



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 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 Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Joe Carpenter, and Mayor Sean Strode.

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

No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, Assistant City Attorney Lawrence Bond, Police Chief Debra Funston, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Main Street Manager Kim Burner, Senior and Events Center Director Tami Sours, Video Production Specialist Joel Graham, Patrol Officer Alexx Rice, School Resource Officer Josh Allison, Senior Planner Geir Sverdrup, Finance Director Scott Rust, Helen Rogers, Garrick Frontella, Craig Chisessy, Pat Breslin, Shelley Aibner, Tanya Giard, Andrea Ware, and Jeff Engell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was heard from Garrick Frontella, Craig Chisessy, Pat Breslin, and Shelley Aibner.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the September 4, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Rifle Bar, LLC dba Rifle Bar
- C. Consider Conveyance of Cemetery Space - Ray Nelson
- D. Consider Conveyance of Cemetery Space - Stephanie Jones
- E. Consider Conveyance of Cemetery Space - Randolph Hesselberg
- F. Letter of Support for Colorado River District - Shoshone Water Rights Purchase
- G. Consider Final Plan for Rifle Depot, Property Exchange, and Park & Ride Improvements Agreement - Ordinance No. 18 Series of 2024 - 2nd Reading

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

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Badge Pinning Ceremony - Officer Alexx Rice

Police Chief Debra Funston provided a summary of Officer Alexx Rice's training through the Colorado Mountain College Law Enforcement Training Academy. Officer Alexx Rice began employment with Rifle Police Department on January 11th, 2024. He graduated from Police Academy on May 3rd, 2024 and began field training at Rifle Police Department. Officer Alexx Rice completed all training as of September 15th, 2024, and is now eligible to patrol as a full-time police officer.

Father Lance Rice pinned Officer Alexx Rice's badge.

Officer Alexx Rice's family was present.

Ute Theater Economic Impact Study

Regional Specialist with Colorado State University Expansion Jeff Engell and President of the New Ute Theater Society Helen Rogers presented the Ute Theater Economic Impact Study. The New Ute Theater Society partnered with Colorado State University to complete an Economic Impact Study on the Ute Theater. The economic analysis consisted of data collection, as well as calculating economic effects and social impacts of the Ute Theater. The goal of this study was to determine the economic impact that the Ute Theater has on the community of Rifle. Based on the findings of the study that was conducted, the Ute Theater serves as a cultural and economic attraction that fosters community. The Ute Theater is an asset of economic diversity and provides future growth opportunities.

Regional Specialist with Colorado State University Expansion Jeff Engell, President of the New Ute Theater Society Helen Rogers, and City Manager Matrick Waller answered questions for Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Amending the 2024 Budget - Supplemental Appropriations Request #2

Finance Director Scott Rust presented a request to consider amending the 2024 Budget-Supplemental Appropriations Request #2. Amendments to the budget and supplemental appropriations are adopted by a resolution and ordinance. These measures are required when the adopted budget is increased to cover adjustments in operational costs, new projects, or to re-appropriate funds for capital projects that began in one year and need to be carried forward to the current year to complete. Certain projects were not budgeted when the 2024 budget was created. Therefore, the budget must be amended, and a supplemental appropriation is required to authorize the additional expense to remain in compliance with governmental accounting standards and state law. Staff recommends amending the 2024 budget and for the Council to approve supplemental appropriations to cover additional expenditures related to a number of additional projects which were approved throughout the year.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Resolution No. 21, Series of 2024 to amend the 2024 Budget and Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2024 to adopt the supplemental appropriations #2 for the 2024 Budget on its first and only reading, as presented, and order it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider Amending the Rifle Municipal Code to Comply with Colorado House Bill 24-1007 - Ordinance No. 19 Series of 2024 - 1st Reading

Senior Planner Geir Sverdrup presented a request to consider amending the Rifle Municipal Code to comply with Colorado House Bill 24-1007 – Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2024 – 1st Reading. On April 15, 2024 the General Assembly of the State of Colorado enacted House Bill 24- 1007. The Act covers residential occupancy limits and housing availability. The bill specifically addresses the limits on the number of people that may occupy a single dwelling unit based on family relationship addressed in the current City of Rifle Zoning Code. This code update will remove the definition of “family” and is the only required amendment passed by the state in 2024 that is applicable to the City of Rifle. Staff recommends approval of the text amendment request to comply with Colorado House Bill 24-1007.

Senior Planner Geir Sverdrup answered questions for Council.

Councilor Karen Roberts moved to approve Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2024 on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Karen Roberts, Chris Bornholdt, and Sean Strode.

No – Joe Carpenter, Clint Hostettler.

Report to City Manager

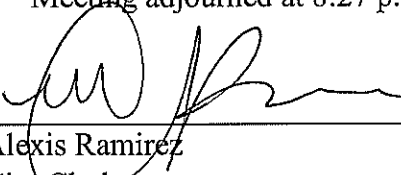
Reports were heard from City Manager Patrick Waller and Parks and Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew.

Comments from Mayor and Council

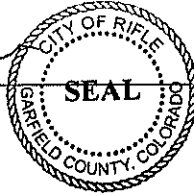
Comments were heard from Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Joe Carpenter, and Mayor Sean Strode

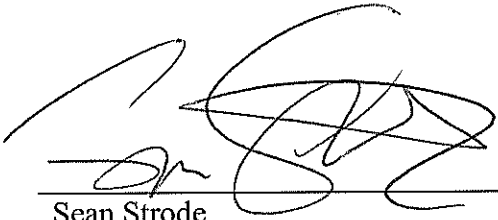
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk





Sean Strode
Mayor