



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2026
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 Clint Hostettler.

Present at Roll Call:

Councilor Scott Marsh, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Michael Clancy, Councilor Jonathan Rice, Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Alicia Gresley and Mayor Clint Hostettler

Roll Call: Yes - Chris Bornholdt, Scott Marsh, Michael Clancy, Clint Hostettler, Jonathan Rice, Karen Roberts and Alicia Gresley.

No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Jim Neu, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Community Development Director Zach Higgins, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Garfield County Public Health Nutrition Programs Manager Christine Dolan RDN and Wayne Eshton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was heard from Wayne Eshton.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- B. Consider Designating a Public Posting Place — Resolution No. 1, Series of 2026
- C. Consider Yearly Aluminum Sulfate Purchase for Water Plant
- D. Consider Yearly Sodium Chlorite Purchase for Water Plant
- E. Consider Yearly Citric Acid Purchase for Water Plant
- F. Consider Yearly Sodium Hypochlorite Purchase for Water Plant
- G. Consider Yearly Polymer Purchase for Wastewater Plant
- H. Consider Approval of Purchase Order for Sustainable Strategies

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

Roll Call: Yes - Karen Roberts, Jonathan Rice, Alicia Gresley, Chris Bornholdt, Michael Clancy Scott Marsh, and Mayor Clint Hostettler

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Healthy Beverage Partnership

Garfield County Public Health, Nutrition Programs Manager RDN Christine Dole, provided presentation on the Healthy Beverage Partnership program. This initiative aims to reduce the consumption of sugary beverages across Garfield County to combat chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. Sugary drinks are the primary source of added sugars in American diets, contributing to concerning health trends, particularly among youth, and potentially leading to shorter life expectancies. The partnership between Denta Alliance, District 16, Family Resource Center and the Mountain Coalition for Food and Nutrition Security employ several strategies; including public awareness campaigns, limiting sugary beverage marketing to youth, advocating for increased prices on sugary drinks, and actively promoting the "Healthy Drinks in Kids Meals" program with local restaurants. This program encourages restaurants to offer healthy default drink options like water, seltzer, or milk with children's bundled meals. The initiative is funded by tobacco tax money and has recently received a two-year extension.

Garfield County Public Health Nutrition Programs Manager Christine Dolan RDN answered

questions for Council.

Comments were heard from Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Jonathan Rice, Councilor Scott Marsh, Councilor Michael Clancy and Mayor Clint Hostettler.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Authorization of Grant Application Submittal in Partnership with Youthzone for Building Remodel

City Manager Patrick Waller presented request to consider authorization to sign and submit a state opioid grant application in partnership with Youthzone. This request formalizes directions previously discussed during workshops held. The grant is funded through statewide opioid settlement funds, with a maximum award of \$750,000, which is lower than the amount discussed at the workshop but otherwise unchanged. Youthzone initiated the application and will use the funds for a building remodel and facility improvements. The city will serve solely as a pass-through and fiscal agent, while Youthzone assumes full responsibility for grant compliance and reporting. The Finance Director Scott Rust has reviewed the grant specifications / requirements and identified no issues with the city acting as a fiscal agent. City staff will review the application prior to submission and any resulting grant agreements to ensure compliance. Approval allows the City Manager to immediately sign and submit the application to the State.

City Manager Patrick Waller answered questions for Council.

Comments were heard from Councilor Alicia Gresley and Mayor Clint Hostettler.

Councilor Scott Marsh moved to authorize the City Manager to submit the grant application and sign grant agreement for Youthzone Building Remodel; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley.

Roll Call: Yes - Alicia Gresley, Chris Bornholdt, Michael Clancy, Jonathan Rice, Karen Roberts, Scott Marsh and Mayor Clint Hostettler.

No – None.

Report to City Manager

Reports were heard from City Manager Patrick Waller, Chief of Police Debra Funston and Lieutenant Mike Kuper.

Comments from Mayor and Council

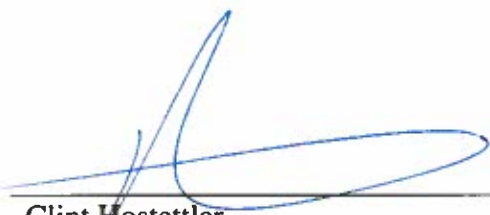
Comments were heard from Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Alicia Gresley and Councilor Michael Clancy.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.


Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk




Clint Hostettler
Mayor