



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 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 Pro Tem Chris Bornholdt.

Present at Roll Call:

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

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

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

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, Community Development Director Zach Higgins, Police Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Executive Director of Middle Colorado Watershed Kate Collins, Senior Restoration Scientist of EcoPoint Wesley Collins, Mark Gregory, Water Resources Engineer Nathan Bell, Board Member of Middle Colorado Watershed Council Chris Treese, Nicolette DiPietro, and MaryAnn Lucero.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard from MaryAnn Lucero.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Western Slope Chicken, LLC dba Wingchesters

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A and B; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Middle Colorado Watershed Council - Rifle Creek Restoration Project

Executive Director of Middle Colorado Watershed Kate Collins, Senior Restoration Scientist of EcoPoint Wesley Collins, Water Resources Engineer Nathan Bell, and Board Member of Middle Colorado Watershed Council Chris Treese provided a presentation regarding the Rifle Creek Restoration Project. The presentation included the purpose of the project, as well as the plan, challenges faced, and potential opportunities. Rifle Creek is facing many obstacles, including being ecologically stressed, aging irrigation infrastructure, and climate pressures. Focus areas in the Master Plan discussed are infrastructure upgrades, habitat restoration, and monitoring water quality and flows. Initial identified projects include areas at Centennial Park, Deerfield Park, Re-2 School property, Government Creek, Grand Tunnel Ditch, and Rifle Creek Golf Course. The goal of the restoration of Rifle Creek is to ensure a healthy, flowing, and functioning creek to support the quality of life for all users.

Executive Director of Middle Colorado Watershed Kate Collins, Senior Restoration Scientist of EcoPoint Wesley Collins, Water Resources Engineer Nathan Bell, and Board Member of Middle Colorado Watershed Council Chris Treese answered questions for Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Purchase Order for 2025 Older Adult Program 7-Party MOU

Senior & Events Center Director Tami Sours presented a request to consider the purchase order for the 2025 Older Adult Program 7-Party MOU. City of Rifle has been a partner in the 7-Party MOU since 2009, supporting programs for the older adult population. This MOU has seven entities that participate in the programs, including Garfield County, Roaring Fork Transportation Authority, Town of Carbondale, City of Glenwood Springs, Town of New Castle, Town of Silt, and City of Rifle. \$225,000 was included in the 2025 Budget for this program, meaning the requested purchase order is under budget by \$12,171.51. The MOU for 2025 reflects the total cost for Older Adult Programs to be \$1,202,463.00. Staff recommends approval of the purchase order for 2025 Older Adult Programs including \$60,989.82 for nutrition costs and \$151,838.67 for transportation costs, equaling a total contribution of \$212,828.49.

Senior & Events Center Director Tami Sours answered questions for Council.

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve payment for the 2025 Older Adult 7-Party MOU in the amount of \$212,828.49; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

No – None.

Consider Awarding Bid to Collab Architecture for the Rifle Field House Feasibility Study

Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew and Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano presented a request to consider awarding bid to Collab Architecture for the Rifle Field House Feasibility Study. The Parks and Recreation Department released a Request for Proposals seeking qualified consulting firms to conduct a feasibility study for a potential Parks and Recreation Field House. This proposed facility aims to address longstanding community interest in enhanced indoor recreational opportunities, as identified in the 2024 Parks and Recreation Community Survey, and with City Council direction. The survey highlighted strong demand for year-round access to indoor courts, turf fields, fitness areas, and flexible community programming space. The feasibility study will evaluate potential locations, develop conceptual designs, assess construction and operational costs, explore funding strategies, and analyze the facility’s potential economic and community impacts. Community engagement is a key project component to ensure recommendations reflect local priorities. Following a comprehensive review process, staff recommends selecting Collab Architecture to complete the study. City Council approval is required to proceed with awarding the contract. The project's goal is to deliver a comprehensive feasibility report and recommendations to guide future decision-making regarding the development of the Field House.

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

Councilor Clint Hostettler moved to approve Collab Architecture for the Rifle Field House Feasibility Study in the amount not to exceed \$93,640 from the Parks & Recreation Fund; seconded by Councilor Jos Carpenter.

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

No – Chris Bornholdt.

Report to City Manager

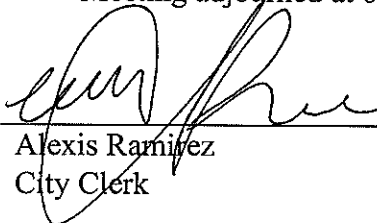
Reports were heard from City Manager Patrick Waller and Community Development Director Zach Higgins.

Comments from Mayor and Council

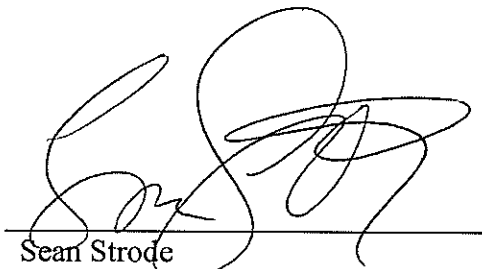
Comments were heard from Councilor Michael Clancy, Councilor Alicia Gresley, and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Bornholdt.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk




Sean Strode
Mayor