



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 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 - Ed Green, Clint Hostettler, Alicia Gresley, Chris Bornholdt, Sean Strode, and Brian Condie.

No – None.

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, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Utilities Director Jared Emmert, Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Finance Director Scott Rust, System Administrator Brenda Maes, Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding, RFTA Director Dan Blankenship CSO Alan Lambert, Corporal Edgar Lara, Officer Josh Allison, Officer Kyle Green, and Detective Kalob Foreman & Family.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider City Manager Employment Agreement Renewal
- B. Consider Minutes of the October 4, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C. Consider Liquor License Renewal for BPOE Lodge dba Rifle Lodge No. 2195
- D. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Coloradough, LLC dba Sweet Coloradough

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

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Presentation for Promotion to Corporal for Kalob Foreman

Chief of Police Debra Funston promoted Detective Kalob Foreman to Corporal.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Contract Renewal with GovOS (MUNIREvs) for Sales Tax Collection Software

Finance Director Scott Rust presented a request to consider the contract renewal with GovOS (MUNIREvs) for Sales Tax Collection software. MUNIREvs is the software utilized to administer the collection of sales tax for the City of Rifle. This software is critical to the overall financial health of the City as sales tax collections are the primary revenue source that funds all city operations. This online platform can be accessed by taxpayers from any device with a connection to the internet and provides convenience and flexibility for taxpayers as it allows multiple payment options. Staff recommends the approval of contract renewal with GovOS.

Finance Director Scott Rust answered questions for Council.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the renewal agreement with GovOS, Inc. for MUNIREvs sales tax administration software in the amount of \$30,000.00 during the period of 9/2023 - 9/2024; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

Consider a Request to Increase 2024 Funding for RFTA

RFTA Director Dan Blankenship presented a request to increase the 2024 funding for RFTA. Director Blankenship stated an increase in funds has not been requested since 2008 but there has been a significant increase in service throughout the years. The rise in inflation has also impacted the transit service in the valley. The Hogback route serves Glenwood, New Castle, Silt, Garfield County, and Rifle. Staff is requesting direction from Council on funding increase of an additional \$20,000.00 request. The approval of this increase request will be a total of \$40,000.00 in support of RFTA's 2024 funding.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve an additional \$20,000.00 in funding for the RFTA budget in 2024; seconded by Councilor Brian Condie.

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

No – Clint Hostettler and Chris Bornholdt

Consider Approval of Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation (RREDC) Membership Dues

City Manager Tommy Klein presented a request to consider approval of the Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation membership dues. The City of Rifle is a member of RREDC and pays yearly membership dues. The membership dues for 2023 are \$30,000.00. Staff requests approval of payment to RREDC for membership dues for 2023.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the expenditure of \$30,000.00 for 2023 RREDC membership dues; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

Recused – Alicia Gresley.

No – None.

Consider Awarding the Contract for the Rifle Gateway Traffic and Pedestrian Improvements to Johnson Construction

Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding presented a request to consider awarding the contract for the Rifle Gateway Traffic and Pedestrian Improvements to Johnson Construction, Inc. This project is for the Intersection of Whiteriver and Centennial Parkway (Centennial Pkwy = Hwy 6 into the City). The Colorado Department of Transportation conducted a study on traffic counts on intersection and reported around 24,000 vehicles per day with a high level of vehicle accidents. In 2009, City of Rifle began looking for Gateway intersection alternatives and explored various options that were both safe for pedestrians/vehicles and economical. Throughout the years and options explored, a signalized roundabout was determined to be the best alternative. The project was put out for bid and three bids were received. Johnson Construction, Inc. was the lowest bidder. The construction of this project is projected to begin spring of 2024. Staff recommends the approval of the Gateway Traffic and Pedestrian Improvements project as it will improve the traffic flow, improve pedestrian safety and alleviate vehicle accidents. An electronic speed limit sign will also be placed on Highway 6 coming from Silt to assist incoming traffic.

This project has been awarded various grants from the Department of Local Affairs – EIF Grant, Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District and from the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the award of the Rifle Gateway Traffic & Pedestrian Improvements to Johnson Construction in the amount of \$2,317,279.69; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider Agreement with Harris Kocher Engineering Group, Inc. for Concept Design of the Park Ave Bridge

Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding presented a request to consider agreement with Harris Kocher Engineering Group, Inc. for a Concept Design of the Park Ave Bridge. This project is associated with the Evergreen Development project coming soon behind the Brenden Theatre at the corner of Park Avenue from Centennial Parkway to Rifle Creek. This development requires the design and construction of Park Avenue from Centennial Parkway to Rifle Creek. As identified in the

City of Rifle Transportation Masterplan, Park Avenue will eventually extend to West Third via a bridge over Rifle Creek. For the developer to properly design the Park Avenue extension, the elevation, geometry and location of the bridge need to be known. This requires a survey, hydraulic analysis, and conceptual-level bridge design. The City would like to have the developer complete the concept design of the bridge as necessary for the Park Avenue extension but reimburse the developer for this additional scope by paying the developer's engineer directly. Staff recommends approval of agreement with Harris Kocher Engineering Group, Inc for the Concept Design as the bridge will be impacted by traffic and will properly align with Park Avenue to ensure construction is matched with existing roadway.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the agreement with Harris Kocher Engineering Group, Inc. for the Concept Design of the Park Avenue Bridge in the amount of \$34,200.00; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

No – None.

Consider Agreement with SGM for the Railroad Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Design

Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding presented a request to consider agreement with SGM for the Railroad Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Design. The rehabilitation of the Railroad Avenue Bridge has been in discussion for many years with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). This project is the overlay and repairs of the Railroad Avenue Bridge going over the Colorado River. CDOT's responsibility has been to maintain and repair the bridge joints. The City of Rifle's responsibility is the overlay rehabilitation of the bridge. After two meetings held this year with CDOT, the City has come to an informal agreement to repair the joints and then be reimbursed by CDOT. The design level of the agreement required will be determined by the scope of the project, which will be identified through the design being requested for approval. Due to the extensive engineering experience needed for this project CDOT and City Staff recommends contract agreement with SGM.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the Railroad Ave. Bridge Rehabilitation of the Joint & Overlay Design to SGM in the amount of \$82,000.00; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

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

No – None.

Consider Approving Resolution No. 28, Series of 2023 – Assigning ARPA Funding to Projects

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO APPROVING THE USE OF ARPA SLFRF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SNOWPLOW TRUCK, WHITERIVER AND HIGHWAY 6 IMPROVEMENTS, AND THE CENTENNIAL PARKWAY PARK AND RIDE PROJECT

City Manager Tommy Klein presented a request to consider approving Resolution No. 28, Series of 2023 - Assigning ARPA Funding to Projects. The City was awarded \$2,429,600.72 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. This is a procedural request as funds are already in City accounts and ARPA requires the funds to be allocated in 2024. Resolution No. 28, Series of 2023 is needed to allocate the funds in the event Congress wants to retract any unallocated funds awarded.

City of Rifle ARPA Funding Purchase and Designations include:

\$274,047 - Freightliner snowplow truck - Council authorized purchase in 2021

\$1,165,526.72 - Whiteriver and Highway 6 intersection improvements

\$1,000,000 - Park and Ride project

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the Resolution No. 28, Series of 2023 assigning ARPA funding to projects; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider Agreement with JVA for Supplemental Environmental Project Consultation

Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding and Utilities Director Jared Emmert presented a request to consider agreement with JVA for Supplemental Environmental Project Consultation. In 2020, the City of Rifle was issued a Notice of Violation/Cease and Desist Order (NOV/CDO) from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The NOV/CDO was served in response to discharge permit violations for dissolved copper by the City's wastewater treatment facility. The SEP will be undertaken as a settlement, in lieu of fines to the CDPHE enforcement action for the wastewater treatment facility's violation of the Colorado Water Quality Control Act. The SEP will consist of a study conducted on the City's stormwater system that discharges to Rifle Creek. The study will seek to quantify water quality impacts caused by the stormwater system and the results will be used to design a construction project to help mitigate the impacts. Re-sampling and analysis of the stormwater outfalls and Rifle Creek itself will determine the success of the project. This study was put out for a formal bid and no bids were received. The City of Rifle has been able to get a proposal from JVA that has experience with SEPs and stormwater sampling. Staff recommends approval of the agreement with JVA for the Stormwater Sampling and Regional Stormwater Quality Facility as this will keep the City in compliance with CDPHE.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve the agreement with JVA for the Stormwater Sampling & Regional Stormwater Quality Facility in the amount of \$118,600.00; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

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

No – None.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, and Chief of Police Debra Funston.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comment was heard from Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Sean Strode, and Councilor Brian Condie.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Misty Williams
City Clerk



Ed Green
Mayor