



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 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, Council Clint Hostettler, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Sean Strode, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Brian Condie and Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

No - None.

Others Present:

City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Tovar-Guzman, Finance Director Scott Rust, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Public Works Director Brian Prunty, City Engineer Craig Spaulding, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Recreation Program Manager Kendrick Robinson, Recreation Coordinator Taylor Walters, Recreation Coordinator Kyle Mills, Cemetery Sexton & Facilities Maintenance David Lowery, Recreation Coordinator Matt Rowe, Recreation Coordinator Sara Kittredge, Park Maintenance Ronnie Chick, Parks Maintenance Bill Leigh, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant Angie Wilkins, Senior Center Director Tami Sours, YouthZone Executive Director Jami Hayes, Trish O'Grady, Abdon Rivera, and Principal Project Resource Kathleen Wanatowicz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard from Trish O'Grady.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Vacating a Portion of Whiteriver Avenue Right-of-Way at 236 East 1st Street Ordinance No. 18, Series of 2022 - 2nd Reading
- B. Consider Approval to Purchase a 2021 Ford F-550 chassis (for medium-duty snowplow)
- C. Consider Minutes of the September 7, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Recognize Tom Whitmore for 27 Years of Service to the City of Rifle

City Manager Tommy Klein and Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew provided speech recognizing Tom Whitmore for 27 years of service to the City of Rifle. Tom first came to Rifle in 1984 when he was hired as an Agriculture Education instructor at Rifle High School. After ten successful years in education, he chose to make a change and began a career in Parks and Recreation, as Parks Supervisor, in October of 1995. At that time, he was one of 4 employees at Rifle Parks and Recreation. Over his career with the City, Tom advanced from Parks Supervisor to Parks Superintendent in charge of Parks and Facilities maintenance, to Parks Director, and then to Parks and Recreation Director. Tom has been responsible for the construction of sports fields, parks, picnic shelters, playgrounds, the Parks Maintenance Facility, Ute Theater, the Art Dague Pool Renovation Project, resulting in the new Rifle Metro Pool, and the City Hall Remodel phases 1, 2, and 3. Tom will be retiring from his position as of October 12, 2022. Tom was presented with an appreciation plaque for his 27 years of service on behalf of the City of Rifle.

Receive Presentation from YouthZone Page

YouthZone Executive Director Jami Hayes provided presentation on YouthZone programs, services, goals and outcomes. YouthZone helps young people, parents and families working through trauma, struggling with substance use and experiencing emotional stress. Jami Hayes provided an update on their work in our community.

Executive Director Jami Hayes answered questions for Council.

Receive Presentation Regarding Island Outreach and Engagement Project Results

Planning Director Patrick Waller and Principal Project Resource Kathleen Wanatowicz provided presentation on the Island Outreach and Engagement Project Results. Project Resource Studio partnered with Applegate Group to complete an outreach and visioning process for the recently purchased "Island" property. This presentation addressed the outreach process, results, public input, and potential next steps for the property. The Island Advisory Group met twice this year and had conversations about engineering challenges, water rights overview, flood plain hazard zone, options for transportation and access to the river. One main focus is to make this an all-inclusive river recreational access. The type of use and name of the Island were the two main topics on the community outreach survey. There was a total of 225 survey responses received with 94.9% of survey participants living in Rifle or Garfield County. The survey was open from June 6 – July 27. Having Pedestrian Access, Bike Access, Trails, Parks and Water Park with features where some of the ideas received. Items that need further consideration include operating cost feasibility analysis, funding opportunities and partners, ongoing City Council feedback and procure a consultant for creation of Master Plan.

Kathleen Wanatowicz answered questions for Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Declining Participation in Colorado FAMLI Program - Resolution No. 13, Series of 2022

Human Resource Director Danielle Hogan presented the request to consider declining participation in the Colorado FAMLI program – Resolution No. 13, Series of 2022. The option to participate or opt out of the program must be approved by a vote of the governing board / City Council. If the City of Rifle opts out, employees can opt in to the state FAMLI program at the same cost and will receive the full benefit offered. Employees who opt in are responsible for paying the premium to the state program if the City does not adopt the program. Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 13, Series of 2022 to opt out of the FAMLI program.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, OPTING OUT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Resolution No. 13, Series of 2022 to decline the Colorado FAMLI Program; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

No – None.

Ratification of Roadway Improvement Expenditure

Public Works Director Brian Prunty presented ratification of Roadway improvement expenditure. Proper procedure to get work approved was overlooked. There was discussion between Department Head and Employee on the importance of following new procurement guidelines. There was a consensus made in following the purchasing policy from now going forward. Staff recommends approval of invoice payment from Stripe A Lot for the 2022 roadway stripping service in the amount of \$25,225.20.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to ratify and approve payment of an invoice from Stripe A Lot for the 2022 roadway striping service in the amount of \$25,225.20; 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 Third and Railroad Change Order for Final Payment

Public Works Brian Prunty and Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding presented request to consider Third and Railroad Change Order for final payment. This change order is for unit quantity discrepancies between the bid schedule and what was installed; all items have been verified multiple times by the City of Rifle and the change order is paying for material and items that were installed. The increase also remains within the approved 2022 budget. Staff recommends approval of Changer Order #9 for the 3rd and Railroad Avenue Improvements.

Public Works Brian Prunty and Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding answered questions for Council.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve Change Order #9 for the 3rd and Railroad Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$34,102.00; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams and Finance Director Scott Rust.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comments were heard from Alicia Gresley, Sean Strode, Brian Condie, Ed Green, Clint Hostettler, and Joe Carpenter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill anoffice of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees (Review of City Manager – 1 Year Review)

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) for the City Manager's 1 year Review; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No - None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Misty Williams
City Clerk



Ed Green
Mayor