



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

November 6, 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 Pro Tem Chris Bornholdt.

Present at Roll Call:

Councilor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Joe Carpenter, Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Michael Clancy, and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bornholdt.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to excuse Mayor Sean Strode from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Jim Neu, Finance Director Scott Rust, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Recreation Coordinator Kyle Mills, Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano, Cable 10 Manager (RCTV) Michael Churchill, Police Chief Debra Funston, Bryan Hannegan, Ginette Puidokas, Natalie Bowman, and Heather Grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Updating the Animal Shelter Name in the City of Rifle Municipal Code - Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2024 - 2nd Reading
- C. Consider Amending Article IX of Chapter 10 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Expressly Provide that the Possession of a Deadly Weapon is Prohibited on School Property - Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2024 - 2nd Reading
- D. Consider Approval of the Garfield County Older Adult Programs Purchase Order for 2024

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A, B, C, and D; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Annual Update – Holy Cross Energy

President and CEO of Holy Cross Energy Bryan Hannegan and Key Account Specialist Ginette Puidokas presented the annual update from Holy Cross Energy. Bryan Hannegan provided an overview of the organization's outreach initiatives and partnerships, as well as their mission, vision, and goals. He also provided an update of completed and upcoming projects, including the steps they will take to achieve those projects. Different types of challenges for the organization and industry were discussed. An overview of sustainable energy options was provided, as well as the importance of maintaining safety and affordability for the community. One major goal that was discussed is to achieve a carbon-free power supply by 2030, while not sacrificing affordability, safety, or reliability.

President and CEO of Holy Cross Energy Bryan Hannegan answered questions for Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Adopting the 2025 Proposed Budget

Finance Director Scott Rust and City Manager Patrick Waller presented a request to consider adopting the 2025 Proposed Budget. The 2025 Proposed Budget has previously been discussed at Council Meetings and Workshops. An overview of the Budget Philosophy was provided, including budget priorities, sources of revenue, and expenditures. The 2025 Budget Summary was also presented, including individual fund amounts, for a total proposed budget amount of \$54,646,712.

Finance Director Scott Rust and City Manager Patrick Waller answered questions for Council.

Comments were heard from Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Clint Hostettler, and City Attorney Jim Neu.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Resolution No. 22, Series of 2024 – 2025 Budget Adoption and Ordinance No. 23, Series of 2024 – 2025 Annual Appropriations on the first and only reading and order them, to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

No – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Contract for Animal Shelter Services from Journey Home Animal Shelter

Executive Director of Journey Home Animal Shelter Heather Grant and Board Member Natalie Bowman presented a request to consider the contract for animal shelter services from Journey Home Animal Shelter. The mission of the organization is to strengthen the human-animal bond through compassion and education. Journey Home Animal Shelter rehomes animals that come in through owner surrender or are brought in by citizens and local law enforcement personnel. Programs that the organization provides are Humane Education, summer reading programs, presentations regarding animal safety, as well as low cost spays, neuters, and vaccines for animals. Executive Director Heather Grant provided an overview of the income sources, accomplishments, and the impact of Journey Home Animal Shelter for the last year.

Executive Director of Journey Home Animal Shelter Heather Grant answered questions for Council.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve the contract for Journey Home Animal Shelter in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 for 2025; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

Consider the Purchase of Two Radar Speed Trailers

Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano presented a request to consider the purchase of two radar speed trailers for Rifle Police Department. As discussed at previous Council Meetings, the current Police Department speed trailer is unrepairable. The replacement of the radar trailer was included in the 2024 Budget. The Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Mini Grant that City of Rifle received is a no-match grant of \$25,000. Budget funds will cover the remaining balance of \$5,325.57, for a total amount of \$30,325.57.

Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano answered questions for Council.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve the purchase of two Radar Speed Trailer with the awarded funds from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District Mini Grant and City funds for a total of \$30,325.57; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

No – None.

Consider Revocable License to Encroach Property located at 1761 Anvil View Avenue

City Attorney Jim Neu presented a request to consider Revocable License to Encroach Property located at 1761 Anvil View Avenue. The property was recently purchased by City Manager Patrick Waller in order to meet the residency requirement in the Charter. The existing back yard of the property encroaches into dedicated open space above the Raynard Ditch Trail, which is owned by City of Rifle. City Council previously approved a License to encroach in 2022 for the property next door. The encroachment does not impede the use of the open space. The Revocable License to encroach Agreement has a term of 25 years that can be extended or revoked.

City Attorney Jim Neu answered questions for Council.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve the Revocable License Agreement at property located at 1761 Anvil View Avenue; seconded by Councilor Karen Roberts.

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

No – None.

Report to City Manager

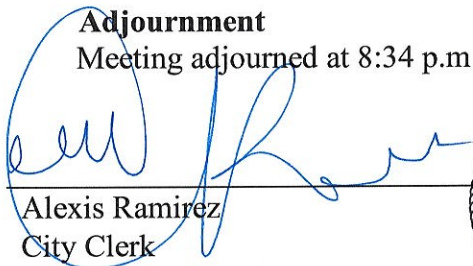
Reports were heard from City Manager Patrick Waller and Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano.

Comments from Mayor and Council

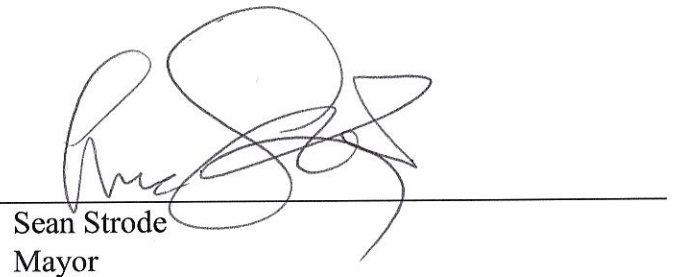
Comments were heard from Councilor Karen Roberts, Alicia Gresley, Clint Hostettler, Joe Carpenter, and Chris Bornholdt.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.


Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk




Sean Strode
Mayor