



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 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 Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Michael Clancy, Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Clint Hostettler, and Mayor Sean Strode.

Others Present:

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Jim Neu, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Community TV/Multimedia Manager Michael Churchill, Video Production Specialist Brandon Steele, Utilities Director Jared Emmert, Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano, and Main Street Manager Kim Burner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the July 16, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Plaza Liquors, LLC dba Plaza Liquors
- C. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Dillon Companies LLC, dba City Market #43
- D. Consider Liquor License Renewal for City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Events Center
- E. Consider Intergovernmental Agreement with Garfield County Clerk & Recorder for Election Services
- F. Consider Letter of Support for Shoshone Water Rights Purchase
- G. Consider Approval of Annual Contribution to Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA)

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 - Clint Hostettler, Karen Roberts, Michael Clancy, Chris Bornholdt, Alicia Gresley, Joe Carpenter, and Sean Strode.

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Mountain Waste and Recycling

Representatives from Mountain Waste and Recycling gave an update on trash and recycling operations as it relates to City of Rifle. Mountain Waste and Recycling was selected through a competitive bidding process in 2023 to provide trash and recycling services to the City of Rifle from 2024-2027 with two additional one-year renewal options through 2029. As part of the contract, representatives from the company provide annual updates to Rifle City Council. Mountain Waste has provided an analysis that includes Number of Residential Customers, Trash Tonnage, Single Stream Recycling, and Landfill Diversion rate. Rifle Municipal Code raises rates on trash and recycling by 5% annually. The contract with Mountain Waste and Recycling allows them to increase rates a minimum of 2.5% and a maximum of 5% depending on the CPI for Denver/Aurora/Lakewood. The difference between the Rifle increase and the Mountain Waste increase allows for the City to fund fall clean-up.

Representatives from Mountain Waste and Recycling answered questions for Council.

Strong Start, Bright Futures Campaign - Ballot Measure

Outreach Director of the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition Maggie Tiscornia provided a presentation regarding their 2025 Ballot Initiative for affordable and accessible Childcare and Preschool from Parachute to Aspen. Garfield, Pitkin, and Eagle Counties have approved the request to put the tax increase on the ballot. The Coalition is requesting a .25% increase in sales tax to increase access to early childhood education options and to decrease costs to families.

Outreach Director of the Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition Maggie Tiscornia answered questions for Council.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Awarding Birch Park Construction to Gould Construction, Inc

Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew and Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano presented a request to consider awarding Birch Park Construction to Gould Construction, Inc. A Request for Proposals for Birch Park construction was issued on July 1, 2025, with a mandatory pre-bid meeting attended by 20 vendors. The City of Rifle received five bids by the July 24, 2025 deadline, ranging from \$4.2 million to \$6 million. All submissions were evaluated based on the criteria in the bid advertisement, including project scope, qualifications, references, and compliance with Build America, Buy America federal funding requirements. After review, staff recommends awarding the construction contract to Gould Construction, Inc. for \$4,242,816.80, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. City staff are requesting a 10% construction contingency of \$424,281.70. Gould Construction meets all City procurement standards.

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

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to award construction services in the amount not to exceed \$4,667,098.50 to Gould Construction, Inc; seconded by Councilor Michael Clancy.

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

No – None.

Recused - Clint Hostettler.

Consider Awarding Construction Administration Services to Design Concepts for the Birch Park Construction Project

Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew and Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano presented a request to consider awarding construction administration services to Design Concepts for the Birch Park Construction Project. Design Concepts was awarded the design contract for Birch Park on January 15, 2025. The firm has a strong reputation and has demonstrated excellent collaboration with City staff throughout the design process. The final Bid Set they delivered met all expectations and was well-prepared for competitive bidding. As part of their proposal during process, Design Concepts also offered optional construction administration services to support the project through its construction phase. Their scope of work will include participating in construction meetings with the City's project manager and the contractor throughout the construction phase. These meetings are intended to ensure timely resolution of issues and to keep all parties informed on the project's progress. Staff recommends awarding construction administration services to Design Concepts for the Birch Park Construction Project.

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

Councilor Michael Clancy moved award Construction Administration Services to Design Concepts in the amount of \$29,790.00; seconded by Councilor Joe Carpenter.

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

No – None.

Consider Award of Emergency Waterline Repair Procurement to Holmes Excavation & Concrete Inc.

Utilities Director Jared Emmert and Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano presented a request to consider award of emergency waterline repair procurement to Holmes Excavation & Concrete Inc. A waterline under the South 7th Street exit of the Airport Road roundabout failed on the evening of July 10, 2025. Collection and Distribution employees responded to the break and isolated the leak by installing a new valve. This allowed the leak to remain isolated and restore water service to customers. Due to the difficulty of excavating the damaged pipe and the cost of replacing concrete in the roundabout, we decided to seek contractor assistance to replace all valves and lines in the damaged area. The project will include concrete removal, excavation, replacement of two valve clusters and multiple pipe fittings, and replacement of concrete curb, sidewalk, and road. The price estimate is conservative, since the condition of the pipe is not yet known. This project was not specifically budgeted for 2025, but it

would be included in the Water Fund's repair and maintenance budget. The repair and maintenance budget is \$300,000 for 2025. Staff recommends moving forward with this necessary project.

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

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to award Emergency Procurement to Holmes Excavation & Concrete Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$105,000; seconded by Councilor Clint Hostettler.

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

No - None.

Report to City Manager

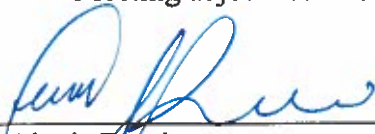
Reports were heard from Patrick Waller.

Comments from Mayor and Council

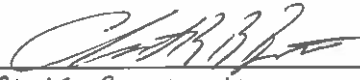
Comments were heard from Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Michael Clancy, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Clint Hostettler, and Mayor Sean Strode.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk



Chris Bornholdt
Mayor PRO TEM

