



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2021

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 Barb Clifton.

Present at Roll Call:

Mayor Barb Clifton, Councilor Theresa Hamilton, Councilor Joe Carpenter, Councilor Clint Hostettler and Councilor Sean Strode.

Councilor Sean Strode motioned to excuse Councilor Brian Condie and Councilor Ed Green, seconded by Councilor Theresa Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes - Barb Clifton, Theresa Hamilton, Joe Carpenter, Clint Hostettler, Sean Strode;

No - None

Others Present:

City Attorney Jim Neu, Interim City Clerk Misty Williams, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Tovar-Guzman, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding, Public Information Officer Tracy Trulove, Finance Director Michelle Duran, Jim Hinkle of Hinkle & Co., Planning Director Patrick Waller, Senior Center Director Tami Sours, Tyler Kelly, family and friends of Lieutenant Mike Kuper.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment was heard from Bud, Shooters Grill General Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the May 5, 2021, Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Minutes of the May 19, 2021, Regular Meeting
- C. Consider Minutes of the June 2, 2021, Regular Meeting
- D. Consider Liquor License Renewal for RCG Rifle, LLC dba Rib City Grill
- E. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Tedrex, Inc. dba Choice Liquors
- F. Consider Amending Appendix A of Chapter 7, Article VI of the Rifle Municipal Code Regarding the Fees for License, Impound, Adoption and Other Services - Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2021 - 2nd Reading

Councilor Theresa Hamilton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, and F; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

Roll Call: Yes - Barb Clifton, Theresa Hamilton, Joe Carpenter, Clint Hostettler, Sean Strode;

No - None

PRESENTATION

Promotion of Mike Kuper to Lieutenant

Chief of Police Tommy Klein promoted Officer Mike Kuper to Lieutenant.

Receive Update on Negotiations to the RFP for the Price of Senior Meals

Senior Center Director Tami Sours gave an update on the negotiations to the RFP for the price of senior meals. Garfield County requested the price of each senior meal to be \$10.25, with a contract of one year. Council gave direction to Senior Center Director Tami Sours to proceed with the negotiation with Garfield County.

Receive an Update on Downtown Project

City Engineer Craig Spaulding and Public Information Officer Tracy Trulove gave an update on the Downtown Project.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Accepting 2020 Audit Report and Financial Statements with Jim Hinkle of Hinkle & Co. Finance Director Michelle Duran and Jim Hinkle of Hinkle & Co. explained the 2020 Audit Report and Financial Statements. The financial statements were discussed in detail at this evening's workshop. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the internal accounting controls of the City of Rifle's accounting department were discovered. Hinkle & Company issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. The financial statements have been presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The results of this audit will be filed with the State of Colorado by the end of July, 2021.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to accept the 2020 Audit Report and Financial Statements from Hinkle & Co.; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

Roll Call: Yes - Barb Clifton, Theresa Hamilton, Joe Carpenter, Clint Hostettler, Sean Strode;
No - None

Consider Temporary Modification of Premises for City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Events Center Interim City Clerk Misty Williams stated that the application for a Temporary Modification of Premises by the City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Events Center is complete and the fees have been paid. Interim City Clerk Williams explained how the temporary modification would be executed; by closing a portion of 4th Street during outdoor concert events at the Ute Theater. The temporary modification of premises would be valid until December 31, 2021. This modification would allow for the Ute Theater to increase the size of area licensed for the consumption of alcohol.

Ute Theater Events Coordinator Wayne Pleasants explained in further detail the type of events that would benefit from the temporary modification of premises license, as well as upcoming entertainment and future plans for the Ute Theater's outdoor patio.

Councilor Theresa Hamilton moved to approve the temporary modification of premises for City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Events Center; seconded by Councilor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Barb Clifton, Theresa Hamilton, Joe Carpenter, Clint Hostettler, Sean Strode;
No - None

Consider Fee Waiver Request for Habitat for Humanity - Wapiti Commons

Planning Director Patrick Waller, Jeff Johnson of Jeff Johnson Architectural, PC and Gail Schwartz, Carolyn Meadowcroft, and Jake Ezratty, representatives from Habitat for Humanity, explained the proposed 18-unit development at the Wapiti Commons Subdivision, to be located off of Smith Street and Wapiti Avenue behind Rib City Restaurant. Habitat for Humanity of the Roaring Fork Valley is a non-profit organization that offers affordable ownership housing opportunities to families throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. Wapiti Commons would consist of ten townhomes and eight condos, specifically targeted for seniors and working families. Habitat for Humanity requested Council's consideration of possible development fee waivers for the construction of this new subdivision. An application for this project has not been submitted to the City of Rifle Planning Department yet. Council determined that further discussion was necessary before any decisions could be made regarding this request. A workshop will be held at the next City Council meeting on July 7, 2021 to continue discussion of the possible fee waivers for Wapiti Commons.

Administrative Reports

Reports were heard from Misty Williams, Jim Neu, and Chief Tommy Klein.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comments were heard from Councilors Carpenter, Hostettler, Strode, Hamilton, and Mayor Clifton

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Misty Williams
Interim City Clerk




Barb Clifton
Mayor