



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

October 4, 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 Clint Hostettler and Councilor Sean Strode.

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

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

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, Wastewater Plant Supervisor Jared Emmert, Public Works Director Brian Prunty, Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Finance Director Scott Rust, Youth Zone Data & Development Specialist Ali Naaseh Shahry, Aaron Badalato, and Brewzone Philly Bistro owner Richard Lynch.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Declaring Jacobsen Mower as Surplus
- B. Consider Minutes of the September 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Rifle Bar, LLC dba Rifle Bar
- D. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Lilly's Kitchen Corporation dba Lilly's Kitchen

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A, B, C, and D; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Receive Update from YouthZone

Data & Development Specialist Ali Naaseh-Shahry provided an update on the organizations impact to the community. Ali stated the organizations main goal is to intervene with youth who exhibit risky disruptive or criminal juvenile behaviors. The organizations district serves communities from Aspen to Parachute. The presentation provided by Ali included the explanation of the clients screening process, list of programs and services, program cost and scope of services, barrier focus, organizations demographics, and the percentages of clients being reached through the YouthZone organization as a whole, Garfield County and City of Rifle.

Data & Development Specialist Ali Naaseh-Shahry answered questions for Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Public Hearing – Consider Application by Brewzone Bistro, LLC dba Brewzone Philly Bistro for a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License at 119 West 3rd Street, Rifle.

Mayor Ed Green opened the public hearing.

Applicant Richard Lynch was sworn in and presented the Hotel & Restaurant application for Brewzone Bistro, LLC dba Brewzone Philly Bistro located at 119 West 3rd Street Rifle, CO.

City Clerk Misty Williams provided an overview of the Hotel & Restaurant liquor license application received on August 14, 2023 for Brewzone Bistro, LLC dba Brewzone Philly Bistro. The public hearing for this application was properly noticed, the application is complete, the appropriate fees have been paid and a petition that reflected the neighborhood's needs and desires was also submitted. This application was submitted to the State of Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division on August 15, 2023 for concurrent review. The applicant has also submitted an affidavit of surrender license for the Malt Beverage Sales Room liquor license for the Brewzone Brewery located at 139 West 3rd Street. The State does not allow both licenses to be active at the same time. Inspection of the premise will be conducted before the license is issued. Staff recommends approval of the Hotel & Restaurant application for Brewzone Bistro, LLC dba Brewzone Philly Bistro Restaurant.

No public comments were heard.

Brewzone Bistro, LLC applicant Richard Lynch answered questions for Council.

Mayor Ed Green closed the public hearing.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the new Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License application for Brewzone Bistro, LLC dba Brewzone Philly Bistro located at 119 West 3rd Street; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Presentation of the 2024 Proposed Budget

Finance Manager Scott Rust provided a presentation of the 2024 proposed budget. In compliance with the statutory obligations to present the 2024 Budget review, presentation included the 15 funds throughout the City of Rifle Governmental & Proprietary Categories. Budget Priorities, Revenue, and Expenditures were discussed. The 2024 proposed budget includes a wide range of project carry forwards, grants, and capital investments such as the Park-N-Ride project, Railroad 5th - 9th Street project, Moki & Arnold Playground Replacement, Water & Wastewater projects, IT Projects, and Fleet Replacement.

Printed copies of the 2024 proposed budget will be made available for public review.

Public Hearing will occur on November 15, 2023.

Comments were heard from Councilors.

Consider Approval of Contract for Demolition of the Graham Mesa Water Treatment Plants

Public Works Director Brian Prunty presented a request to consider contract approval for the demolition of the Graham Mesa Water Treatment Plants. These plants were built in the 1950's & 1970's era and due to the deterioration over the years it has become a health and safety concern in the community. Demolition of the on-site structure is needed and preparation of the property for sale is the best avenue for the property at this time. Bids were advertised through BidNet Direct and two bids were received. The two bids received were from Johnson Construction, Inc. coming in at \$1,100,000.00 and Martinez Western Constructors coming in at \$676,504.00. This project is to be funded by the Water Fund Operational Expenditure account, which will be refunded with proceeds from the sale of the property. Staff recommends awarding the demolition contract of the Graham Mesa Water Treatment Plants to Martinez Western Constructors for \$676,504.00 plus \$73,496.00 for contingency costs with a total of \$750,000.00.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve a contract with Martinez Western Constructors for the Graham Mesa Water Treatment Plant demolition for \$750,000.00; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.

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

No – None.

Consider Awarding the Dog Park Construction Project at Deerfield Park to Tally Ho Construction

Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew presented a request to consider awarding the Dog Park Construction Project at Deerfield Park to Tally Ho Construction. After a community survey that was held early spring of 2023, the need for an off-leash dog park within city limits was highly requested. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board worked with Parks and Recreation staff to determine the best location for a dog park. A consensus was made that the most cost-effective option would be at Deerfield Park. City Staff also worked in getting a full design completed in April that included four divided areas for dogs, an ADA accessible water fountain and ADA walking ramps. Bids were requested through BidNet and three bids were received from Tally Ho Construction, Gould Construction and Heyl Construction. Tally Ho Construction's bid came in the lowest and offered the fastest completion timeframe.

Construction of project will begin on October 11, 2023 with an anticipated completion date of November 30, 2023.

Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew answered questions for Council.

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve the Dog Park Construction project at Deerfield Park to Tally Ho Construction in the amount of \$136,203.00; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler. Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Sean Strode, Chris Bornholdt, Brian Condie, Clint Hostettler, and Ed Green.
No – None.

Consider Approval of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Makeup Air Unit Replacement

Interim Utilities Director Jared Emmert presented a request to consider approval of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Makeup Air Unit Replacement. Heating and ventilation was originally provided for the Headworks Building by two Ares makeup air units. During the spring of 2023 one of the two makeup air units that supply ventilation and heat to the wastewater treatment plant Headworks Building failed and the other unit is unreliable, with no available parts for repairs. Since the original unit is no longer manufactured or supported, the entire unit needs to be replaced. An RFP was published on BidNet in August and no proposals were received by the closing date in September. Local mechanical firms were contacted about the project. Grand Mesa Mechanical, Inc. provided a quote for the project to replace both units for less than the original estimation to replace one unit. Staff recommends approval of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Makeup Air Unit replacement for a total cost of \$109,046.00.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Grand Mesa Mechanical, Inc. to replace two makeup air units for a total cost of \$109,046.00; seconded by Councilor Sean Strode. Roll Call: Yes - Clint Hostettler, Brian Condie, Sean Strode, Chris Bornholdt, Alicia Gresley and Ed Green.
No – None.

Consider Approval to Purchase Axon Body-Worn Cameras and Docking Stations

City Manager Tommy Klein presented a request to consider approval to purchase Axon Body-Worn Cameras and Docking Stations for the Rifle Police Department. The police department was recently awarded a COPS Technology grant in the amount of \$317,000.000. The Axon cameras were requested on the grant application that was submitted by Sustainable Strategies (S2). Obtaining Axon cameras and equipment will make our systems compatible with those of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office and assist the District Attorneys' Office by standardizing the video systems and formats. This purchase order includes In-Car Cameras, 23 Axon Body Worn Cameras and 3 Multi Bay Docking Stations. Staff is seeking approval to continue with the overall purchase over the next three years for a total amount of \$317,000.00. Lieutenant Mike Kuper explained the various upgrades and uses of the Axon body worn and in-car cameras. The new cameras will replace the current Axon Taser cameras being used by the Rifle Police Department. The Axon body worn cameras will be implemented early November and the in-car cameras will be implemented when received in 2024.

Lieutenant Mike Kuper answered questions for Council.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the purchase of body worn cameras, docking stations and in car cameras for \$317,000.00; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley. Roll Call: Yes - Ed Green, Alicia Gresley, Sean Strode, Brian Condie, Chris Bornholdt, and Clint Hostettler.
No – None.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Public Works Director Brian Prunty and Lieutenant Mike Kuper.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comment was heard from Councilor Sean Strobe.

Executive Session

Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees - (Review of City Manager - 2 Year Review).

Council unanimously approved to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(2)(f).

Once in Executive Session, Council unanimously approved immediately ending the Executive Session and reconvening the workshop session to discuss the City Manager 2 Year Review.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Misty Williams
City Clerk



Ed Green
Mayor