



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

November 15, 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, Councilor Joe Carpenter and Councilor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Sean Strode, Chris Bornholdt, Brian Condie, Clint Hostettler, Joe Carpenter, 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, Human Resource Manager Danielle Hogan, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Utilities Director Jared Emmert, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Finance Director Scott Rust, Corporal Edgar Lara, Officer Josh Allison, Officer Kyle Green, Officer Mike Pruitt, Detective Jose Valadez, Detective Kalob Foreman, Detective Dewey Ryan, CSO Dawn Neely, Karen Roberts, Trish O’Grady and Amber McNair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard from Trish O’Grady.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. ~~Consider Approving City of Rifle Personnel Manual – 2023 Version~~
- C. Consider Liquor License Renewal for J&L, Inc. dba Shanghai Garden
- D. Consider Approving Expenditure for Mind Springs SWM Program (Detox)
- E. Consider Signing the Brown’s Hill Water and Wastewater Virtual SCADA Contract

*Item B was moved to Regular Agenda for discussion.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A, C, D, and E; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Rifle Police Department Promotions

Chief of Police Debra Funston presented Sergeant Mike Pruitt and Corporal Kyle Green.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Adopting the 2024 Proposed Budget

Mayor Ed Green opened the public hearing.

Finance Director Scott Rust presented the 2024 Proposed Budget. The formal presentation of the proposed budget was given on the October 4th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. City funds consist of four major governmental funds, six non-major governmental funds, three enterprises proprietary and two internal service funds. Budget Priorities, Revenue and Expenditures points were presented. Mill Levy Certification will happen in December upon receipt of final values from Garfield County. Citizens may obtain a copy of the 2024 adopted budget through the City of Rifle website or by contacting the City Clerk’s office. Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2023 – 2024 Annual Appropriations and Resolution No. 29, Series of 2023 – 2024 Budget Adoption.

Finance Director Scott Rust answered questions for Council.

No Public Comment.

Mayor Ed Green closed the public hearing.

Consider Adopting the 2024 Budget – Resolution No. 29, Series of 2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RIFLE, COLORADO ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024
AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Adopting the 2024 Budget Resolution No. 29, Series of 2023 will provide legal authority to spend funds necessary to ensure the delivery of expected services to the citizens of the City of Rifle.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve Resolution No. 29, Series of 2023 – Adopting the 2024 Budget; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

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

No – None.

Consider Adopting the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the 2024 Budget – Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
SETTING FORTH THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Adopting the Annual Appropriation for the 2024 Budget – Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2023 will provide the legal authority to spend funds necessary to ensure the delivery of expected services to the citizens of the City of Rifle.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2023 - Adopting the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the 2024 Budget on first and only reading as presented and order it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

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

No – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Approving City of Rifle Personnel Manual – 2023 Version

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve the Revised Consent Agenda Item B; seconded by Councilor Sean Strode.

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

No – None.

Consider Amending Residency Requirements for Police Chief – Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2023 – 1st Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO,
AMENDING SECTION 2-5-20 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL
CODE REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE
POLICE CHIEF

City Manager Tommy Klein presented a request to consider amending residency requirements for the police chief position with Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2023 – 1st reading. The Ordinance proposed is a change to the code to establish the residency requirement of a chief of police to live within 15-miles of the city limits. Requiring the chief of police to reside in closer proximity to our community not only ensures a prompt response during emergencies and challenging travel conditions but also strengthens the connection between the department and the community. If the Council approves the modification, the police chief hired after January 1, 2024, will be subject to the 15-mile residency requirement.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2023 - Amending Residency Requirements for Police Chief on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

No – None.

Consider the Repeal of Sales Tax License Fee – Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2023 – 1st Reading.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO,
REPEALING SECTION 6-2-20 AND THE ASSOCIATED FEE
IN APPENDIX A TO THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING THE SALES TAX LICENSE FEE.

Finance Director Scott Rust presented a request to consider the repeal of sales tax license fee – Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2023 – 1st Reading. In 2022, the State of Colorado passed the State Bill 22-032 that established several regulations related to business/sales tax licensing for all governmental entities in the state. This bill will streamline licensing requirements and impose regulations on self-collecting, home-rule municipalities. The city can no longer require a sales tax license for businesses that obtain a State of Colorado business license and for those that are not physically located within city limits. Therefore, due to this requirement, staff is requesting that the sales tax license fee, currently imposed by the City of Rifle at \$12 per year, be repealed for all taxpayers. Staff recommends approval of request as removing the sales tax license fee will reduce the administrative burden of reconciling fees each year. The City of Rifle will still request taxpayers to obtain a license, but it will be free of charge. Registration with MuniRevs / SUTS will also still be required as it is the only method used for sales tax filing with the City of Rifle.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2023 - Repeal of Sales Tax License Fee on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; 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 the New Pump at the Raw Water Pump Station

Utilities Director Jared Emmert presented a request to consider approval of the New Pump at the Raw Water Pump Station. The Raw Water Pump Station delivers water from the City's intake pond to the water treatment plant. A new vertical turbine pump will increase the reliability and capacity of the pump station and help develop the City's conditional water rights. A request for proposal was put out and six companies responded. Staff is recommending Manro Supply as a local company for the purchase of a new 350 horsepower vertical turbine pump in the amount of \$72,019.40.

Utilities Director Jared Emmert answered questions for Council.

Councilor Sean Strode moved to approve the purchase of a new 350 HP Vertical Turbine pump in the amount of \$72, 019.40 from Manro Supply; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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 Clerk Misty Williams, City Attorney Jim Neu, City Manager Tommy Klein, and Chief of Police Debra Funston.

Presentation of Service Award to Mayor Green

City Manager Tommy Klein and City Clerk Misty Williams presented Mayor Green with a plaque as an appreciation for 8 years of service to the community of Rifle.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comments were heard from Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Sean Strode, Councilor Brian Condie, Councilor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, and Councilor Joe Carpenter.

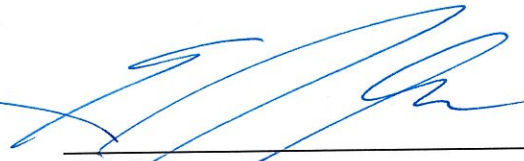
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Misty Williams
City Clerk





Ed Green
Mayor