

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 15, 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, Alan Lambert, Jay Miller, Jonathan Rice, Jennifer Sanborn, Jeanette Thompson, and Mayor Keith Lambert.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Hier, City Manager; Erin Sims, Deputy City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Nathan Lindquist, Planner; Tom Whitmore, Parks Director; Wayne Bankert; Randy Natvig; Chase Boswell; Jim Grabowski; Jimmy Smith; Matt Robins; Glenn Ault; Ken Leis; John Taufer; Tim Thulson; Dave Alcott; George Strong.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2008 REGULAR MEETING; MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; AUGUST SALES TAX REPORT; AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT; RESOLUTION 41-08: QUEEN'S CROWN ANNEXATION SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE; APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 SOLAR POWER AND SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. Kelty presented an amendment to Accounts Payable. Councilor A. Lambert moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

COLORADO LOTTERY STARBURST AWARD PRESENTATION

Matt Robins, Community Relations Expert from the Colorado Lottery, presented the City of Rifle with the Community Starburst Award for excellence in the use of Lottery funds for the Rifle Action Park. He also commended the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Departments for doing such a good job with the City Parks.

PUBLIC HEARING: LARAMIE ENERGY II WATER SHED PERMIT

Mayor Lambert re-opened the public hearing and swore in the applicant. Mayor Lambert indicated this is a continued public hearing which includes all of the testimony and evidence presented at the October 1, 2008 meeting. The City received an application from Laramie Energy II, LLC to construct and operate up to five natural gas well pads with multiple wells, associated production facilities, and road improvements in the City's Beaver Creek Watershed. The applicant, Wayne Bankert, reviewed the application. Scott Fifer, of Resource Engineering,

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gave his testimony. Councilor Bascom made a motion to approve the Watershed Permit, seconded by Councilor Rice.

ROLL CALL: Yes – Rice, Bascom, Miller

No – A. Lambert, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

PUBLIC HEARING: TRAPPERS HOLLOW ANNEXATION/SKETCH PLAN 2008-6

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 21-08: ANNEXATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE TRAPPERS HOLLOW ANNEXATION

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 22-08: ZONING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE TRAPPERS HOLLOW ANNEXATION DEVELOPING RESOURCES (“DR”) ZONE DISTRICT

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing and swore in those wishing to testify. Mr. Lindquist reported that Trappers Hollow seeks approval for annexation and sketch plan of 8.9 acres and 86 residential units, with a zoning designation of Medium Density Residential-Redeveloping (MDR-X) PUD. The Planning Commission approved the sketch plan and recommended approval of annexation and Developing Resources zoning for the property at their August meeting. The applicants, John Taufer, Dave Alcott and Tim Thulson, reviewed the application. Glen Ault stated that this project is something the town needs. It is in a desirable location and the growth projections demand new projects like this one. George Strong said that he gladly supports this project because the area needs the infrastructure and needs to be cleaned up. Councilor A. Lambert moved to approve Ordinances 21-08 as amended and 22-8 as presented and ordered them to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

EAGLE’S NEST REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN FEES

McFarlane Costa Housing Partners, affordable housing developers, are working with the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority to build out the Eagle’s Nest development in the Knollridge Subdivision. They propose 26 multi-family units to be rented at a price significantly below the market rate, and are requesting a reduction in City fees. They will waive their developer fees in order to make the project financially feasible. While Council took no action on this item, they invited the applicants to return after formal policies can be established for these types of requests.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 20-08: TERMS OF OFFICE FOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING CHAPTER 2
OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE
PLANNING COMMISSION, THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
BOARD, AND THE VISITOR IMPROVEMENTS FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Neu stated that the schedule for interviewing potential appointees to the Planning Commission (P&Z), Parks and Rec Advisory Board (PRAB), and the Visitor Improvements Fund Advisory Board (VIFAB) conflicts with the yearly budget schedule. Ordinance 20-08 amends the respective sections in the Rifle Municipal Code related to each board and commission so that the terms of office commence as follows: PRAB–February 1st; P&Z–April 1st; VIFAB–June 1st. Councilor Rice moved to approve Ordinance 20-08 as presented and ordered it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

CHANGER ORDER #3 FOR RIFLE REGIONAL WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

Mr. Stevens presented a Change Order for various aspects of the RRWWRF project in the amount of \$28,332. Councilor Miller moved to approve Change Order #3; seconded by Councilor A. Lambert.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Hier reported on: 7th Street construction is performing clean-up operations; all connections have been made on the Whiteriver Ave project; the roundabouts are open and functioning; 24th Street signal is now under construction; design has been submitted for the 4th Street pedestrian crossing; Rifle arterial engineering is coming along. He also reminded the Council about the 2008 State of the Valley Symposium. Mr. Hier informed the Council that the GOCO grant for the Rifle Trail extension was denied. Mr. Hier noted a volunteer is needed to serve on the county wide advisory board for senior issues. Councilor Bascom moved to appoint Councilor Miller to this board, seconded by Councilor A. Lambert. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sturgeon reported that he received a letter from the developers of Rifle Depot formally withdrawing their application due to current market conditions.

Mr. Stevens reported that the RRWWRF construction is going very well. They have poured over 5000 yards of concrete in 2008. The water treatment plant rehabilitation is in the works. The temporary filtration system is in the testing phase. At the Graham Mesa facility a contractor is currently removing the sand from filter 2. City crews will refill it with 3400 bags of sand. The project should be complete by the end of November or early December.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THANK YOU!

Councilor Miller wants to thank the other Councilors for appointing him as Rifle's Senior Programs IGA representative.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Councilor Thompson wants to remind everyone to come to the Chili Cook-Off tomorrow!

RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT

Mayor Lambert noted that our area received a \$1.6 million grant for renewable energy, the largest one in the State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL ADVICE

Councilor A. Lambert moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Legal advice under CRS Section 24-6-402(2)(b); seconded by Councilor Bascom (9:32 p.m.).

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Erin Sims
Deputy City Clerk

Keith Lambert
Mayor