



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

January 4, 2023

7:00 p.m.

202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ed Green.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor Ed Green, Councilor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Brian Condie, Councilor Joe Carpenter, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, and Councilor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Clint Hostettler, Alicia Gresley, Joe Carpenter, Chris Bornholdt, Sean Strode and Brian Condie.

No - None.

Others Present:

City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Human Resource Manager Danielle Hogan, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Planner Geir Sverdrup, Court Administrator Kathy Pototsky, Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, and Brice Christensen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. Consider Designating a Public Posting Place – Resolution No. 1, Series of 2023

B. Consider Minutes of the December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Brian Condie, Sean Strode, Chris Bornholdt, Clint Hostettler, Ed Green, and Joe Carpenter.

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Recognizing Employees for Years of Service

City Manager Tommy Klein and City Council recognized the following employees for their dedication and years of service to the City of Rifle:

5 Years

Colton Secary – O&M

Misty Williams – Administration

10 Years

Jesse Flowers – Water

Kathy Pototsky – Municipal Court

Austin Rickstrew – Parks and Recreation

Jose Gutierrez – Parks and Recreation

20 Years

Michael Churchill – Community TV / Channel 10

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Annexation and Zoning for Lot 4/5 of the Lacy Subdivision – Maverik Annexation

Mayor Ed Green opened public hearing.

Planning Director Patrick Waller and Planner Geir Sverdrup provided presentation on request to consider annexation and zoning for lot 4/5 of the Lacy Subdivision – Maverik Annexation. The applicant has also applied for the property to be zoned as Tourist Commercial for the development of a Maverik Gas Station and Convenience Store. The property is located directly south and east of the intersection of Interstate 70 and Highway 6 & 24, both of which are Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) right of ways. There are currently no buildings on the property. Presentation covered preliminary annexation main topics as Access, Streets, Water, Wastewater, Floodplain, Comprehensive Plan and the Proposed Concept Site Plan. Comments were received from the following agencies regarding the application: Mountain Cross Engineering, Inc., Garfield County Community Development and Garfield County Public Health. City of Rifle Utilities, Public Works, GIS, Engineering, Police Department, and Colorado River Fire Rescue had no exceptions or comments on the annexation request. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this request at their December 13, 2022 meeting. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends Approval of Annexation 2022-042 with the requested Tourist Commercial zoning with the following conditions:

1. All representations made by the Applicant in the application and during the public hearing shall be conditions of approval, unless specifically altered by the Planning Commission.
2. The facility shall be operated in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations governing the operation of this type of facility.
3. Sign Permit application shall be submitted and approved by staff or applicant shall apply for a variance from R.M.C. Chapter 16, Article VII, Sign Code.
4. Applicant shall meet all Rifle Municipal Code and Colorado State Statute requirements for the operation of the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, connection to sanitary sewer systems and decommissioning of the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System when required.

Kimley Horn Civil Engineer Consultant Brice Christensen was present to answer questions from Council.

Mayor Ed Green closed the hearing.

Consider Request to Annex Lot 4/5 of the Lacy Park Subdivision into the City of Rifle – Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2023 – 1st Reading

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

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2023 on 1st reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Sean Strode, Joe Carpenter, Chris Bornholdt, Brian Condie, Clint Hostettler, Alicia Gresley and Ed Green.

No – None.

Consider Request to Annex Lot 4/5 of the Lacy Park Subdivision Tourist Commercial – Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2023 – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO ZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE RIFLE MAVERIK ANNEXATION TOURIST COMMERCIAL (TC) ZONE DISTRICT

Councilor Brian Condie moved to Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2023 on 1st reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Sean Strode, Alicia Gresley, Clint Hostettler, Chris Bornholdt, Brian Condie and Joe Carpenter.

No – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Correction to the Annual Service Charge Escalation Codified in Appendix A of the Rifle Municipal Code for Water and Sewer – Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2023 – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
AMENDING APPENDIX A TO THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

City Manager Tommy Klein presented the request to consider correction to the Annual Service Charge Escalation Codified in Appendix A of the Rifle Municipal Code for Water and Sewer – Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2023 – 1st Reading. This ordinance codifies the Council's intent to adopt the rates proposed by the JVA Rate Study conducted in April of 2021. The new annual increases per the study are 2.5% for water usage and 4.2% for wastewater until 2028. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2023 as this will not impact the budget.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2023 on 1st reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Brian Condie, Joe Carpenter, Alicia Gresley, Ed Green, Chris Bornholdt, Clint Hostettler, and Sean Strode.

No – None.

Consider Approval of Purchase Order for the 2023 Renewal of the Pinnacol Assurance Worker Compensation Insurance Plan

Human Resource Manager Danielle Hogan presented the request to consider approval of the Purchase Order for the 2023 Renewal of the Pinnacol Assurance Worker Compensation Insurance Plan. Annual rates are determined by the Division of Insurance and Pinnacol. This rate is multiplied by the total payroll of staff who work in those classifications and then the totals from all rate classifications are added together to determine our annual premium. Staff recommends approval of the 2023 Pinnacol Assurance Worker Compensation Insurance plan renewal as the City received \$33,589.00 in discounts from the initial accessed annual premium for being Cost Containment Certified by the State of CO Division of Insurance.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve the purchase order for the 2023 Renewal of the Pinnacol Assurance Workers Compensation Insurance Plan in the amount of \$119,117.00; seconded by Clint Hostettler.

Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Sean Strode, Chris Bornholdt, Clint Hostettler, Ed Green, Joe Carpenter, and Brian Condie.

No – None.

Consider Approval of Purchase Order for the 2023 Estimated Employee Health Insurance Costs from County Health Pool

Human Resource Manager Danielle Hogan presented the request to consider approval of the Purchase Order for the 2023 Estimated Employee Health Insurance Costs from County Health Pool. The City Of Rifle provides Health Insurance for eligible employees through the County Health Pool. The County Health Pool has offered the City of Rifle less than the state average annual increases when quoting annual insurance renewals. Staff recommends approval of the Purchase Order for the 2023 Employee Health Insurance renewal.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the purchase order for the County Health Pool for Employee Insurance costs in the amount of \$1,580,337.00; seconded by Alicia Gresley.

Roll Call: Yes - Joe Carpenter, Alicia Gresley, Ed Green, Brian Condie, Chris Bornholdt, Clint Hostettler and Sean Strode.

No – None.

Report to City Manager

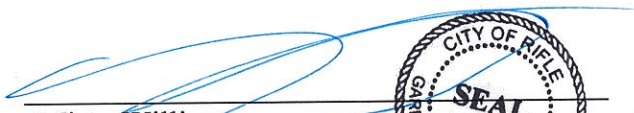
Reports were heard from City Manager Tommy Klein.

Comments from Mayor and Council

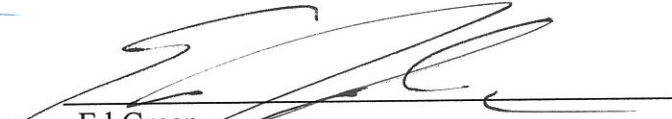
Comments were heard from Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Sean Strobe and Councilor Clint Hostettler.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Misty Williams
City Clerk




Ed Green
Mayor