



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

January 5, 2022

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

Others Present:

City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, Deputy City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Parks & Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Finance Director Michelle Duran, Human Resource Manager Danielle Hogan, Senior Center Director Tami Sours, Rifle Police Department, Chief of Police Debra Funston and spouse, Helen Rogers, Matt Gibson, Cate Gibson, John Savage, Doug Pratte, Misty Briscoe, Tra Nue, Brent Cose, Buckey Yancey, David Farrow, Chad Lee, Theresa Hamilton, Heather Grumley and Jeff Blanford.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO CHIEF OF POLICE DEBRA FUNSTON

Mayor Ed Green administered the Oath of Office to the Chief of Police Debra Funston.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment was heard from Brent Cose.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Municipal Judges Compensation Rate
- B. Consider Minutes of the December 15, 2021, Regular Meeting
- C. Consider Designating a Public Posting Place – Resolution No. 1, Series of 2022

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B and C; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.

Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Brian Condie, Chris Bornholdt, Joe Carpenter, Alicia Gresley, Clint Hostettler and Sean Strode. No - None

PRESENTATION

Receive Presentation from RE-2 Regarding Mill Levy Correction

Garfield RE-2 School District Director of Communications Theresa Hamilton, Garfield RE-2 School District Superintendent Heather Grumley and Garfield Re-2 School District CFO Jeff Blanford provided a presentation on local and state School Mill Levy funding. There is a Mill Levy correction that will impact taxes annually by one mil for the next 11 years. This process will equalize the state and local share to level out the total Mill Levy program in the following years. The local share is approximately 5.7 mills. This will have a minor increase of an estimated \$20.00/ per household. This is only for the State and Local Mill Levy Correction.

2022 Compensation Information Update

City Manager Tommy Klein & Finance Director Michelle Duran provided a brief presentation to answer City Council questions regarding 2022 Employee Compensation. City Manager Klein explained Human Resource Manager Danielle Hogan has scheduled a Salary Survey to be conducted at the beginning of this year. The Salary Survey preliminary numbers will be back by the beginning of April, 2022. Cost of living adjustments had not been done for a few years prior to October, 2021. For this reason, a 4% cost of living increase had been included in the 2022 City Budget. Due to current economic and hiring conditions, Council finds it appropriate to implement the 4% increase starting February 2022. Council will reevaluate employee compensation rates after the final results of the Salary Survey are received. Additional employee incentives were also discussed, as an effort to strengthen the employee retention program for the City of Rifle.

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve a 4% pay increase to all City of Rifle employees effective by the first pay period of February, 2022; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Brian Condie, Chris Bornholdt, Joe Carpenter, Alicia Gresley, Clint Hostettler. No – Sean Strode

PUBLIC HEARING

(Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Public Hearing – Consider Application by Super Kidz, LLC dba Super Kidz for a Beer and Wine License at 1733 Railroad Avenue, Unit A

Mayor Ed Green opened the public hearing.

Applicant Mauricio Olvera Resendiz was sworn in.

City Clerk Misty Williams presented the new beer and wine liquor license application for Super Kidz, LLC dba Super Kidz, located at 1733 Railroad Avenue, Unit A, Rifle, CO. The liquor license application was submitted to the City Clerk's office on September 16, 2021. A preliminary inspection of the premises was conducted on October 29, 2021. The public hearing for this application was properly noticed, the application is complete, the appropriate fees have been paid. A petition that reflected the neighborhood's needs and desires was also submitted. The application was submitted to the State of Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division on November 1, 2021 for Concurrent Review.

Staff recommends approval of the Beer and Wine License application with the following hours to be established, due to the close proximity of the business to the Winchester Gardens Apartments:

Sunday - Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (last call for alcohol at 9:30 p.m.)

Thursday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. (last call for alcohol at 10:30 p.m.)

The applicant was available to answer questions from Council, and provided a brief summary of his business plan.

Public comment was heard from Matt and Cate Gibson.

Mayor Ed Green closed the public hearing.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the Beer and Wine Liquor License Application for Super Kidz, LLC dba Super Kidz, LLC located at 1733 Railroad Avenue, Unit A, Rifle, CO; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.

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

No – Ed Green and Joe Carpenter

Consider Application for Conditional Use Permit CUP 2021-048 for an Internet Satellite Communication Tower

Mayor Ed Green opened the public hearing.

Applicant representatives of Graham Mesa Development LLC & Hughes Network Systems Doug Pratte, David Forrow and Buckey Yancey were sworn in.

Planning Director Patrick Waller provided presentation on the Conditional Use Permit CUP 2021-048 application for the installation of a 43' tall Satellite Communication Tower with associated structures, as well as a brief history of application and explanation for a call up review. Public notice requirements have been met. Application was reviewed and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on the October 26, 2021 meeting with abiding conditions to the City of Rifle code procedures. The satellite communication tower will provide fiber optic broadband internet access to the surrounding rural areas with in Garfield County.

The applicants were available to answer questions from Council.

Public comment was heard from John Savage.

Mayor Ed Green closed the public hearing.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit CUP 2021-048 for an Internet Satellite Communication Tower and Removal of the Satellite Tower within 12 months once the facility is no longer in use, as well as the conditions sited by the Planning Commission on October 26, 2021, seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

No – Sean Strode

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Approval of 7-Party MOU Regarding Garfield County Senior Programs

Senior Center Director Tami Sours presented the 2022 7-Party MOU regarding Garfield County Senior Programs. The MOU for 2022 reflects a total annual cost to the City of Rifle of \$145,169.00. This total amount is for both programs - \$57,305.78 allocated for congregate meals and \$87,863.62 allocated for transportation. The total cost is showing an annual increase of \$23,424.40 compared to the 2021 MOU with an annual program cost of \$121,745.00. In 2022, the nutrition cost increased from \$0 to \$57,305.78 and transportation decreased from \$121,745.00 in 2021 down to \$87,863.62 in 2022. Staff recommends approval of 7-Party MOU Garfield County Senior Programs for 2022.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the 2022 7-Party MOU Garfield County Senior Programs for the total annual cost of \$145,169.00; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Brian Condie, Chris Bornholdt, Joe Carpenter, Alicia Gresley, Clint Hostettler and Sean Strode. No - None

Report to City Manager

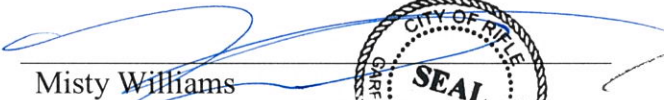
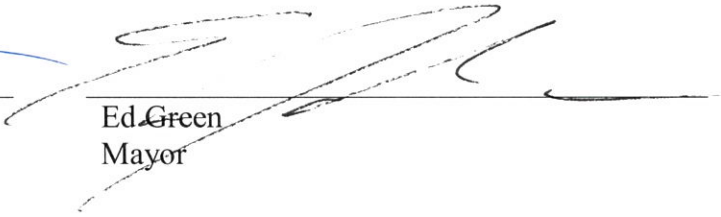
Reports were heard from City Manager Tommy Klein and City Clerk Misty Williams.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comments were heard from Councilors Gresley, Strode and Mayor Ed Green.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

 Misty Williams City Clerk		 Ed Green Mayor
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