



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 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 Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Michael Clancy, Councilor Karen Roberts, and Mayor Sean Strode.

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

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

No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, Assistant City Attorney Lawrence Bond, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Main Street Manager Kim Burner, Court Administrator & Public Information Officer Kathy Pototsky, Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano, Utility Director Jared Emmert, Police Chief Debra Funston.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the September 18, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Special 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
- E. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Lilly's Kitchen Corporation dba Lilly's Kitchen
- F. Consider Letter of Support for Town of Silt Non-Motorized Trail Grant Request for Regional Mountain Bike Trail Planning
- G. Consider Amending the Rifle Municipal Code to Comply with Colorado House Bill 24-1007 - Ordinance No. 19 Series of 2024 - 2nd Reading

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G; seconded by Councilor Karen Roberts.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Administer Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Councilor Michael Clancy

City Clerk Alexis Ramirez administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Councilor Michael Clancy. At the City Council meeting on September 25th, Michael Clancy was appointed to fill the vacancy on City Council. He was one of two candidates that were interviewed.

Receive Youthzone Presentation

Executive Director of Youthzone Jami Hayes presented data for the fiscal year 2023-2024 for Youthzone. Youthzone serves from Aspen to Parachute, as well as in Rio Blanco County. Youthzone works to intervene with youth who exhibit risky, disruptive, or criminal juvenile behaviors. The organization also provides tools and resources for youth to reduce risk, support mental health, and elevate success. Youthzone staff consists of employees certified in substance education, certified addiction technicians, a licensed clinical social worker, and a clinical director who is a licensed addiction counselor. The organization has seen significant growth, with budget numbers and staff numbers almost doubling in the past few years. No family is turned away based on income and the organization is committed to keeping fees low. Youthzone is currently operating on a \$2.4 million dollar budget, with 73% of funding coming from grants, 15% from

earned income, and 12% from contributions. The goals for the next fiscal year are to leverage community partnerships for better outreach, reduce barriers to access, and improve capacity for serving youth and families. Executive Director Jami Hayes presented upcoming and past projects, as well as results that reflect the positive impact the organization has had on the community.

Comments were heard from Court Administrator & Public Information Officer Kathy Pototsky and Peter Mueller with Colorado Department of Public Health.

Executive Director Jami Hayes answered questions for Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Approving Purchase of a Vac-Con VJ750

Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano and Utility Director Jared Emmert presented a request to consider approving the purchase of a Vac-Con VJ750 Jetter Trailer for the amount of \$106,173.00. The trailer is being procured using Sourcewell pricing from OJ Watson which is the only Vac-Con dealer in the state of Colorado. Purchasing a jetter trailer will allow sewer lines to be cleaned and blockages to be cleared from City of Rifle's sewer collection system, even when the main vac-truck is down for maintenance. Overflows and backups can occur if blockages are not cleared quickly. Sewer overflows can incur fines from the State of Colorado and backups can damage residents' property. The trailer has a smaller footprint and can access more congested areas in town where vehicle width and overhead clearance are restricted. The jetter trailer allows the vac-truck to continue to be used in other tasks, like hydro excavating, when sewer issues arise. This purchase is in the 2024 Budget and will be split between Public Works and Utilities.

Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano and Utility Director Jared Emmert answered questions for Council.

Councilor Chris Bornholdt moved to approve the purchase of a Vac-Con VJ750 from OJ Watson for \$106,173.00; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from City Manager Patrick Waller, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Police Chief Debra Funston, and Main Street Manager Kim Burner.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comments were heard from Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, and Mayor Sean Strode.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk



Sean Strode
Mayor