



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 20, 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:

Mayor Ed Green, Councilor Brian Condie, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Joe Carpenter, and Councilor Sean Strode.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to excuse Councilor Clint Hostettler from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, City Attorney Lawrence Bond, Rifle Cable 10 Manager (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Recreation Program Manager Kendrick Robinson, Finance Director Scott Rust, GCE Associate Director Morgan Hill, GCE Program Associate Christina Matzl, Gary Miller, Mind Springs's Health Executive Vice President of Operations Amy Kuper, Mind Springs's Health Treatment Director Traci Harris and Mind Springs's Health Program Director Hans Lutgring.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the September 6, 2023, Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Correction to Resolution No. 22, Series of 2023
- C. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Mi Lindo Nayarit, Inc. dba Mi Lindo Nayarit
- D. Consider Liquor Store License Transfer of Ownership for SZN Investments, LLC dba Jon's Liquors
- E. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1345 dba Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1345

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

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Receive Presentation from the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative

Garfield Clean Energy Regional Associate Director Morgan Hill and Garfield Clean Energy Program Associate Christina Matzl provided an update on the Garfield Clean Energy (GCE) Collaboration. This is a partnership organization with many of City of Rifle businesses' and government partners from the area. GCE's area of focus is based on energy efficiency measures in homes, businesses, governments energy expenses, locally produced clean energy, clean mobility, transportation and economic benefits and diversification. Some of the specific ways these programs have benefited Rifle residents and the community in 2022 and 2023 are as follows –In 2022, \$29,896.00 was allocated to Re-Energize energy rebates awarded to Rifle area residents, \$11,120.00 were saved on energy bills by Rifle residents through the Re-Energize program, and \$5,000.00 was used on advanced energy management programs for Rifle facilities. In 2023, \$18,000.00 was allocated to Re-Energize energy rebates in Rifle area to-date, \$11,000.00 were saved on the City of Rifle's energy bills through a rate update encouraged by Garfield Clean Energy's coaching services, and \$24,000.00 used for eBikes provided to Rifle

residents through the eBikeThere Program.

The GCE Board is requesting, the City of Rifle's continued partnership by including \$11,500.00 of funding in the 2024 budget to continue to sustain and grow these successful programs.

GCE Associate Director Morgan Hill and GCE Program Associate Christina Matzl answered questions for Council.

No action was taken on request.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Awarding the 2024 – 2027 Contract for Trash Disposal and Recycling Services to Mountain Waste

City Manager Tommy Klein presented a request to consider awarding the 2024 - 2027 Contract for Trash Disposal and Recycling Services to Mountain Waste & Recycling. Bids were requested through BidNet (Rocky Mountain ePurchasing) and two bids were received. Bids were received from Mountain Waste & Recycling and Waste Management of Colorado, Inc. Assessment of proposal was done by a selection committee and rated proposals by a scale of points based on cost of services, cost adjustments, experience, variety and type of trash and recycling services offered to the community, technical expertise, plan to educate and communicate with the community and City representatives, completeness and accuracy of proposal and experience modification rate. Staff requested Council to consider awarding the 2024 – 2027 Trash and Recycling contract to Mountain Waste & Recycling upon legal review. If Council approves the contract, City Attorney Jim Neu's firm will review and negotiate details on the City's behalf.

Councilor Brian Condie moved to award the 2024 – 2027 Contract for waste disposal and recycling services to Mountain Waste with an estimated cost of services being \$828,000.00 per year; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider Purchase of Equipment and Repairs for Rifle Metro Pool

Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew presented a request to consider the purchase of equipment and repairs for the Rifle Metro Pools. During an electrical storm on July 31st, 2023 the Rifle Metro Pools sustained a significant amount of damage mainly affecting the electrical and pump system. This event caused the pool to end its season early. These pools have been inspected by three companies/engineers to get a complete review of the findings. CIRSA was contacted and incident claim is still being reviewed. Due to the repairs that need to be done to be fully operational by the opening day of 2024, Parks and Recreation staff recommends approving this purchase request for equipment and repair services from R&R Aquatics in the amount of \$225,000.00.

Councilor Chris Bornholdt moved to approve the purchase of equipment and repair service from R&R Aquatics in the amount of \$225,000.00; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.

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

No – None.

Consider Changes to Mind Springs Regarding Social Withdrawal Management Facility Funding

City Manager Tommy Klein presented a request to consider changes to the funding appropriations for Mind Springs regarding the Social Withdrawal Management Facility. In the 2023 budget, Council approved funding in the amount of \$40,000 for Mind Springs' Social Management Withdrawal Project. The 2023 funds were designated for operations only. Mind Springs' staff requests to change the designation for those funds and would like to use the funding for capital projects. Mind Springs' Withdrawal Management Facility will be an 8 bed withdrawal facility supporting individuals in the community that have a substance abuse disorder and provide assistance with their withdrawal periods along with individualized treatment plans. The program rate will also be changing next year due to the American Society of Addiction Medicine scale of programs, with this increase there will be a medical oversight in the facility available. This will be a huge impact to the county and nearby communities.

Mind Springs's Executive Vice President of Operations Amy Kuper, Treatment Director Traci Harris and Program Director Hans Lutgring were present to answer questions for Council.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve changing the 2023 appropriations of \$40,000.00 for Mind Springs' Social Withdrawal Management Project from supporting operations to supporting the organization's Capital Fund; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.
Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Sean Strode, Chris Bornholdt, Brian Condie, Ed Green, and Joe Carpenter.
No – None.

Consider Resolution No. 27, Series of 2023 in Support of Submittal of an Application to the Strong Communities Planning Grant Program

Planning Director Patrick Waller presented a request to consider Resolution No. 27, Series of 2023 in support of the grant application submittal to the Department of Local Affairs Strong Communities Planning Program. DOLA has opened a planning grant application to support housing development in municipalities. This grant can be used to fund a number of different studies and has a 10% associated match. The Strong Community Planning Grant is part of the same grant program that the City applied for to support the Evergreen Apartment project. Staff would like to apply for the grant program to help fund a Housing Needs Assessment. If awarded, the City would issue an RFP for a consultant to provide a data-driven snapshot of the existing conditions in the housing market in the study. As part of the Housing Needs Assessment process, Staff would like to have a steering committee that includes major local employers (School District, Hospital etc.) and developers to help provide feedback and input on the study. Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 27, Series of 2023 to support the grant request to aid the Housing Needs Assessment for the City of Rifle.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve Resolution No. 27, Series of 2023 in support of the submittal of an application to the Strong Communities Planning Grant Program; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.

Roll Call: Yes - Brian Condie, Sean Strode, Joe Carpenter, Chris Bornholdt, Alicia Gresley and Ed Green.
No – None.

Consider Approving Purchase of Ford F150 for Police Department

Chief of Police Debra Funston presented a request to consider the purchase a Ford F150 Truck to replace a current patrol vehicle. The Rifle Police Department has not been able to replace mileage-out patrol vehicles for the last year and a half due to shortages and high demand. This year there is an opportunity to purchase one Ford F150 Truck from the local Columbine Ford Dealership for \$49,866.00 and have the vehicle up-fitted through the local GreyCO Customs Shop for \$18,101.40. Due to the inability to obtain and see the delivery of police vehicles, the Rifle Police Department will be looking at replacing 4 vehicles in 2024 locally. Staff recommends the approval of purchase request as working with local companies will expedite the timing of the delivery of a working patrol vehicle.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the purchase of the Ford F150 from Columbine Ford and up-fit through GreyCo. Customs to replace the current patrol vehicle in the amount of \$67, 967.40; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


Misty Williams
City Clerk




Ed Green
Mayor