

# RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. \* Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 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; Rod Hamilton, Public Works Director; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Mike Braaten, Government Affairs Coordinator; Scott Becker; Heidi Rice, *Citizen Telegram*.

## CONSENT AGENDA

***MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2008 REGULAR MEETING; RESOLUTION 1-09: POSTING PLACE FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS; EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE JUSTICE CENTER; LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL: KUM & GO; 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

There were no citizen comments or live call-ins.

## ***REQUEST FOR BIENNIAL DISBURSEMENTS FROM VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND TO RIFLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

Upon the recommendation of the Visitor Improvement Fund Advisory Board, Council approved a request for \$51,150 from the Chamber for events and website management, website pages, and tourism marketing. At the request of the Chamber, Mr. Scott Becker, Chairman of the VIF Board, is present to request that those funds be disbursed in two installments, rather than four. This manner of funding will help the Chamber take advantage of special cost savings when they purchase marketing. Councilor Lambert moved to approve the request for biannual disbursements; seconded by Councilor Bascom.

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

## ***AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN LETTERS TO FEDERALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS REGARDING CITY ISSUES***

Mr. Braaten prepared letters addressed to the Obama transition team, Nominee for Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, and Congressman John Salazar that address the City's need for assistance with infrastructure and energy related issues. Councilor Bascom moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the letters; seconded by Councilor Rice.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Hier reviewed the following items: 2009 work plans; upcoming budget message; snow removal and equipment; capital projects. Mr. Sturgeon reminded everyone of the workshop next week with Garfield County. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, an Open House will be held to review the Access Control Plan. The Library Board is working on the design of their new building. Mr. Braaten stated that Governor Ritter will be in Grand Junction on Monday. The 2009 Legislative Session has begun.

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

***FRONT RANGE WILD FIRES***

Councilor Miller is sending his thoughts and prayers to those affected by the wild fires on the Front Range.

***OPEN TRAIL***

Councilor Sanborn expressed her gratitude that the Rifle Creek Trail is plowed and safe for residents to walk on.

***SEVERANCE TAX REVENUES***

Councilor Lambert stated his desire that revenues from oil shale be kept in the affected communities.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL ADVICE AND NEGOTIATIONS***

Councilor Rice moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Legal advice under CRS Section 24-6-402(2)(b), and Negotiations under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(e); seconded by Councilor Lambert (7:32 p.m.).

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

Councilor Lambert moved to adjourn from Executive Session: seconded by Councilor Bascom (7:49 p.m.).

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Wanda Nelson  
City Clerk

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Keith Lambert  
Mayor