



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 2025
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 Joe Carpenter, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Clint Hostettler, and Mayor Sean Strode.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to excuse Councilor Michael Clancy and Councilor Chris Bornholdt from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

Roll Call: Yes - Karen Roberts, Joe Carpenter, Alicia Gresley, Clint Hostettler, and Sean Strode.
No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Jim Neu, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano, Community TV/Multimedia Manager Michael Churchill, Planning Director Zach Higgins, Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding, and Police Chief Debra Funston.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the April 2, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Imperio Mexican Restaurant, LLC dba Imperio Mexican Restaurant

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Consent Agenda Item A and B; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Karen Roberts, Clint Hostettler, Joe Carpenter, and Sean Strode.
No – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Contract with J&M Displays for July 3rd & Hometown Holiday Firework Shows
Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew and Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano presented a request to consider a contract with J&M Displays Inc. for the July 3rd and Hometown Holiday firework shows. Every year the Parks & Recreation Department contracts and oversees the planning and logistics of the firework displays that take place during the City's July 3rd celebration and the Hometown Holidays event. The Parks & Recreation Department coordinates with the Greater Rifle Improvement Team, (GRIT), Colorado River Fire Rescue, Garfield County Fairgrounds staff, Re-2 staff, and the Rifle Police Department. Over the past eight years, City of Rifle has partnered with J&M Displays, Inc. to provide firework displays for the July 3rd celebration and Hometown Holidays. To secure services for the next three years, the City issued a Request for Bid and hosted a mandatory pre-bid meeting, which was attended solely by J&M Displays, Inc., who have proven to be a reliable and professional partner. J&M Displays, Inc. is familiar with the City's staff and launch location, and they work closely with the Colorado River Fire Protection District. Additionally, the City benefits from their loyalty program, which provides a 15% bonus in fireworks at each show. Based on their past performance, added value, and continued partnership, staff recommends awarding the multi-year contract to J&M Displays, Inc. Annually, \$30,000 is included in the budget for firework displays: \$15,000 for the July 3rd celebration and \$15,000 for Hometown Holidays, which is in-line with the bid received from J&M Displays, Inc.

Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew and Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano answered questions for Council.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve a 3-year contract with J&M Displays, Inc. for the July 3rd and Hometown Holiday firework displays; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.
Roll Call: Yes - Joe Carpenter, Karen Roberts, Clint Hostettler, Alicia Gresley, and Sean Strode.
No – None.

Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan - Resolution No. 10, Series of 2025

Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding and Ben Manibog with KLJ Engineering presented a request to consider the Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan – Resolution No. 10, Series of 2025. The City was awarded \$120,000 in Safe Streets for All - Round 1 funding from the United States Department of Transportation in Fiscal Year 2023. Completion of a Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan allows the City to be eligible for federal implementation project funding. The City of Rifle conducted a comprehensive safety action plan intended to make the City's transportation system safer by targeting fatal and serious injury crashes. A steering committee for the project was formed, made up of agency partners, City staff, and community members. A safety analysis was conducted looking at the past five years of existing crash data provided by the Colorado Department of Transportation. The City held an in-person open house, two online surveys, an online mapping exercise, an online video, and social media advertisements informing community members about the project. The plan collected remaining infrastructure projects from City policy documents and evaluated them based on their ability to eliminate fatal and serious crashes as well as their ability to support non-vehicular trips. Projects were grouped by corridor and scored, resulting in 56 total projects. Each project is assigned a general timeframe of completion based on factors such as cost, agency coordination, needed funding streams, and community interest. After adoption, the City is annually required to update their progress on the safety plan annually. Staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 10, Series of 2025.

Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding answered questions for Council.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve Resolution No. 10, Series of 2025 in support of Rifle's Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan, pledging to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes on City streets by 2045; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.
Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Joe Carpenter, Clint Hostettler, Karen Roberts, and Sean Strode.
No – None.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from City Manager Patrick Waller, Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, and Planning Director Zach Higgins.

Comments from Mayor and Council

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

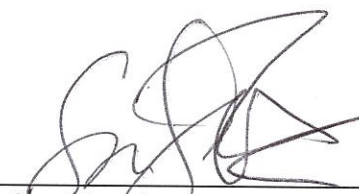
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk





Sean Strode
Mayor