



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

July 5, 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:

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

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to excuse Councilor Chris Bornholdt from Council Meeting; seconded by Councilor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Sean Strode, 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 Cable 10 Manager (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Finance Director Scott Rust, Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding, Brad McCloud, David Myler, Michael Michalski, and Gail Schwartz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the June 7, 2023, Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Minutes of the June 21, 2023, Regular Meeting
- C. Consider Liquor License Renewal for RCG Rifle, LLC dba Rib City Grill
- D. Consider Report of Changes – Change of Manager for Kum & Go, LL dba Kum & Go #922
- E. Consider Adopting the 2024 Budget Preparation Calendar
- F. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2023 – Amending Section 6-5-170 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Update the Duration of a Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate – 2nd Reading.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A, B, C, D, E, and F; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Receive Update from Habitat for Humanity on the Home Manufacturing Project

Roaring Fork Habitat for Humanity Director Gail Schwartz and Habitat for Humanity Attorney David Mylar presented the Council with an update on the Home Manufacturing Project. Habitat for Humanity is interested in moving forward in coming to an agreement to lease property from the City of Rifle. This property will hold a Home Manufacturing facility that can potentially provide as many as 27 full-time and 30 to 50 part-time employment positions. This is a critical project with a dual purpose that will enhance the workforce development in the region. The first stage of this project is currently in the process. Gail Schwartz stated this project has received a tremendous amount of financial support from the Colorado Governor Jared Polis and State Senators.

Habitat for Humanity Attorney David Mylar, Roaring Fork Habitat for Humanity Director Gail Schwartz and Michael Michalski answered questions for Council.

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2023 – Ground Lease with Habitat for Humanity – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO,
APPROVING A GROUND LEASE WITH HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY OF THE ROARING FORK VALLEY.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2023 on 1st reading and order it to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.
Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Alicia Gresley, Sean Strode, Joe Carpenter, Brian Condie and Clint Hostettler.

No – None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2023 – Xcel Franchise Agreement – 1st Reading

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO GRANTING BY FRANCHISE TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, ITS AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO USE THE STREETS WITHIN THE CITY TO FURNISH, SELL, TRANSMIT AND DISTRIBUTE GAS AND ELECTRICITY TO THE CITY AND TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY, GRANTING THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE, CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, LOCATE, MAINTAIN, OPERATE AND EXTEND INTO, WITHIN AND THROUGH THE CITY ALL FACILITIES REASONABLY NECESSARY TO FURNISH, SELL, TRANSMIT AND DISTRIBUTE GAS AND ELECTRICITY WITHIN AND THROUGH THE CITY AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF, AND REPEALING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE

Xcel Energy Western Slope Area Manager Brad McCloud presented a request to consider approval of Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2023 – Xcel Franchise Agreement – 1st Reading. Xcel Energy currently provides gas and electricity service to the City of Rifle under a franchise agreement adopted in 2003. The current franchise agreement expires on September 8, 2023. The City of Rifle has negotiated an updated agreement with Xcel Energy based on modern franchise agreements adopted by municipalities throughout the state and comments from City staff. The term of the new agreement is 20 years; beginning September 9, 2023, and terminating on September 8, 2043. The grant of the franchise agreement gives Xcel Energy the non-exclusive right to use the City streets, City public utility easements, and other City property to provide gas and electric service to the City and its residents and to install, maintain, and operate Xcel Energy facilities in and through the City reasonably necessary for the provision of utility service in the City. Xcel Energy will be expected to comply with the Rifle Municipal Code in utilizing the City's rights-of-way. Xcel Energy Area Manager Brad McCloud and City of Rifle staff will be meeting once a year throughout the 20-year franchise agreement. The franchise agreement and the adoption process complies with the provisions of Article XII of the City's Home Rule Charter addressing the granting of franchises. Public Notice requirements have been met.

Xcel Energy Western Slope Area Manager Brad McCloud answered questions for the Council.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2023 on 1st reading and order it to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.

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

No – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Approval of Martin Construction for 2023 Street and Asphalt Improvements

Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding presented a request to approve the Martin Construction for 2023 Street and Asphalt Improvements. Improvements will be made to Prefontaine Ave, Wapiti St., Hospital Hill Road, E. 5th St., 26th St. and 14th St. Bids were requested publicly and two bids were received from qualified contractors. Martin Construction came as the lowest qualified bidder. Estimated construction start date will be August of 2023. Staff recommends approval of bid received by Martin Construction for the 2023 Street and Asphalt Improvements in the amount of \$595,321.00. Improvements will reduce the street repairs in the future and improve plowing conditions in the winter.

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve Martin Construction for the 2023 Street and Asphalt Improvements in the amount of \$595,321.00; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

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 Strode, Councilor Brian Condie, and Mayor Ed Green.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Misty Williams
City Clerk



Ed Green
Mayor