



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

March 20, 2024

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 Sean Strode.

Present at Roll Call:

Councilor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Joe Carpenter, Councilor Brian Condie, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Chris Bornholdt and Mayor Sean Strode.

Roll Call: Yes - Karen Roberts, Clint Hostettler, Alicia Gresley, Joe Carpenter, Joe Carpenter, Sean Strode and Brian Condie.

No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Tommy Klein, City Clerk Misty Williams, Deputy City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Cable 10 Manager (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Planning Director Patrick Waller, Main Street Manager Kim Burner, Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano, Recreation Coordinator Taylor Walters, Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Senior Center Director Tami Sours, Rifle Heritage Center representatives Shirley Lawson, Kevin and Kathy Runia.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the March 6, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Thai Chili Bistro, Inc dba Thai Chili Bistro
- C. Consider Planning Commission Board Appointments
- D. Consider Reappointment of Senior Center Advisory Board Members
- E. Consider Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Memorandum of Understanding with Colorado Department of Local Affairs for Continuation of Main Street Program
- F. Consider Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2024, and Subdivision Improvements Agreement (SIA) for Fritzlan Final Plan – 2nd Reading
- G. Consider Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2024 to Amend the Rifle Municipal Code Regarding Setbacks for Accessory Structures – 2nd Reading
- H. Consider Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2024 to Rezone a Portion of Stillwell Avenue from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential Redeveloping – 2nd Reading
- I. Consider Ordinance No. 7, Series of 2024 – Food Truck Code Update – 2nd Reading
- J. Consider Ordinance No. 8, Series of 2024 – Rezoning of Rifle Business Park – 2nd Reading

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Present Appreciation Plaque to Taylor Walters for Senior Exercise Program

Senior Center Director Tami Sours provided a brief appreciation summary of the impact Recreation Coordinator Taylor Walters has made in the lives of our Senior Citizens leading the Senior Exercise program.

Senior Center Director Tami Sours presented an appreciation plaque to the City of Rifle Recreation Coordinator Taylor Walters.

Present Antique Ballot Box to the Rifle Heritage Center

City Clerk Misty Williams presented a brief description of the importance of cultivating a late 1880's to early 1920's antique ballot box and its history. The display table included a couple minute books from the 1900's, pictures and the ballot box itself made out of oak and glass for the transparency of voting ballots in the election process.

City Clerk Misty Williams on behalf of the City of Rifle Clerks department donated the antique ballot box to be displayed at the Rifle Heritage Center. Rifle Heritage Center representatives present were Shirley Lawson, Kevin and Kathy Runia.

REGULAR AGENDA**Consider Increase to Purchase Order for Construction of Grand Hogback Trail System**

Planning Director Patrick Waller presented the request to consider the increase of the purchase order for the construction of the Grand Hogback Trail system. Patrick provided a brief update on the construction process of the Grand Hogback Trail system. City Council had previously allocated \$55,000.00 in the Greater Rifle Improvement Teams 2024 budget for the Grand Hogback Trail system. Alpine Bank has also donated an additional \$5,000.00 to the project. Staff recommends approval of request as funds were included in the 2024 budget.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the increase in the purchase order for the Grand Hogback Trail System in the amount of \$60,000.00; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider Approval of the Purchase of Three Ford Interceptor Patrol Cars

Chief of Police Debra Funston presented the request to consider the purchase of three new Ford Interceptor Patrol vehicles. The police department routinely rotates vehicles out of service who have either reached a limit to where it is not economical to continue servicing the vehicle or the vehicle is no longer functioning/disabled. Three vehicles will be patrol interceptors and a fourth vehicle will be requested at a later date to be used as a detective vehicle.

All three vehicles are specialized for law enforcement functions and will be a sole source purchase from Columbine Ford as a local vendor. City Manager Tommy Klein stated there was \$268,000.00 included in the 2024 budget for vehicle purchases.

Chief of Police Debra Funston answered questions for Council.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve the purchase of three Ford Explorer Interceptors for the Rifle Police Department from Columbine Ford in the amount of \$145,581.00; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

No – None.

Consider Approval of the Purchase of Three Upfit Packages for New Police Interceptor Patrol Cars

Chief of Police Debra Funston presented the request to consider the purchase of three Upfit Packages for the new Police Interceptor Patrol vehicles. The upfit packages include the lighting, inside equipment, radar speed equipment and cargo storage vaults needed for each patrol vehicle. The upfit package quote that was received, was from GreyCo Customs for three packages of \$21,713.29 per vehicle with a total of \$65,139.87. Staff recommends approval of request as GreyCo Customs is a sole source local vendor and the amount for this purchase was included in the 2024 budget.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the purchase of three upfit packages for new police interceptor patrol cars from GreyCo Customs in the amount of \$65,139.87; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

No – None.

Consider the Purchase of a Bobcat MT100 Mini Track Loader

Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew presented the request to consider the purchase of a Bobcat MT100 Mini Track Loader. Staff solicited an RFP for a new Mini Track Loader and three responses were received. After review of the RFP's received, staff recommends purchasing a Bobcat MT100 Mini Track Loader from Bobcat of the Rockies for the amount of \$53,906.82. The RFP amount for this equipment was included in the 2024 budget.

Councilor Chris Bornholdt moved to approve the purchase of a new Bobcat MT100 Mini Track Loader & Attachments from Bobcat of the Rockies for the amount of \$53,906.82; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider Signing a Letter of Support for CDS to Purchase TruNarc Drug Scanners

Chief of Police Debra Funston presented the request to consider signing a letter of support for Congressionally Direct Spending (CDS) to purchase TruNarc Drug Scanners in partner with the Garfield County's Testing Public Safety Initiative Project. TruNarc scanners have the ability to scan through packaging to determine the substance within, protecting officers and civilians from unintentional exposures. The Rifle Police Department, in coordination with Glenwood PD, New Castle PD, Parachute PD and Carbondale PD would like to purchase seven (7) TruNarc drug scanners. Each TruNarc scanner costs about \$36,500.00 each, totaling \$255,500.00 for seven. Estimating the costs for cases and supporting external supplies is an additional \$94,500.00. Staff recommends approval of the request to allow the Mayor Sean Strode to sign a letter of support for a no match grant to allow the purchase of TruNarc Drug Scanners and additional supplies. Scanner(s) will be distributed among these regional law enforcement agencies to protect officers and citizens from potential harmful effects of physical contact with unknown narcotics.

Councilor Brian Condie moved to approve the Mayor to sign a letter of support to purchase TruNarc drug scanners; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider Approval of a Purchase Order to Fund Parachute Area Transit System (PATs)

City Manager Tommy Klein presented the request to consider the approval of a purchase order to fund the Parachute Area Transit System (PATs). Council agreed to fund the Parachute Area Transit Authority in 2023 starting in 2024 for the amount of \$40,000.00. PATs will request for funding annually. The transit service benefits the City of Rifle by providing transportation to and from Battlement Mesa, Parachute and Rifle. PATs staff has estimated that 32% of all the rides originate or end in Rifle. Staff estimated there were approximately 7,463 rides to and from Rifle in 2022 and in 2023 there were approximately 9,000 rides to and from Rifle. Staff recommends partnership with this service as it is an asset to the community. Expenditure is included in the 2024 budget.

PATs has 5 bus stops in Rifle: Metro Park, the Park and Rife, Wapiti Ave, Grand River Hospital and Walmart. The bus operates Monday through Friday with holiday exceptions.

City Manager Tommy Klein answered questions for Council.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the purchase order to fund the Parachute Area Transit System (PATs) operated by the Town of Parachute in the amount of \$40,000.00; seconded by Councilor Karen Roberts.

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

No – None.

Consider Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024, to Apply for Grant funding the More Housing Now Program

City Manager Tommy Klein presented the request to consider approving Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024 to apply for grant funding through the More Housing Now Program. Evergreen Real Estate Group has been working to bring an affordable 60-unit development to the site west of the Brenden Theater property and north of Highway 6. In 2023, Evergreen was awarded the extremely competitive nine-percent tax credit from Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. The developer has now submitted an application for a site plan review with the Planning Commission. The City of Rifle has applied for the Strong Communities Grant to construct the public infrastructure associated

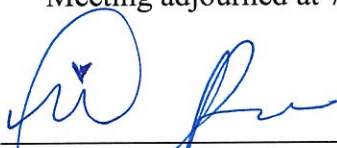
with this project as well as the waiver of impact fees. The City has moved into the final award stage and anticipates receiving some of the requested funding for the project. The match requirements for the grant program are 25%. If awarded the full grant amount the City will be responsible for a \$500,000.00 match and be responsible for the project management for required infrastructure associated with the Rifle Apartments project. This grant application is being used to support the project in the event the City is not awarded the full amount. Staff recommends approval of the request as the City may not be awarded the full funding and at the suggestion of the local DOLA representative.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to Resolution No. 9, Series of 2024 to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$2,000,000.00; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.
Roll Call: Yes - Sean Strode, Brian Condie, Joe Carpenter, Chris Bornholdt, Clint Hostettler, Alicia Gresley and Karen Roberts.
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 Joe Carpenter and Mayor Sean Strode.

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Alexis Ramirez
Interim City Clerk





Sean Strode
Mayor