



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

November 2, 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 Sean Strode, Councilor Brian Condie and Councilor Joe Carpenter.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to excuse Councilor Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Alicia Gresley & Councilor Clint Hostettler; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.

Roll Call: Yes - Joe Carpenter, Ed Green, Brian Condie and Sean Strode.

No - None.

Others Present:

City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Tovar-Guzman, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Recreation Program Manager Kendrick Robinson, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Utility Director Robert Burns, Susan Nichols, Ansley Dennis, Trish O'Grady, Bill Cira, Dough Goldsmith and Carla Farrand.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard from Trish O'Grady, Susan Nichols, and Ansley Dennis.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the October 19, 2022, Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Rifle Bar, LLC dba Rifle Bar
- C. Consider Liquor License Renewal for J&L, Inc. dba Shanghai Garden
- D. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Kum & Go LC dba Kum & Go #922

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C & D; seconded by Councilor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Brian Condie, Joe Carpenter and Sean Strode.

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Receive Presentation from Mountain Waste & Recycling

Mountain Waste & Recycling representatives Bill Cira District Manager and Doug Goldsmith Sales Manager presented update on operations and information on their proposal to raise rates beginning January 1, 2023. Doug explained how the effects of COVID-19 increases are still affecting the region and throughout the whole state. Mountain Waste & Recycling is requesting a rate increase of 5% effective January 1, 2023 for trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal services provided for the City of Rifle. Staff stated the request being made by Mountain Waste & Recycling aligns with the agreement currently in effect.

Additional detailed information will be made on the November 16, 2022 Council Meeting.

Receive Update on 2022 Pool Operations

Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew provided update on the 2022 Pool Operations for the season. Austin stated staffing was an issue for the second year in a row. Expenses did increase between pool chemicals and utility services. Revenue had a slight decrease between the admissions and rental revenue. Overall, it was a good year after the pandemic with the addition of punch passes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Approval of the 2023 Budget – First Hearing

Mayor Ed Green opened the hearing.

Finance Director Scott presented the 2023 Budget – First Hearing. Total Appropriations are the same as the last presentation. Scott was opened for questions.

No public comments were heard.
Second Public Hearing is scheduled for November 16, 2022.

Mayor Ed Green closed the hearing.

Consider Amending Article 18 of the Rifle Municipal Code to require Electrical Charging Capacity for Electric Vehicles in New Residential Construction – Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2022 – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
AMENDING SECTION 18-3-30 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE
TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRIC OUTLET FOR THE CHARGING OF AN
ELECTRICAL/BATTERY POWERED VEHICLE IN NEW
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION WITH A GARAGE AREA

Public Works Director Patrick Waller presented Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2022 – 1st Reading. This ordinance would amend Article 1830 of the Rifle Municipal Code to require Electric Charging Capacity for Electric Vehicles in New Residential Construction. Approximate additional cost to new construction would be an approximate \$150.00. Installation of the required wiring after initial construction could cost anywhere between \$500.00 and \$800.00. This requires some minor additional electrical work as part of the construction process. If approved by Council, This ordinance will be implemented starting January 01, 2023 and staff will communicate the change to contractors through the Building Department.

Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2022 – 1st Reading is part of an amendment to the current Rifle Municipal code and does not require a public hearing.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2022-1st Reading and order it to be published as required by charter; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.
Roll Call: Yes - Sean Strode, Joe Carpenter and Ed Green.
No – Brian Condie.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Approval of the Purchase of Musco Sports Field Lighting for Skinner Field
Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew presented request to purchase Field Lighting for Skinner Field from Musco Sports Field. An RFP was placed for bidding in August but no bids were received. Instead of soliciting the RFP for lights again, staff used Sourcewell and cooperative purchasing, as outlined in the purchasing code Sec. 4-3-50, to obtain the bid from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC., for the materials and installation. Currently, at Deefield Regional Park, all of the sports lighting is Musco brand. The Parks and Recreation staff is very happy with this product and the customer service department at Musco. This new system will come with many features that will save energy and staff time. All of Musco's products come with a warranty program that includes materials and onsite labor, eliminating 100% of the maintenance costs for 25 years. The system will consist of two A poles, two B poles, and two C poles. The A and C poles will be 60 feet tall and the B poles will be 70 feet tall with a total of 30 luminaires. The old A poles were placed in front of the bleachers, blocking spectators' line of sight. We have asked Musco to design the new lighting system with the A poles behind the bleachers so we do not impact the line of sight. Material delivery to the job site will be 8-12 weeks after confirmation of the order details including voltage, phase, and pole locations.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the purchase of sports field lighting in the amount of \$350,000.00 from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC.; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.
Roll Call: Yes - Brian Condie, Ed Green, Sean Strode and Joe Carpenter.
No – None.

Consider Letter of Commitment to Alpine Bank – Skinner Field Donation

Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew presented request to consider letter of Commitment to Alpine Bank for \$50,000.00 Skinner Field Donation in return of having 10 years' worth of advertising with the City of Rifle. The 10 years of advertising breakdown comes to \$5,000.00/year. The donation payment to City of Rifle would be in two installments.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the letter of commitment to Alpine Bank for their donation towards the Skinner Field Lighting project; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.
Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Sean Strode, Brian Condie, and Joe Carpenter.
No – None.

Consider Changing Bulk Water Rates from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per Thousand – Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2022 – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING
APPENDIX A TO THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING BULK
WATER RATES.

Utilities Director Robert Burns presented request to consider changing bulk water rates from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per thousand with Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2022 – 1st Reading. This change will help cover the increased cost of repairs, utility services and staff time at the bulk water facility. This will be the first increase since 2016 when rates for bulk water were established.

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve Ordinance 20, Series of 2022 on first reading and order it to be published as required by charter; seconded by Joe Carpenter.

Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Brian Condie, Joe Carpenter, and Sean Strode.

No – None.

Consider Letter of Support for the Garfield County Education Center Outdoor Classroom

CSU Extension Garfield County Director Carla Farrand presented letter of support request for the Garfield County Education Center Outdoor Classroom. The letter of support is requested to be included in the Community Impact grant funding application through Great Outdoors Colorado. This will enhance and expand the CSU Extension Office's ability to provide educational and outreach services for City of Rifle residents, including 4-H and other youth and agricultural programs. The Outdoor Classroom and Education Center will provide an educational space to teach youth, families, and community members about water, land, and environmental education. The classroom will be a multi-use space that will support 4-H activities and projects like natural resources, archery, and gardening. In addition to the H programming, Garfield County Outdoors in cooperation with Middle Colorado Watershed Council will have Citizen Science Water quality monitoring classes using Rifle Creek, which runs through the Outdoor Classroom. Letter of Support for the Great Outdoors Colorado grant will not impact any grants available for the City of Rifle.

Councilor Sean Strode to approve the letter of support for the Garfield County Education Center Outdoor Classroom; seconded by Brian Condie.

Roll Call: Yes – Sean Strode, Brian Condie, Ed Green and Joe Carpenter.

No – None.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from City Manager Tommy Klein, Police Chief Debra Funston, and City Clerk Misty Williams.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comments were heard from Mayor Ed Green.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Misty Williams
City Clerk



Ed Green
Mayor