Amelia Shelley with GarCo Public Library System stated they are hoping to have energy-efficient facilities, and is supporting this application. Councilor Sanborn moved to participate in the Grant Application; seconded by Councilor.

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

DISCUSSION ON DOWNTOWN PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Chief Meisner and Mr. Hier recently held a stakeholder's meeting to explore the possibility of restricting parking on the 400 block of West Avenue on the east side of the street, as well as the 100 block of East 5th Street and the 100 block of West 5th Street. The meeting was noticed in the newspaper and invitations were personally delivered to affected businesses and residents. Several citizens attended the meeting, and commented that they were not in favor of restricted parking on the aforementioned areas. Councilor Thompson noted that the original requested was just to restrict parking in front of the Professional Building. Councilor Lambert moved to direct staff to draft a Resolution to address parking in front of the Professional Building; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

AWARD CONTRACT FOR CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT JUSTICE CENTER

Chief Meisner stated that three bids were received for custodial services at the new Justice Center. Cardiff Cleaning Services has excellent references and have experience with several buildings of similar size. Councilor Lambert moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Cardiff Cleaning Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,650 per month through December 31, 2008; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: Budget process; DOLA-funded construction crew; new travel and uniform/clothing policies; Parks Maintenance Facility financing; Utilities projects. Ms. Nelson stated that there will be a workshop next Wednesday with the RE-2 School Board. Mr. Neu has attended meetings with the Aspen Community Foundation to discuss workforce housing. Chief

Meisner hopes to move into the new Justice Center in October. Mr. Braaten extended the offer from Chevron and Shell to tour their operations.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

KUDOS

Councilor Rice praised Rifle High School and Wamsley Elementary for scoring high on district-wide tests taken earlier in the year. Councilor Sanborn thanked Officer Valadez for helping the Parachute Police Department with a recent warrant.

CLUB 20 MEETING

Councilor Rice will be attending the Club 20 Fall meeting.

GAS PRICES IN RIFLE

Councilor Lambert noted his disappointment in the continuing high gas prices in Rifle.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Councilor Miller with his daughter-in-law Holly a very Happy Birthday!

CONGRATULATIONS

Mayor Lambert congratulated his daughter Kristen and her new husband Grant on their recent wedding.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor