



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 2, 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 Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Mayor Ed Green, Councilor Brian Condie, Councilor Clint Hostettler and Councilor Sean Strode.

Others Present:

City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Cable 10 Manager (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, IT Director Kelly Thompson, Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding, Utility Director Robert Burns, Lisa Burns, Karen Roberts, Chris Treese and Paula Stepp.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the July 19, 2023, Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for TEDREX, Inc. dba Choice Liquors
- C. Consider Conveyance of Cemetery Space
- D. Consider Amendment to Site Lease for Solar Facility at 2515 West Centennial Parkway
- E. Consider Second Amendment to Short Form Lease for Solar Facility at 2515 West Centennial Parkway
- F. Consider Request for Approval – Fritzlan / Ecodwelling Annexation
 - i. Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2023 - Annexation - 2nd Reading
 - ii. Ordinance No. 16, Series of 2023 - Zoning - 2nd Reading

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A, B, C, D, E, and F (i & ii); seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Service Award Presentation to Robert Burns

City Manager Tommy Klein presented a service award to Robert Burns for his 22 years of service. Robert Burns started his career with City of Rifle in 1998 as a collection and distribution team member, in 2010 he became the water plant supervisor, in 2016 he was promoted to operations manager and in 2018 he became the director for the public utilities department. Robert created a program for staff to develop their skills with specialized certifications and licenses. Robert was a great leader who cared and loved his staff. Robert retires after 22 years of dedicated service with City of Rifle in pursuit of his dreams.

Receive Presentation from Middle Colorado Watershed Council

Middle Colorado Watershed Council Executive Director Paula Stepp and Board member Chris Treese provided Council an update on current projects done by the Middle Colorado Watershed Council. MCWC has brought a collaborative team together to work towards wildfire pre-mitigation and post fire challenges. MCWC received a grant from the Colorado Conservation Board. Restoration projects underway include fish barriers, ditch infrastructure repairs, City of Silt water rights, gravel pit restoration, management practices for flood plain uses, and river watch. Recreation projects under review include a possible Rulison boat ramp, signage replacement in Glenwood Canyon boat ramp and along the river stream, river access guide translation, annual wild and scenic film fest in Rifle and Glenwood springs. A few items to consider for the future include increasing wildfire ready activities, project goal updates to accommodate changes due to drought and applying

what has been learned to work with stakeholders to evaluate and protect the watershed.

Middle Colorado Watershed Council Executive Director Paula Stepp answered questions for Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Resolution No. 22, Series of 2023 - Authorizing the City to Submit An Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant Application for Climate Action Planning Project

City Manager Tommy Klein presented request to consider approving Resolution No. 22, Series of 2023 - Authorizing the City staff to submit an Energy and Mineral Impact assistance fund grant application for Climate Action Planning Project in the amount of \$100,000.00. If the application is approved, the City must match 10% of the requested amount. If the study is completed, the EIAF Climate Action project will increase our competitiveness when applying for future EIAF grants. Staff anticipates including several goals in the plan that will save the City money on energy costs.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve Resolution No. 22, Series of 2023 – Authorizing the City to submit an energy and mineral impact assistance fund grant application for climate action planning project; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider Approval of Martinez Western Constructors, Inc. for the Park Hill Retaining Wall

Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding presented request to consider approval of Martinez Western Constructors, Inc. for the Park Hill Retaining Wall in the amount of \$132,811.25. This project involves procurement, excavation, installation and backfill for a block wall. The bid for this project came in lower than the engineers estimate. This retaining wall will reduce nuisance flooding which is currently an ongoing maintenance issue and repair issues adjacent to the Right of Way.

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve Martinez Western Constructors, Inc. for the Park Hill Retaining Wall in the amount of \$132,811.25; 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.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from City Manager Tommy Klein, Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding, Chief Debra Funston and City Clerk Misty Williams.

Comments from Mayor and Council

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Misty Williams
City Clerk



Ed Green
Mayor