

**RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. \* Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:05 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; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Aleks Briedis, Recreation Director; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Nathan Lindquist, Planner; Dick Deussen, City Engineer; Frank Smith; Fil Meraz; Sally & Layne Potvin; Michael Gamba; Britt Kelly; Helen Rogers; Mark Chain; Chuck Coffman; Gary Wallace; Rifle Boy Scout Troup 233.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2008 REGULAR MEETING; APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR GARCO NEW ENERGY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE; OCTOBER 2008 SALES, USE, & LODGING TAX REPORT; OCTOBER 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE***

Councilor Lambert moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN**

Frank Smith with the Grand Valley Citizen’s Alliance asked Council to consider sending a letter to the Obama transition team member regarding energy issues. Rusty Davis, Blake Denmark, and Nathan Buchanan from Rifle Troop 233 were present to discuss their communication badge.

***2008 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET***

***RESOLUTION 49-08: AMENDING 2008 BUDGET***

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING THE CITY’S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

***ORDINANCE 26-08: APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET***

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Mr. Kelty noted that this Resolution and Ordinance amend 2008’s budget for the General, Capital, Urban Renewal Authority, and Water funds. Councilor Lambert moved to approve Resolution

49-08 as amended and Ordinance 26-08 as amended 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

***AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF BENCHES & TRASH RECEPTACLES***

Ms. Rogers stated that she has received three bids for benches and trash receptacles for the downtown. At their December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the VIF Advisory Board moved to recommend the purchase of these items from Keystone Ridge in the amount of \$52,972.50. Councilor Bascom moved to approve the purchase of the benches and trash receptacles from Keystone Ridge in an amount not to exceed \$52,972.50 from the Visitor Improvement Fund; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

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

***PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 48-08: WESTSIDE MOBILE HOME PARK PRELIMINARY PUD***

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO,  
APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAN AND PRELIMINARY PUD  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WESTSIDE MOBILE HOME PARK PUD.

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing and swore in those wishing to testify. Representatives for the applicants Westside Mobile Home Court, LLC and COCAL Development, LLC, Mark Chain, Michael Gamba, and Britt Kelly were present. They seek preliminary plan approval to annex 0.67 acres into City limits and expand the Westside Mobile Home Park to accommodate 17 new mobile home units. They are also requesting a rezone of the current park from Tourist Commercial to PUD. Charles Coffman was sworn in and noted his concern with the noise from this neighborhood and the number of occupants living in each unit. Sally Potvin stated that the Bookcliffe Park has been demolished, and the adjacent Northway Mobile Home Park will have its residents moved into the expanded Westside. Mr. Lindquist noted this project will benefit Rifle as this area is being redeveloped. Councilor Rice moved to approve Resolution 48-08; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

***RIFLE ARTERIAL ENGINEERING AND STREETScape PLANNING AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN***

Mr. Deussen noted that this project is to develop alternatives and preliminary design for improvements to pedestrian paths, streets, and highways and streetscapes that form the principle gateways to downtown. The project boundaries include Highway 13 from I-70 (south), 6<sup>th</sup> Street and all north-south streets between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Centennial Parkway (north), including the extension of Park Avenue over Rifle Creek to Centennial Parkway, Whiteriver Avenue (east), and Rifle Creek (west). DOLA has committed funds to this project. Councilor Bascom moved to award this project to PBS&J for an amount not to exceed \$541,357; seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

***PURCHASE OF PARK PROPERTY FROM PARKLAND DEDICATION***

Mr. Briedis noted that staff is recommending the purchase of 638 Park Avenue and the vacant lot to the north (Carpenter Subdivision Lots 1 & 2) as an addition to Centennial Park. Funds for this purchase would come from the Parkland Dedication fund. Councilor Lambert moved to purchase this property in an amount of \$215,000, plus closing costs; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

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

***CHANGE ORDER PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX***

Mr. Hier noted that White Construction is requesting a Change Order for the millwork/casework at the new Public Safety Complex. This work occurred during the construction of the project. Staff has negotiated an amount of \$18,000 for this work. Councilor Bascom moved to approve the Change Order in an amount of \$18,000; seconded by Councilor Lambert.

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

***MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – ELEVATION PARTNERS***

***MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – RIFLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION***

Mayor Lambert stated that these items will be considered together. These agreements indicate that the City will work with Elevation Partners and the EDC in good faith regarding the redevelopment of the former Valley Lumber site and the property formerly held by the credit union and now owned by the City. The primary commitment in the MOUs is that the City agrees not to sell those properties during the exclusivity period. The Elevation Partners MOU will be good for 90-day increments, with staff having the ability to extend the agreements, as long as the Project progresses; however, Council approval will be required to extend past mid-June 2009. The EDC MOU gives the EDC 3 years to commence construction of a Health and Wellness Center with various benchmarks that need to be met along the way. Councilor Bascom moved to approve the MOU's; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

***RESOLUTION 47-08: AMENDING PERSONNEL MANUAL***

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 6.10 OF THE CITY'S PERSONNEL MANUAL REGARDING LEAVE WITHOUT PAY NOT COVERED BY FMLA AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 10.7 OF THE CITY'S PERSONNEL MANUAL REGARDING UNIFORM AND CLOTHING POLICY**

Mr. Hier explained that Resolution 47-08 amends the Personnel Manual to expand the City's Leave Without Pay (LWOP) policy, and provide guidelines for City-purchased uniforms and clothing. Councilor Thompson moved to approve Resolution 47-08; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Hier reviewed the following items: year-end items; staff meeting; 2009 Projects. Mr. Hier thanked the City crews for all their help in 2008, and the Council for their support. Mr. Braaten offered to draft a letter regarding Mr. Smith's comments at the beginning of the meeting regarding energy issues. Council will review the letter at their January meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

***MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***

Council wished everyone a very Merry Christmas. It is a special time of year, filled with blessings and many hugs for loved ones. Councilor Bascom stated there are agencies that can citizens in times of need.

***KUDOS***

Councilors Miller, Lambert, and Bascom thanked the staff and citizens for their support. Councilor Rice thanked the Rifle Community Foundation for scholarships to send seven Rifle High School students to the Capital as part of the "Colorado Close-up Program." Councilor Thompson thanked Boy Scout Troop 233 for attending tonight's meeting. Mayor Lambert thanked Mr. Hier for his work in 2008, and the Council for their support.

***CONGRATULATIONS***

Councilor Rice congratulated the artists, singers, students, and wrestlers at Rifle High School for their achievements this year. He also noted that the City of Rifle continues to prosper, in spite of the tough economic times facing the country.

***YEAR OF THE HARD HAT!***

Mayor Lambert stated that 2008 has been the Year of the Hard Hat, with all of the projects and challenges faced by the citizens. He thanked everyone for their patience and support.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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Wanda Nelson  
City Clerk

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Keith Lambert  
Mayor