



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

May 15, 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 Karen Roberts, Councilor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Joe Carpenter, Councilor Chris Bornholdt and Mayor Sean Strode.

Councilor Hostettler moved to excuse Councilor Condie and Councilor Gresley from tonight's meeting.

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

No – None.

Others Present:

Interim City Manager Patrick Waller, Interim City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Cable 10 Manager (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Patrol Sergeant Nick Flatten, Detective Sergeant Dewey Ryan, Corporal Diego Pina, Patrol Officer Josh Allison, Detective Jose Valadez, Police Officer Kallie MacCain, Patrol Officer Colby Dunn, Patrol Officer Kyle Green, Patrol Officer Haley Walker, Patrol Officer Mason Burris, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, CSO Dawn Neely, PD Executive Assistant Angela Mills, Finance Director Scott Rust, IT System Administrator Brenda Maes, Deb Grizzle, Theresa Hamilton, Matthew Starr, Trish O'Grady, Salome Gonzales, Jennifer, Tino Gonzales, Brittain Fletchal and Abdon Rivera.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comments were heard from Deb Grizzle, Theresa Hamilton, Matthew Starr, Trish O'Grady, Salome Gonzales, Jennifer, Tino Gonzales, and Brittain Fletchal.

Trish O'Grady provided copies of articles referenced to in public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. Consider Minutes of the May 1st, 2024 Regular Meeting

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A; seconded by Councilor Karen Roberts.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Swearing in Officer Colby Dunn and Officer Mason Burris

Chief of Police Debra Funston provided a summary of the extensive field training program both Officer Colby and Officer Mason Burris completed this spring. Officer Dunn's first official shift as an officer with the Rifle Police Department occurred on May 3rd, 2024. Officer Burris's first official shift as an officer with the Rifle Police Department occurred on May 11th, 2024.

Interim City Clerk Alexis Ramirez administered the oath of office to Officer Colby Dunn and Officer Mason Burris.

Badge Pinning was conducted by Officer Burris's wife and Officer Dunn's mother.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew presented a request to consider the appointment of John Douglas to fill the vacant position on the Rifle Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) consists of 8 Board members, 7 regular members, and 1 alternate member. The appointee will be completing the term of Josi Kander, which ends in 2025. Staff solicited and received 1 application for the vacant seat. The Parks and Recreation Board oversees screening board member applications, interviewing candidates, and recommending candidates to the Council for appointment. The Parks and Recreation Board has completed the prescribed process and recommends John Douglas for the alternate position.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the appointment of John Douglas to fill the vacant position of the Rifle Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter. Roll Call: Yes - Chris Bornholdt, Clint Hostettler, Karen Roberts, Joe Carpenter and Sean Strobe. No – None.

Consider Approving Clarification of Exemption for Contractors Purchasing Materials for the Construction of Governmental Infrastructure Assets – Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2024 – 1st Reading

Finance Director Scott Rust presented a request to consider approving clarification of exemption for contractors purchasing materials for the Construction of Governmental Infrastructure Assets – Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2024 – 1st Reading. Contractors, working on behalf of the City, have recently had issues with purchasing materials/supplies under a tax-exempt status for City projects. The code does address this and does grant an exemption for these purchases. However, the language presently in the code can be easily misunderstood by taxpayers. The changes as presented in the ordinance will bring clarity to this exemption.

Finance Director Scott Rust answered questions for Council.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2024, on first reading and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Karen Roberts. Roll Call: Yes - Karen Roberts, Clint Hostettler, Chris Bornholdt, Joe Carpenter, and Sean Strobe. No – None.

Consider Amending Article XI of Chapter 10 of the Rifle Municipal Code Regarding Sound Devices in Residential Zoned Areas – Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2024 – 1st Reading

City Attorney Jim Neu presented a request to consider amending Article XI of Chapter 10 of the Rifle Municipal Code Regarding Sound Devices in Residential Zoned Areas – Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2024 – 1st Reading. Item was discussed on the May 1st, 2024, Council Workshop meeting. Staff reviewed the local noise ordinance and recommends approval of changing the Rifle Municipal Code (RMC) Sec. 10-11-80. – Amplified sound devices time of use, from 12:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in residential zoned areas to make the time identical to the closing hours of local parks.

Comments were heard from Councilor Clint Hostettler and Mayor Sean Strobe.

Councilor Karen Roberts moved to approve the proposed amendment of RMC 10-11-80 changing the time from 12:00 am to 10:00 pm with Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2024, on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler. Roll Call: Yes - Joe Carpenter, Karen Roberts, Chris Bornholdt, Clint Hostettler and Sean Strobe. No – None.

Consider Withdrawal of the More Housing Now Grant Application

Interim City Manager Patrick Waller presented a request to consider the withdrawal of the More Housing Now Grant application. The More Housing Now grant was meant to be a backup in case the City was not awarded the full \$4 million for the Strong Communities grant. Since the City has been awarded the Strong Communities grant, the City of Rifle's DOLA representative has recommended that the City withdraw from the More Housing Now grant consideration. A formal withdrawal requires action by the City Council.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the City of Rifle's withdrawal from the More Housing Now grant program; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

No – None.

Consider Approval of City Clerk Appointment

Interim City Manager Patrick Waller presented the request to consider the appointment of Interim City Clerk Alexis Ramirez as the new City Clerk and explained the succession plan in place according to the Municipal Code to promote a new City Clerk. Alexis Ramirez was hired on with the City of Rifle as the Deputy City Clerk after formerly serving the City of Minneota, MN, for 5 ½ years. Staff recommends the appointment of Alexis Ramirez as the new City Clerk for the City of Rifle.

Comment was heard from Mayor Strode.

Councilor Karen Roberts moved to approve City Managers appointment of Alexis Ramirez as the new City Clerk; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

Roll Call: Yes – Karen Roberts, Clint Hostettler, Chris Bornholdt, Joe Carpenter and Sean Strode.

No – None.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from Interim City Manager Patrick Waller, Chief of Police Debra Funston, City Attorney Jim Neu and Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comments were heard from Councilor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Joe Carpenter and Mayor Sean Strode.

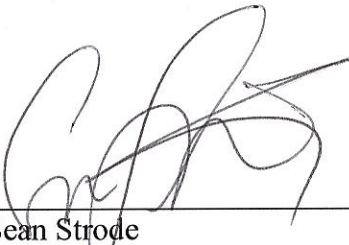
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Alexis Ramirez
Interim City Clerk





Sean Strode
Mayor