



# CITY COUNCIL

## WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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February 18, 2026

7:00 PM

202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650

### **5:15 PM - Workshop Meeting**

#### **Discussion and Review**

- a. Joint Discussion with Planning Commission - Comprehensive Plan Reconfirmation with SE Group
- b. Presentation from Rifle High School Students Regarding Nicotine Use
- c. Receive 2025 Year End Financial Update (1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025)

### **7:00 PM - Regular Meeting**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Public Comment** \*(Maximum time permitted for Public Comment is 3 minutes per person)  
\*(Reserved for general comments or items on the agenda that are not a public hearing)
5. **Consent Agenda**
  - 5.a. Consider Minutes of the February 4, 2026 Regular Meeting
  - 5.b. Consider Letter of Support for Town of Silt BUILD Grant Application - 7th Street Pedestrian Overpass
  - 5.c. Consider Acceptance of the Sherwin-Williams Annexation Petition as Substantially Compliant with State Statutes and Scheduling a Public Hearing - Resolution No. 7, Series of 2026
6. **Action, if any, on Workshop Items**
7. **Presentation**
  - 7.a. Pinning Ceremony for Corporal Promotions

## **8. Public Hearing**

**8.a.** Consider Amending the 2026 Budget - Supplemental Appropriations Request #1

**8.a.i.** Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026

**8.a.ii.** Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

**8.b.** Consider Amending Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Building Height Standards - Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

**8.c.** Consider Amending Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Lot Size Standards - Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

**8.d.** Consider Amending Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Landscaping Standards - Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

## **9. Regular Agenda**

**9.a.** Consider Appointment of Gen Edwards (Second Alternate) to the Rifle Planning and Zoning Commission

**9.b.** Consider Awarding Centennial Park Restoration Design to River Restoration, LLC.

**9.c.** Consider Liquor License Report of Changes for City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Events Center

**9.d.** Consider Authorizing Submission of the Garfield County FMLD Mini-Grant Application for a Detective Vehicle - Resolution No. 6, Series of 2026

**9.e.** Consider Electing Not to Participate in the Requirements of House Bill 24-1173 Regarding Electrical Vehicle Charging Station Permitting Processes and Standards - Resolution No. 8, Series of 2026

## **10. Administrative Reports**

**10.a.** Report to City Manager

## **11. Comments from Mayor and Council**

## **12. Adjournment**

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**Agenda Item #a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Joint Discussion with Planning Commission - Comprehensive Plan Reconfirmation with SE Group

**Presenter:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

Kick off and information gathering for the Comp Plan and Code Update project with SE Group.

**Recommended Action:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

Give direction to the consultants regarding the Comprehensive Plan and Code Update.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

The City of Rifle engaged SE Group to conduct a Comprehensive Plan Update and Land Use and Development Code Overhaul. This work began in late 2025 and will continue through Spring 2027. This initial workshop with Planning Commission and City Council will serve as the elected and appointed bodies first chance to give more information about what works and what doesn't from the Comp Plan and Development Code.

**Executive Summary:**

N/A

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

None



**Agenda Item #b.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Presentation from Rifle High School Students Regarding Nicotine Use

**Presenter:**

Patrick Waller, City Manager

**Item Description:**

Workshop Presentation

**Recommended Action:**

No action on Workshop Items

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

Council previously received a presentation from Peter Mueller regarding the potential of a tobacco license within the City of Rifle. At that Workshop additional information was sought regarding student tobacco use.

**Executive Summary:**

Students from Rifle High School will be present information about tobacco use at the high school.

**Notification Requirements:**

No additional notice required.

**Prepared By:**

Patrick Waller, City Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Presentation

# Rifle TRL Consideration

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By: Students of Rifle Highschool  
(Student Council)

# Why?

- Rifle cares deeply about its youth. That commitment is visible in our schools, our sports teams, and the way educators and families rally around us when we struggle.

A local tobacco and nicotine ordinance is not about punishment or control, it is about aligning our town's policies with our shared goal of helping young people lead healthy and happy lives.



# Why?

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- Why doesn't Garfield County have as many restrictions as other counties?

	T-21	TRL	Price Increase	Flavor Ban
Garfield County	x			
Carbondale	x	x	x	x
Glenwood Springs	x	x	x	x
New Castle	x	x	x	
Silt	x	x	x	
Rifle	x			
Parachute	x			

# Student Perspectives

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How was I drawn into tobacco use? How do my friends who use tobacco/nicotine get their product?

## **Teens are Resourceful - Find the Accommodating Clerk**

"From my experience, I used to get my vapes from a retailer down the street. I could tell when they might feel uncomfortable carding me, and so I would ask for one tin of Zin...

My friends either buy from local retailers or purchase them from older friends and family."

-A tobacco/nicotine user

# Student Perspectives

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## **Vapes are still a big issue**

"Rifle High has made progress. When I was a freshman, it seemed like vapes were everywhere. Now, while I still see and smell them in off the beaten-path spots, it's not as bad as it used to be. It's still an issue though and I worry that too many of my friends are inadvertently getting hooked."

-A social person

# Student Perspectives

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## **Youth voices calling for community change**

"I'd like to see the town do whatever it can to help us fight this fight against highly addictive products that take such a toll on youth's health and wellbeing. I believe it would be helpful if our Town Council took the first step to making tobacco products more closely regulated. And I wonder, what are other ways we can support an active, social and healthy life for all."  
-A friend who has seen her/his friends get hooked-

# Student Perspectives

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## **Growing through our mistakes**

“What I appreciate about my teachers and the school as a whole is the care they take with students who make mistakes. Whether it’s trying tobacco or making another poor choice, we all make mistakes. Our teachers and school leaders know this. They are here to help us grow, through good times and ... poor choices.”

-A student fully committed to the school-

# Conclusion

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**A local tobacco and nicotine ordinance is a reasonable, compassionate, and proactive step. It doesn't replace anything that is already in place but it reinforces them. It helps retailers do the right thing, supports schools in our county in their mission, and helps students that are struggling and trying to navigate highly addictive products marketed directly to them.**

**By taking this step, the city of Rifle affirms a simple but powerful belief that our youth deserves policies that protect them and allows them to be a kid again. Kids that have a future.**





**Agenda Item #c.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Receive 2025 Year End Financial Update (1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025)

**Presenter:**

Scott Rust, Finance Director

**Item Description:**

A year-end financial update will be given based on data through 12/31/2025. Specifically, reports covering sales tax collections, 2025 projected year-end fund balances, and 2025 budget compared with actual activity for both revenue and expenditures will be discussed. Additionally, a year-to-date investment earnings overview will be provided.

**Recommended Action:**

Informational purposes only

**Fiscal Impact:**

Overall, the City of Rifle ended 2025 in a strong financial position. The combination of City departments staying within budget and sales tax collections exceeding budgeted amounts has allowed the City to complete critical infrastructure projects while also increasing fund balance levels in certain funds. Preliminary collection data shows that sales tax collections were 7.15% over the prior year's collections. Overall, the fund balance of the City did decrease by approximately \$3,739,906. However, this decrease is due to strategic capital improvement spending on projects such as the Penwell Transmission Line and the construction of Birch Park. Looking forward into future years, this reserve will serve as a sound financial base as the City continues to pursue significant capital improvements related to Parks, Streets, Water, and Wastewater.

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

In order to keep the Council informed of the City of Rifle's financial performance, quarterly reports are given. This financial report covers the time frame between 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025. Financial data contained within this report is unaudited at this point. However, the City audit for 2025 is underway.

**Executive Summary:**

N/A

**Notification Requirements:**

No Notice Requirements

**Prepared By:**

Scott Rust, Finance Director

**Attachments:**

1. City of Rifle Financial Update Presentation 1.1.25 -12.31.25
2. City of Rifle Unaudited Financial Budget to Actual Report 12.31.25
3. City of Rifle Sales Tax Report 2025
4. City of Rifle Investment Report - 12.31.25
5. City of Rifle Fund Balance & Net Position Report at 12.31.25\_corrected

# City of Rifle Financial Update

for the time period of 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

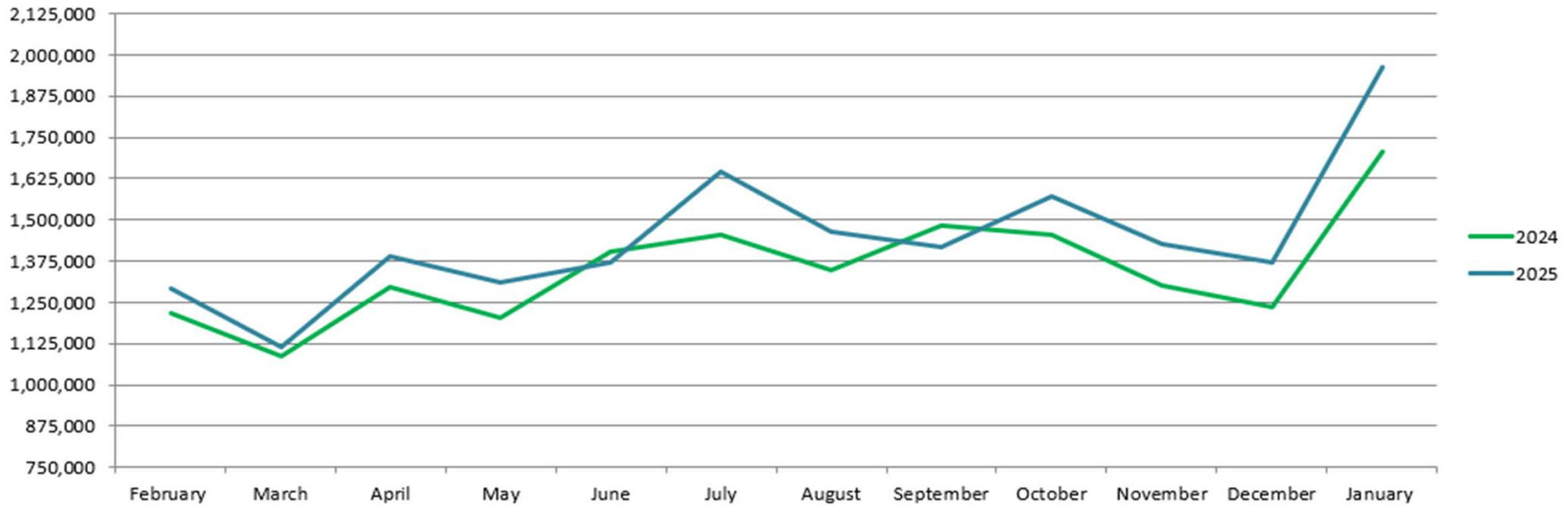


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# Sales Tax Collections 2025

City Business	ANNUAL TOTAL COLLECTIONS			
	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff
BARS & RESTAURANTS	\$ 1,326,138.63	\$ 1,338,196.61	\$ (12,057.98)	-0.90%
RETAIL MARIJUANA	\$ 260,586.46	\$ 262,671.67	(2,085.21)	-0.79%
UTILITIES	\$ 684,185.05	\$ 666,711.14	17,473.91	2.62%
USE TAX/OTHER MISC	\$ 492,600.66	\$ 499,142.95	(6,542.29)	-1.31%
OIL & GAS	\$ 247,416.80	\$ 224,046.17	23,370.63	10.43%
LODGING	\$ 587,335.27	\$ 590,729.14	(3,393.87)	-0.57%
LIQUOR STORES	\$ 323,577.58	\$ 245,416.37	78,161.21	31.85%
HVAC	\$ 11,600.15	\$ 12,431.90	(831.75)	-6.69%
HARDWARE	\$ 336,971.05	\$ 307,857.39	29,113.66	9.46%
GENERAL RETAIL	\$ 6,999,326.92	\$ 6,536,115.99	463,210.93	7.09%
FOOD	\$ 2,568,669.89	\$ 2,539,824.79	28,845.10	1.14%
EXCISE	\$ 20,849.55	\$ 35,120.84	(14,271.29)	-40.63%
CONTRACTOR	\$ 32,642.85	\$ 36,503.42	(3,860.57)	-10.58%
CAR PARTS & SALES	\$ 945,071.53	\$ 749,995.29	195,076.24	26.01%
SUTS (CO SALES & USE TAX SYSTEM)	\$ 503,254.88	\$ 339,598.34	163,656.54	48.19%
<b>Total MuniRev</b>	<b>\$ 15,340,227.27</b>	<b>\$ 14,384,362.01</b>	<b>\$ 955,865.26</b>	<b>6.65%</b>
BUILDING USE TAX (Month Collected)	\$ 420,829.69	\$ 340,388.98	80,440.71	23.63%
MOTOR VEHICLE USE TAX (Month Collected)	\$ 1,575,708.58	\$ 1,455,879.01	119,829.57	8.23%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,336,765.54</b>	<b>\$ 16,180,630.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,135.54</b>	<b>7.15%</b>

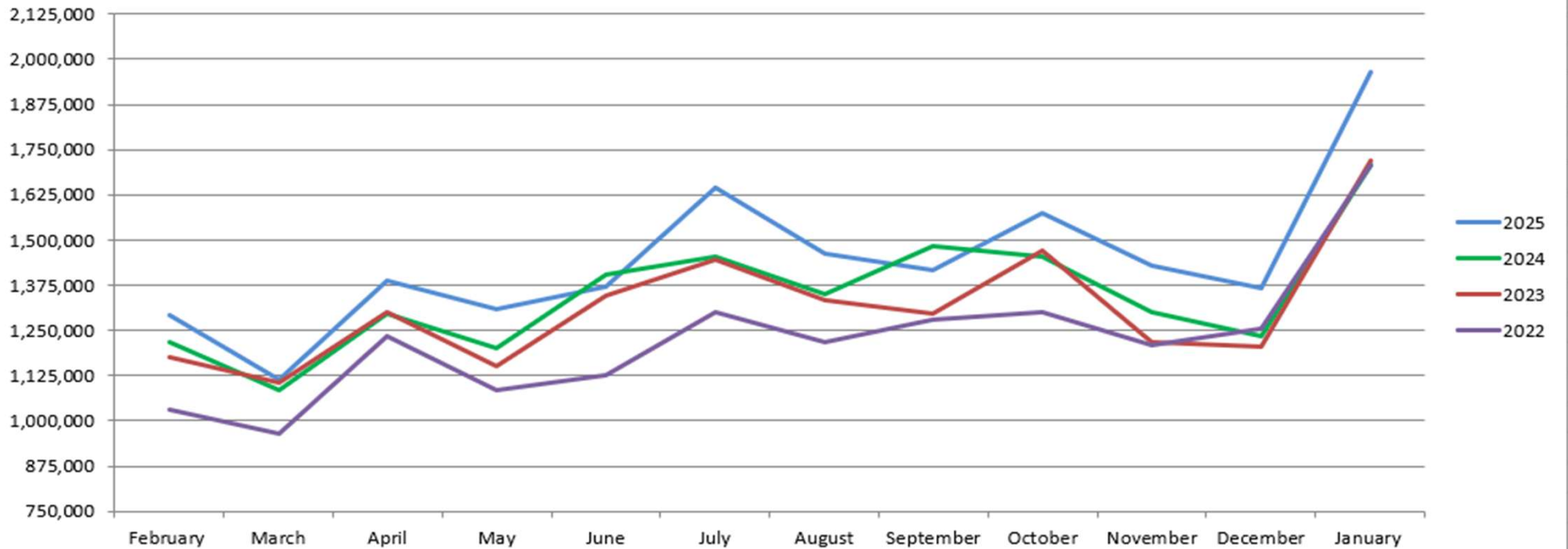
## City of Rifle - Sales and Use Tax Collected



Month	2025	2024	Month \$ Change	Month % Change	Year to Date % Change
<b>February</b>	\$ 1,291,883.10	\$ 1,217,975.92	\$ 73,907.18	6.07%	<u>6.07%</u>
<b>March</b>	1,114,109.04	1,084,796.78	\$ 29,312.26	2.70%	<u>4.48%</u>
<b>April</b>	1,389,076.42	1,294,733.69	\$ 94,342.73	7.29%	<u>5.49%</u>
<b>May</b>	1,310,285.03	1,200,917.05	\$ 109,367.98	9.11%	<u>6.40%</u>
<b>June</b>	1,371,564.56	1,405,364.33	\$ (33,799.77)	-2.41%	<u>4.40%</u>
<b>July</b>	1,645,900.79	1,452,413.36	\$ 193,487.43	13.32%	<u>6.09%</u>
<b>August</b>	1,464,041.85	1,349,030.87	\$ 115,010.98	8.53%	<u>6.46%</u>
<b>September</b>	1,415,860.51	1,484,281.75	\$ (68,421.24)	-4.61%	<u>4.89%</u>
<b>October</b>	1,573,260.22	1,453,244.28	\$ 120,015.94	8.26%	<u>5.30%</u>
<b>November</b>	1,428,301.16	1,298,688.00	\$ 129,613.16	9.98%	<u>5.76%</u>
<b>December</b>	1,368,532.95	1,234,060.09	\$ 134,472.86	10.90%	<u>6.20%</u>
<b>January</b>	1,963,949.91	1,705,123.88	\$ 258,826.03	15.18%	<u>7.15%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,336,765.54</b>	<b>\$ 16,180,630.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,135.54</b>	<b>7.15%</b>	<b><u>7.15%</u></b>

Month	2025	2024	2023	2022	2024%	2023%	2022%	AVG %
<b>February</b>	\$ 1,291,883.10	\$ 1,217,975.92	\$ 1,176,714.85	\$ 1,031,620.45				
<b>March</b>	\$ 1,114,109.04	\$ 1,084,796.78	\$ 1,106,217.65	\$ 963,782.65				
<b>April</b>	\$ 1,389,076.42	\$ 1,294,733.69	\$ 1,302,675.06	\$ 1,234,682.37	22.23%	22.72%	21.95%	22.30%
<b>May</b>	\$ 1,310,285.03	\$ 1,200,917.05	\$ 1,152,203.51	\$ 1,086,628.93				
<b>June</b>	\$ 1,371,564.56	\$ 1,405,364.33	\$ 1,345,976.44	\$ 1,128,103.99				
<b>July</b>	\$ 1,645,900.79	\$ 1,452,413.36	\$ 1,446,882.67	\$ 1,299,788.74	25.08%	25.00%	23.89%	24.66%
<b>August</b>	\$ 1,464,041.85	\$ 1,349,030.87	\$ 1,333,600.69	\$ 1,216,692.79				
<b>September</b>	\$ 1,415,860.51	\$ 1,484,281.75	\$ 1,297,429.18	\$ 1,281,197.75				
<b>October</b>	\$ 1,573,260.22	\$ 1,453,244.28	\$ 1,472,397.92	\$ 1,299,652.58	26.49%	26.01%	25.81%	26.10%
<b>November</b>	\$ 1,428,301.16	\$ 1,298,688.00	\$ 1,218,990.66	\$ 1,208,790.91				
<b>December</b>	\$ 1,368,532.95	\$ 1,234,060.09	\$ 1,206,166.56	\$ 1,254,580.74				
<b>January</b>	\$ 1,963,949.91	\$ 1,705,123.88	\$ 1,719,917.08	\$ 1,708,147.69	26.19%	26.27%	28.35%	26.94%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 17,336,765.54	\$ 16,180,630.00	\$ 15,779,172.27	\$ 14,713,669.59				

**City of Rifle - Sales & Use Tax Collected (4 yr Comparison)**



# Revenue -Budget to Actual by Fund

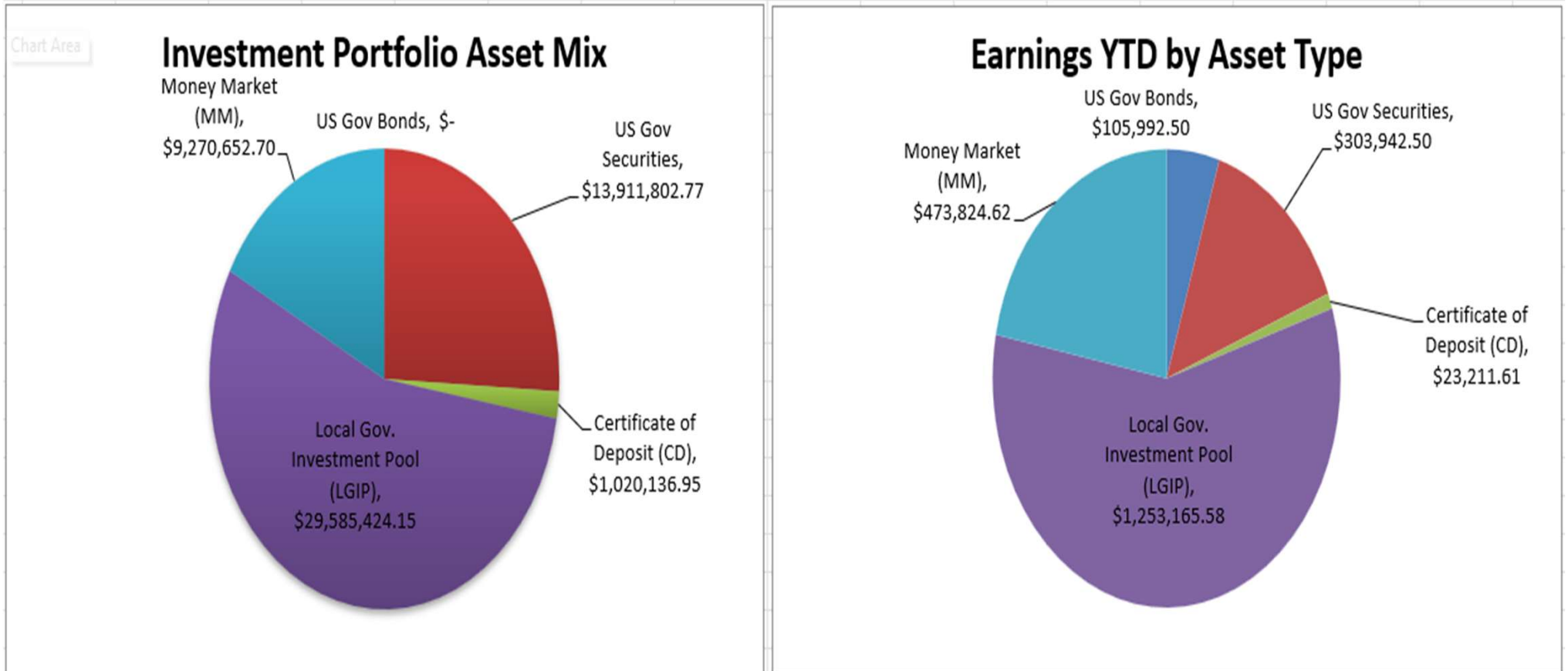
City of Rifle						Budget Date 12/31/2025
Budget to Actual: Cost Center Overview						Actual Date 12/31/2025
GL Budget	GL Budget Title	Budget	Actual	Amount Remaining	% Earned	Fund
100-3000	General Fund Revenue	\$ (13,237,071.84)	\$ (13,883,487.36)	\$ 646,415.52	104.88%	100
201-3000	SIF Revenue	\$ (9,154,572.37)	\$ (4,536,369.57)	\$ (4,618,202.80)	49.55%	201
201-3003	SIF Revenue	\$ (150,000.00)	\$ (156,390.49)	\$ 6,390.49	104.26%	201
202-3000	CTF Revenue	\$ (149,502.52)	\$ (143,034.73)	\$ (6,467.79)	95.67%	202
204-3000	VIF Revenue	\$ (273,438.63)	\$ (258,666.10)	\$ (14,772.53)	94.60%	204
205-3000	DDA Fund Revenue	\$ (71,355.72)	\$ (63,084.38)	\$ (8,271.34)	88.41%	205
206-3000	Capital Fund Revenue	\$ (80,930.09)	\$ (70,915.57)	\$ (10,014.52)	87.63%	206
207-3000	TIF Revenue	\$ (655,057.20)	\$ (636,419.76)	\$ (18,637.44)	97.15%	207
208-3000	URA Fund Revenue	\$ (238,006.91)	\$ (169,224.45)	\$ (68,782.46)	71.10%	208
210-3000	Parks and Rec - Revenue	\$ (5,127,581.61)	\$ (5,572,797.33)	\$ 445,215.72	108.68%	210
310-3000	Water Fund Revenue	\$ (4,662,234.60)	\$ (4,925,980.43)	\$ 263,745.83	105.66%	310
310-3002	Water Rights Revenue	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ (24,580.96)	\$ (419.04)	98.32%	310
310-3003	System Improvement Revenue	\$ (1,663,000.00)	\$ (325,253.31)	\$ (1,337,746.69)	19.56%	310
310-3004	Debt Service Revenue	\$ (3,339,225.42)	\$ (3,435,958.87)	\$ 96,733.45	102.90%	310
320-3000	Waste Water Fund Revenue	\$ (4,585,981.00)	\$ (4,941,236.81)	\$ 355,255.81	107.75%	320
320-3003	Waste Water System Improvement Revenue	\$ (250,000.00)	\$ (278,379.27)	\$ 28,379.27	111.35%	320
330-3000	Sanitation Fund Revenue	\$ (950,186.62)	\$ (943,060.43)	\$ (7,126.19)	99.25%	330
401-3000	Cemetery Perpetual Care Revenue	\$ (28,808.30)	\$ (29,140.49)	\$ 332.19	101.15%	401
610-3000	Fleet Fund Revenue	\$ (795,894.46)	\$ (774,381.06)	\$ (21,513.40)	97.30%	610
610-3003	Fleet Fund System Improvements Revenue	\$ (573,000.00)	\$ (567,331.99)	\$ (5,668.01)	99.01%	610
620-3000	IT Fund Revenue	\$ (1,230,086.55)	\$ (1,226,952.64)	\$ (3,133.91)	99.75%	620
620-3003	IT Fund System Improvement Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/B	620
<b>Total All Revenue Center GL Budgets</b>		<b>\$ (47,240,933.84)</b>	<b>\$ (42,962,646.00)</b>	<b>\$ (4,278,287.84)</b>	<b>90.94%</b>	

# Expenditures -Budget to Actual by Fund

<u>City of Rifle</u>					Budget Date	12/31/2025	
<u>Budget to Actual: Cost Center Overview</u>					Actual Date	12/31/2025	
Fund	Fund Title	Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Encumbrances	Amount Remaining	% Spent w/out ENC	% Spent w/ ENC
100	General Fund	\$ 14,716,909.95	\$ 13,660,486.18	\$ 668,601.11	\$ 387,822.66	92.82%	97.36%
201	Street Improvement Fund	\$ 9,470,627.29	\$ 4,202,385.19	\$ 490,241.58	\$ 4,778,000.52	44.37%	49.55%
202	Conservation Trust Fund	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 114,883.00	\$ -	\$ 155,117.00	42.55%	42.55%
204	Visitor Improvement Fund	\$ 392,175.42	\$ 300,948.85	\$ 54,201.00	\$ 37,025.57	76.74%	90.56%
205	Downtown Development Fund	\$ 70,647.15	\$ 69,494.42	\$ -	\$ 1,152.73	98.37%	98.37%
206	Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 352,500.00	\$ 128,493.00	\$ 134,599.48	\$ 89,407.52	36.45%	74.64%
207	Tourism & Industry Fund	\$ 849,738.68	\$ 837,748.23	\$ -	\$ 11,990.45	98.59%	98.59%
208	Urban Renewal Authority Fund	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 21,149.95	\$ 16,470.05	\$ (2,620.00)	60.43%	107.49%
210	Parks & Recreation Fund	\$ 9,504,988.72	\$ 6,209,667.09	\$ 3,624,864.46	\$ (329,542.83)	65.33%	103.47%
310	Water Fund	\$ 14,071,706.69	\$ 13,434,000.69	\$ 3,815,341.03	\$ (3,177,635.03)	95.47%	122.58%
320	Waste Water Fund	\$ 4,295,387.29	\$ 4,221,503.17	\$ 174,054.66	\$ (100,170.54)	98.28%	102.33%
330	Sanitation Fund	\$ 1,024,145.28	\$ 1,000,407.34	\$ -	\$ 23,737.94	97.68%	97.68%
401	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	0.00%
610	Fleet Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,291,286.30	\$ 1,286,310.88	\$ 3,439.15	\$ 1,536.27	99.61%	99.88%
620	Information Tech Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,219,602.94	\$ 1,215,074.96	\$ 264,927.32	\$ (260,399.34)	99.63%	121.35%
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$57,569,715.71</b>	<b>\$ 46,702,552.95</b>	<b>\$ 9,246,739.84</b>	<b>\$ 1,620,422.92</b>	<b>81.12%</b>	<b>97.19%</b>

City of Rifle						Budget Date	12/31/2025		
Budget to Actual: Cost Center Overview						Actual Date	12/31/2025		
GL Budget	GL Budget Title	Bdgt Expenditures	Actual Expenditures	Encumbrances	Amount Remaining	% Spent w/out ENC	% Spent w/ ENC	Fund	
100-4111	Mayor and City Council	\$ 213,813.22	\$ 187,392.55	\$ -	\$ 26,420.67	87.64%	87.64%	100	
100-4114	City Clerk	\$ 274,630.27	\$ 210,562.59	\$ -	\$ 64,067.68	76.67%	76.67%	100	
100-4121	Municipal Court	\$ 331,321.93	\$ 306,534.33	\$ -	\$ 24,787.60	92.52%	92.52%	100	
100-4132	Administration	\$ 497,012.32	\$ 583,145.42	\$ -	\$ (86,133.10)	117.33%	117.33%	100	
100-4135	Human Resources	\$ 410,913.45	\$ 310,068.21	\$ -	\$ 100,845.24	75.46%	75.46%	100	
100-4151	Finance	\$ 836,266.11	\$ 758,738.49	\$ 62,426.02	\$ 15,101.60	90.73%	98.19%	100	
100-4153	Attorney	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 276,701.67	\$ -	\$ 63,298.33	81.38%	81.38%	100	
100-4191	Community Development	\$ 723,562.54	\$ 736,144.29	\$ 275,992.50	\$ (288,574.25)	101.74%	139.88%	100	
100-4195	Grounds and Facilities	\$ 612,478.26	\$ 664,960.07	\$ 170,666.13	\$ (223,147.94)	108.57%	136.43%	100	
100-4199	Community TV	\$ 347,279.52	\$ 272,285.25	\$ -	\$ 74,994.27	78.41%	78.41%	100	
100-4210	Police	\$ 4,943,687.11	\$ 4,748,599.99	\$ -	\$ 195,087.12	96.05%	96.05%	100	
100-4240	Building Inspection	\$ 146,098.46	\$ 150,008.36	\$ -	\$ (3,909.90)	102.68%	102.68%	100	
100-4310	Public Works	\$ 2,364,493.68	\$ 2,111,748.72	\$ 61,562.41	\$ 191,182.55	89.31%	91.91%	100	
100-4311	PW - Right of Way Maintenance	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	100	
100-4317	Engineering	\$ 392,287.10	\$ 310,997.47	\$ 3,008.80	\$ 78,280.83	79.28%	80.05%	100	
100-4514	Senior Center	\$ 533,322.96	\$ 514,918.07	\$ -	\$ 18,404.89	96.55%	96.55%	100	
100-4800	Non-Departmental	\$ 875,743.02	\$ 729,174.68	\$ 94,945.25	\$ 51,623.09	83.26%	94.11%	100	
100-4910	Transfers	\$ 789,000.00	\$ 788,506.02	\$ -	\$ 493.98	99.94%	99.94%	100	
201-4312	SIF Operational Expenditures	\$ 4,425,627.29	\$ 3,385,070.51	\$ 434,219.11	\$ 606,337.67	76.49%	86.30%	201	
201-4313	SIF Capital Expenditures	\$ 5,045,000.00	\$ 817,314.68	\$ 56,022.47	\$ 4,171,662.85	16.20%	17.31%	201	
202-4517	CTF Operational Expense	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 114,883.00	\$ -	\$ 155,117.00	42.55%	42.55%	202	
204-4650	VIF Operational Expense	\$ 392,175.42	\$ 300,948.85	\$ 54,201.00	\$ 37,025.57	76.74%	90.56%	204	
205-4651	DDA Fund Operational Expense	\$ 70,647.15	\$ 69,494.42	\$ -	\$ 1,152.73	98.37%	98.37%	205	
206-4900	Capital Fund Operational Expense	\$ 352,500.00	\$ 128,493.00	\$ 134,599.48	\$ 89,407.52	36.45%	74.64%	206	
207-4650	TIF Operational Expense	\$ 849,738.68	\$ 837,748.23	\$ -	\$ 11,990.45	98.59%	98.59%	207	
208-4650	URA Fund Operational Expense	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 21,149.95	\$ 16,470.05	\$ (2,620.00)	60.43%	107.49%	208	
210-4512	Parks and Rec - Recreation Ops	\$ 1,013,582.88	\$ 823,006.84	\$ -	\$ 190,576.04	81.20%	81.20%	210	
210-4513	Parks and Rec - Pool Ops	\$ 690,895.15	\$ 668,813.79	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (12,918.64)	96.80%	101.87%	210	
210-4521	Parks and Rec - Parks Ops	\$ 1,960,355.03	\$ 2,043,597.59	\$ 54,744.38	\$ (137,986.94)	104.25%	107.04%	210	
210-4523	Parks and Rec - Parks Capital	\$ 5,594,116.00	\$ 2,441,727.41	\$ 3,535,120.08	\$ (382,731.49)	43.65%	106.84%	210	
210-4800	Parks and Rec - NonDepartmental	\$ 62,039.66	\$ 55,861.68	\$ -	\$ 6,177.98	90.04%	90.04%	210	
210-4910	Parks and Rec - Transfers	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 176,659.78	\$ -	\$ 7,340.22	96.01%	96.01%	210	
310-4331	Water Fund Operational Expense	\$ 3,002,639.69	\$ 2,688,422.10	\$ 117,045.64	\$ 197,171.95	89.54%	93.43%	310	
310-4332	Water Rights Operational Expense	\$ 78,200.00	\$ 28,539.42	\$ -	\$ 49,660.58	36.50%	36.50%	310	
310-4333	Sys. Improvement Operational Expense	\$ 9,210,000.00	\$ 8,936,356.27	\$ 3,698,295.39	\$ (3,424,651.66)	97.03%	137.18%	310	
310-4334	Debt Service Operational Expense	\$ 1,441,855.00	\$ 1,441,854.46	\$ -	\$ 0.54	100.00%	100.00%	310	
310-4335	Debt Service Operational Expense	\$ 339,012.00	\$ 338,828.44	\$ -	\$ 183.56	99.95%	99.95%	310	
320-4325	Waste Water Operational Expense	\$ 4,295,387.29	\$ 4,221,503.17	\$ 174,054.66	\$ (100,170.54)	98.28%	102.33%	320	
330-4320	Sanitation Fund Operational Expense	\$ 1,022,145.28	\$ 998,407.34	\$ -	\$ 23,737.94	97.68%	97.68%	330	
330-4900	Sanitation Fund Transfers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%	100.00%	330	
401-4422	Cemetery Perpetual Care Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	0.00%	0.00%	401	
610-4196	Fleet Fund Operational Expense	\$ 718,286.30	\$ 713,119.71	\$ -	\$ 5,166.59	99.28%	99.28%	610	
610-4900	Fleet Fund - Capital	\$ 573,000.00	\$ 573,191.17	\$ 3,439.15	\$ (3,630.32)	100.03%	100.63%	610	
620-4192	IT Fund Operational Expense	\$ 1,097,102.94	\$ 1,101,229.19	\$ 79,067.84	\$ (83,194.09)	100.38%	107.58%	620	
620-4901	IT Fund Capital	\$ 122,500.00	\$ 113,845.77	\$ 185,859.48	\$ (177,205.25)	92.94%	244.66%	620	
<b>Total All Cost Center GL Budgets</b>		<b>\$ 57,569,715.71</b>	<b>\$ 46,702,552.95</b>	<b>\$ 9,246,739.84</b>	<b>\$ 1,620,422.92</b>	<b>81.12%</b>	<b>97.19%</b>		

# Investment Portfolio (12/31/2025)



- Portfolio Market Value - \$53,788,016.57
  - 0.00% Bonds, 25.86% Securities, 1.90% CD, 55.00% LGIP, 17.24% MM
- Total YTD Earnings - \$2,160,138.81
- Unrealized Gain/Loss - \$(355,197.23)

# Projected Fund Balance/Net Position

## City of Rifle - Fund Balance/Net Position Report

Projected @ December 31, 2025

Fund No.	Fund Name	2024 Audited Fund Balance/Net Position	2025 Unaudited Revenues YTD	2025 Unaudited Expenditures YTD	2025 Unaudited Fund Balance/Net Position 12/31/2025	Net Change	Min Op Reserve (MOR) - Res. 5 Series 2020	GFOA Recommended Min Reserve	Current Reserve Estimate @ 12/31/2025	Reserve as % of Expenditures @ 12/31/2025
<b>Governmental Funds</b>										
100	General	\$ 14,149,010.79	\$ 13,883,487.36	\$ 13,660,486.18	\$ 14,372,011.97	\$ 223,001.18	\$ 5,464,194.47	\$ 2,452,818.33	\$12,726,817.97	86.48%
201	Street Improvement	8,153,088.83	\$4,692,760.06	4,202,385.19	8,643,463.70	490,374.87		1,578,437.88	8,643,463.70	91.27%
202	Conservation Trust	365,964.86	143,034.73	\$114,883.00	394,116.59	28,151.73		45,000.00	394,116.59	145.97%
204	Visitor Improvement	552,687.50	258,666.10	\$300,948.85	510,404.75	(42,282.75)		65,362.57	510,404.75	130.15%
205	Downtown Development	110,403.20	63,084.38	\$69,494.42	103,993.16	(6,410.04)		11,774.53	103,993.16	147.20%
206	Capital	1,937,002.45	70,915.57	\$128,493.00	1,879,425.02	(57,577.43)		58,750.00	1,879,425.02	533.17%
207	Tourism & Industry	288,319.05	636,419.76	\$837,748.23	86,990.58	(201,328.47)		141,623.11	86,990.58	10.24%
208	Urban Renewal	314,472.36	169,224.45	\$21,149.95	462,546.86	148,074.50		5,833.33	462,546.86	1321.56%
210	Parks & Recreation	3,516,985.66	5,572,797.33	\$6,209,667.09	2,880,115.90	(636,869.76)	2,376,247.18	1,584,164.79	2,880,115.90	30.30%
	<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL</b>	<b>\$ 29,387,934.70</b>	<b>\$ 25,490,389.74</b>	<b>\$ 25,545,255.91</b>	<b>\$ 29,333,068.53</b>	<b>\$ (54,866.17)</b>		\$ 5,943,764.54	\$27,687,874.53	
<b>Proprietary Funds</b>										
310	Water	\$ 19,471,906.87	\$ 8,711,773.57	\$13,434,000.69	\$ 14,749,679.75	\$ (4,722,227.12)	\$ 3,517,926.67	\$ 2,345,284.45	\$13,850,549.75	98.43%
320	Wastewater	9,926,364.07	5,219,616.08	\$4,221,503.17	10,924,476.98	998,112.91	1,073,846.82	715,897.88	10,374,725.98	241.53%
330	Sanitation	276,270.19	943,060.43	\$1,000,407.34	218,923.28	(57,346.91)		170,690.88	218,923.28	21.38%
610	Fleet	900,873.35	1,341,713.05	\$1,286,310.88	956,275.52	55,402.17		215,214.38	956,275.52	74.06%
620	Information Tech	362,608.54	1,226,952.64	\$1,215,074.96	374,486.22	11,877.68		203,267.16	374,486.22	30.71%
	<b>TOTAL PROPRIETARY</b>	<b>\$ 30,938,023.02</b>	<b>\$ 17,443,115.77</b>	<b>\$ 21,157,297.04</b>	<b>\$ 27,223,841.75</b>	<b>\$ (3,714,181.27)</b>		\$ 3,650,354.75	\$25,774,960.75	
<b>Fiduciary Fund</b>										
401	Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 346,585.19	\$ 29,140.49	\$0.00	\$ 375,725.68	\$ 29,140.49		\$ 833.33	\$ 117,309.68	2346.19%
	<b>TOTAL REPORTING ENTITY</b>	<b>\$ 60,672,542.91</b>	<b>\$ 42,962,646.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,702,552.95</b>	<b>\$ 56,932,635.96</b>	<b>\$ (3,739,906.95)</b>		\$ 9,594,952.62	\$53,580,144.96	

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GENERAL FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
GENERAL REVENUES	13,883,487.36	13,883,487.36	13,237,071.84	( 646,415.52)	104.9
	13,883,487.36	13,883,487.36	13,237,071.84	( 646,415.52)	104.9
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
MAYOR/COUNCIL	187,392.55	187,392.55	213,813.22	26,420.67	87.6
CITY CLERK	210,562.59	210,562.59	274,630.27	64,067.68	76.7
MUNICIPAL COURT	306,534.33	306,534.33	331,321.93	24,787.60	92.5
CITY MANAGER	583,145.42	583,145.42	497,012.32	( 86,133.10)	117.3
HUMAN RESOURCES	310,068.21	310,068.21	410,913.45	100,845.24	75.5
FINANCE	758,738.49	758,738.49	836,266.11	77,527.62	90.7
ATTORNEY	276,701.67	276,701.67	340,000.00	63,298.33	81.4
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	736,144.29	736,144.29	723,562.54	( 12,581.75)	101.7
GROUNDS AND FACILITY MAINT.	664,960.07	664,960.07	612,478.26	( 52,481.81)	108.6
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMT MULTIMEDI	272,285.25	272,285.25	347,279.52	74,994.27	78.4
POLICE	4,748,599.99	4,748,599.99	4,943,687.11	195,087.12	96.1
BUILDING INSPECTIONS	150,008.36	150,008.36	146,098.46	( 3,909.90)	102.7
PUBLIC WORKS	2,111,748.72	2,111,748.72	2,364,493.68	252,744.96	89.3
PW - RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE	.00	.00	85,000.00	85,000.00	.0
PW - ENGINEERING	310,997.47	310,997.47	392,287.10	81,289.63	79.3
SENIOR CENTER	514,918.07	514,918.07	533,322.96	18,404.89	96.6
NON DEPARTMENTAL	729,932.10	729,932.10	875,743.02	145,810.92	83.4
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	788,506.02	788,506.02	789,000.00	493.98	99.9
	13,661,243.60	13,661,243.60	14,716,909.95	1,055,666.35	92.8
	222,243.76	222,243.76	( 1,479,838.11)	( 1,702,081.87)	15.0

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STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
GENERAL REVENUES	4,536,369.57	4,536,369.57	9,154,572.37	4,618,202.80	49.6
CAPITAL REVENUES	156,390.49	156,390.49	150,000.00	( 6,390.49)	104.3
	<u>4,692,760.06</u>	<u>4,692,760.06</u>	<u>9,304,572.37</u>	<u>4,611,812.31</u>	<u>50.4</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
PAVED STREETS	3,385,070.51	3,385,070.51	4,425,627.29	1,040,556.78	76.5
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	817,314.68	817,314.68	5,045,000.00	4,227,685.32	16.2
	<u>4,202,385.19</u>	<u>4,202,385.19</u>	<u>9,470,627.29</u>	<u>5,268,242.10</u>	<u>44.4</u>
	<u>490,374.87</u>	<u>490,374.87</u>	<u>( 166,054.92)</u>	<u>( 656,429.79)</u>	<u>295.3</u>

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CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
CONSERVATION TRUST REVENUE	143,034.73	143,034.73	149,502.52	6,467.79	95.7
	143,034.73	143,034.73	149,502.52	6,467.79	95.7
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CONSERVATION TRUST	114,883.00	114,883.00	270,000.00	155,117.00	42.6
	114,883.00	114,883.00	270,000.00	155,117.00	42.6
	28,151.73	28,151.73	( 120,497.48)	( 148,649.21)	23.4

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VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT	258,666.10	258,666.10	273,438.63	14,772.53	94.6
	258,666.10	258,666.10	273,438.63	14,772.53	94.6
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
VISITOR IMPROVEMENT	300,948.85	300,948.85	392,175.42	91,226.57	76.7
	300,948.85	300,948.85	392,175.42	91,226.57	76.7
	( 42,282.75)	( 42,282.75)	( 118,736.79)	( 76,454.04)	( 35.6)

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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

	<u>PERIOD ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>PCNT</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>					
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT	63,084.38	63,084.38	71,355.72	8,271.34	88.4
	<u>63,084.38</u>	<u>63,084.38</u>	<u>71,355.72</u>	<u>8,271.34</u>	<u>88.4</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT	69,494.42	69,494.42	70,647.15	1,152.73	98.4
	<u>69,494.42</u>	<u>69,494.42</u>	<u>70,647.15</u>	<u>1,152.73</u>	<u>98.4</u>
	<u>( 6,410.04)</u>	<u>( 6,410.04)</u>	<u>708.57</u>	<u>7,118.61</u>	<u>(904.6)</u>

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
CAPITAL REVENUE	70,915.57	70,915.57	80,930.09	10,014.52	87.6
	70,915.57	70,915.57	80,930.09	10,014.52	87.6
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	128,493.00	128,493.00	352,500.00	224,007.00	36.5
	128,493.00	128,493.00	352,500.00	224,007.00	36.5
	( 57,577.43)	( 57,577.43)	( 271,569.91)	( 213,992.48)	( 21.2)

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TOURISM & INDUSTRY

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
TOURISM & INDUSTRY	636,419.76	636,419.76	655,057.20	18,637.44	97.2
	636,419.76	636,419.76	655,057.20	18,637.44	97.2
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
TOURISM & INDUSTRY	837,748.23	837,748.23	849,738.68	11,990.45	98.6
	837,748.23	837,748.23	849,738.68	11,990.45	98.6
	( 201,328.47)	( 201,328.47)	( 194,681.48)	6,646.99	(103.4)

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URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY FUND

	<u>PERIOD ACTUAL</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>PCNT</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>					
URBAN RENEWAL	169,224.45	169,224.45	238,006.91	68,782.46	71.1
	<u>169,224.45</u>	<u>169,224.45</u>	<u>238,006.91</u>	<u>68,782.46</u>	<u>71.1</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
URBAN RENEWAL	21,149.95	21,149.95	35,000.00	13,850.05	60.4
	<u>21,149.95</u>	<u>21,149.95</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>13,850.05</u>	<u>60.4</u>
	<u><u>148,074.50</u></u>	<u><u>148,074.50</u></u>	<u><u>203,006.91</u></u>	<u><u>54,932.41</u></u>	<u><u>72.9</u></u>

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PARKS & RECREATION

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
PARKS AND REC REVENUE	5,572,797.33	5,572,797.33	5,127,581.61	( 445,215.72)	108.7
	5,572,797.33	5,572,797.33	5,127,581.61	( 445,215.72)	108.7
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
RECREATION	823,006.84	823,006.84	1,013,582.88	190,576.04	81.2
POOL	669,735.57	669,735.57	690,895.15	21,159.58	96.9
PARK MAINTENANCE	2,045,401.66	2,045,401.66	1,960,355.03	( 85,046.63)	104.3
PARKS CAPITAL	2,441,727.41	2,441,727.41	5,594,116.00	3,152,388.59	43.7
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	55,861.68	55,861.68	62,039.66	6,177.98	90.0
OPERATING TRANSFER OUT	176,659.78	176,659.78	184,000.00	7,340.22	96.0
	6,212,392.94	6,212,392.94	9,504,988.72	3,292,595.78	65.4
	( 639,595.61)	( 639,595.61)	( 4,377,407.11)	( 3,737,811.50)	( 14.6)

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WATER FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
WATER REVENUE	4,925,980.43	4,925,980.43	4,662,234.60	( 263,745.83)	105.7
WATER RIGHTS REVENUE	24,580.96	24,580.96	25,000.00	419.04	98.3
CAPITAL REVENUE	325,253.31	325,253.31	1,663,000.00	1,337,746.69	19.6
WTP SALES & USE TAX REVENUES	3,435,958.87	3,435,958.87	3,339,225.42	( 96,733.45)	102.9
	<u>8,711,773.57</u>	<u>8,711,773.57</u>	<u>9,689,460.02</u>	<u>977,686.45</u>	<u>89.9</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
WATER O&H	2,688,422.10	2,688,422.10	3,002,639.69	314,217.59	89.5
WATER RIGHTS	28,539.42	28,539.42	78,200.00	49,660.58	36.5
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS	8,936,356.27	8,936,356.27	9,210,000.00	273,643.73	97.0
WATER TREATMENT PLANT DEBT	1,441,854.46	1,441,854.46	1,441,855.00	.54	100.0
WATER TANK DEBT	338,828.44	338,828.44	339,012.00	183.56	100.0
	<u>13,434,000.69</u>	<u>13,434,000.69</u>	<u>14,071,706.69</u>	<u>637,706.00</u>	<u>95.5</u>
	<u>( 4,722,227.12)</u>	<u>( 4,722,227.12)</u>	<u>( 4,382,246.67)</u>	<u>339,980.45</u>	<u>(107.8)</u>

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WASTEWATER FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
WASTE WATER REVENUE	4,941,236.81	4,941,236.81	4,585,981.00	( 355,255.81)	107.8
WASTEWATER SYS IMPROVE	278,379.27	278,379.27	250,000.00	( 28,379.27)	111.4
	<u>5,219,616.08</u>	<u>5,219,616.08</u>	<u>4,835,981.00</u>	<u>( 383,635.08)</u>	<u>107.9</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
SEWER O&H	4,221,503.17	4,221,503.17	4,295,387.29	73,884.12	98.3
	<u>4,221,503.17</u>	<u>4,221,503.17</u>	<u>4,295,387.29</u>	<u>73,884.12</u>	<u>98.3</u>
	<u>998,112.91</u>	<u>998,112.91</u>	<u>540,593.71</u>	<u>( 457,519.20)</u>	<u>184.6</u>

CITY OF RIFLE  
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SANITATION FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
USER FEES	943,060.43	943,060.43	950,186.62	7,126.19	99.3
	943,060.43	943,060.43	950,186.62	7,126.19	99.3
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
SANITATION OPERATIONS	998,407.34	998,407.34	1,022,145.28	23,737.94	97.7
SANITATION TRANSFERS	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	.00	100.0
	1,000,407.34	1,000,407.34	1,024,145.28	23,737.94	97.7
	( 57,346.91)	( 57,346.91)	( 73,958.66)	( 16,611.75)	( 77.5)

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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
PERPETUAL CARE	29,140.49	29,140.49	28,808.30	( 332.19)	101.2
	29,140.49	29,140.49	28,808.30	( 332.19)	101.2
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	.0
	.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	.0
	29,140.49	29,140.49	23,808.30	( 5,332.19)	122.4

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FLEET MAINTENANCE

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
FLEET REVENUES	778,822.65	778,822.65	795,894.46	17,071.81	97.9
OTHER FLEET	567,331.99	567,331.99	573,000.00	5,668.01	99.0
	<u>1,346,154.64</u>	<u>1,346,154.64</u>	<u>1,368,894.46</u>	<u>22,739.82</u>	<u>98.3</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
FLEET MAINTENANCE	714,119.71	714,119.71	718,286.30	4,166.59	99.4
CAPITAL	573,191.17	573,191.17	573,000.00	( 191.17)	100.0
	<u>1,287,310.88</u>	<u>1,287,310.88</u>	<u>1,291,286.30</u>	<u>3,975.42</u>	<u>99.7</u>
	<u><u>58,843.76</u></u>	<u><u>58,843.76</u></u>	<u><u>77,608.16</u></u>	<u><u>18,764.40</u></u>	<u><u>75.8</u></u>

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INFORMATION TECH MAINTENANCE

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	PCNT
<u>REVENUE</u>					
INTERDEPT REVENUES	1,226,952.64	1,226,952.64	1,230,086.55	3,133.91	99.8
	1,226,952.64	1,226,952.64	1,230,086.55	3,133.91	99.8
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
I.T. MAINTENANCE	1,101,229.19	1,101,229.19	1,097,102.94	( 4,126.25)	100.4
CAPITAL	113,845.77	113,845.77	122,500.00	8,654.23	92.9
	1,215,074.96	1,215,074.96	1,219,602.94	4,527.98	99.6
	11,877.68	11,877.68	10,483.61	( 1,394.07)	113.3

**City of Rifle**  
**Sales Tax - 2025**  
**Prior Year Comparison**

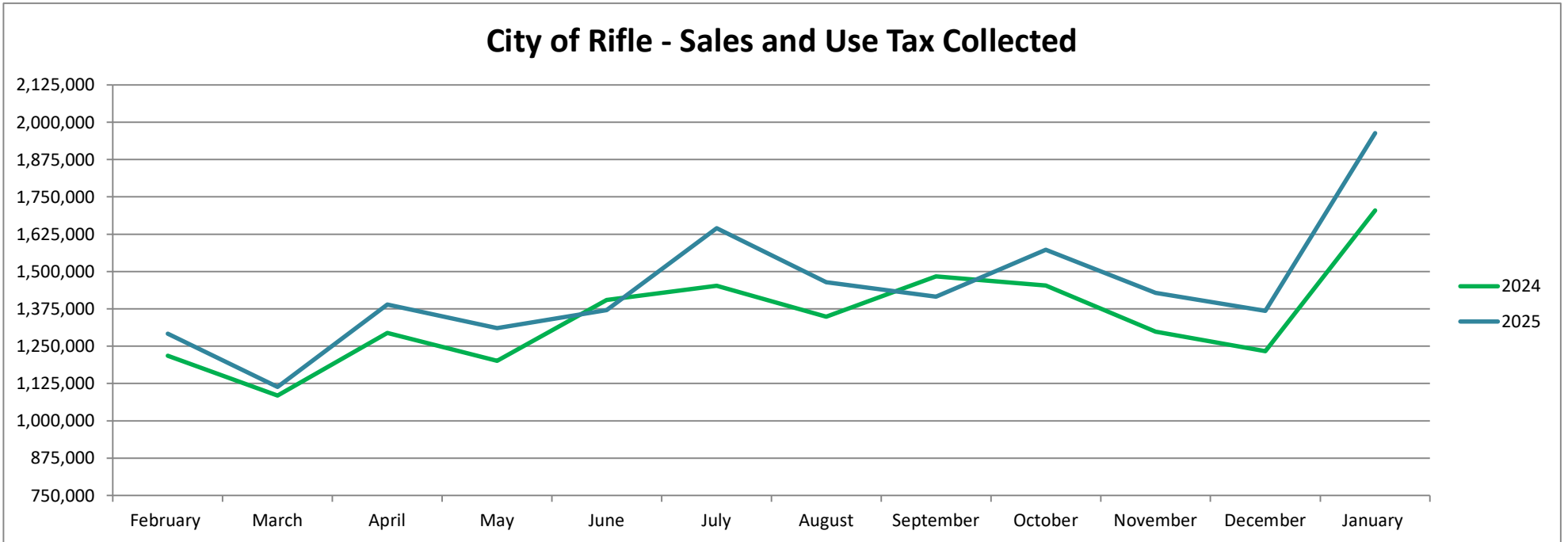
City Business	February Collections (for January Sales)				March Collections (for February Sales)				April Collections (for March Sales)				May Collections (for April Sales)			
	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff
BARS & RESTAURANTS	\$ 91,967.76	\$ 95,655.08	\$ (3,687.32)	-3.85%	\$ 99,023.87	\$ 94,296.76	\$ 4,727.11	5.01%	\$ 108,196.19	\$ 120,430.85	\$ (12,234.66)	-10.16%	\$ 116,528.28	\$ 111,869.34	\$ 4,658.94	4.16%
RETAIL MARIJUANA	23,125.92	20,611.76	2,514.16	12.20%	18,711.73	19,953.70	(1,241.97)	-6.22%	20,899.48	23,719.79	(2,820.31)	-11.89%	20,969.56	22,144.15	(1,174.59)	-5.30%
UTILITIES	81,176.05	75,977.31	5,198.74	6.84%	53,367.80	55,653.98	(2,286.18)	-4.11%	63,718.23	60,075.47	3,642.76	6.06%	51,568.26	55,626.91	(4,058.65)	-7.30%
USE TAX/OTHER MISC	30,843.84	31,401.23	(557.39)	-1.78%	43,528.66	38,748.17	4,780.49	12.34%	49,172.34	44,689.01	4,483.33	10.03%	45,839.70	38,698.54	7,141.16	18.45%
OIL & GAS	21,172.80	14,216.61	6,956.19	48.93%	17,875.63	15,175.66	2,699.97	17.79%	21,246.37	7,048.28	14,198.09	201.44%	21,238.17	15,968.41	5,269.76	33.00%
LODGING	32,213.30	28,075.40	4,137.90	14.74%	28,454.58	30,478.11	(2,023.53)	-6.64%	47,233.75	38,554.67	8,679.08	22.51%	37,472.05	30,115.14	7,356.91	24.43%
LIQUOR STORES	9,566.33	15,744.57	(6,178.24)	-39.24%	23,729.95	16,399.49	7,330.46	44.70%	25,551.63	18,822.78	6,728.85	35.75%	25,335.85	17,906.44	7,429.41	41.49%
HVAC	681.03	1,407.56	(726.53)	-51.62%	888.99	1,047.62	(158.63)	-15.14%	888.49	1,678.56	(790.07)	-47.07%	781.26	469.05	312.21	66.56%
HARDWARE	15,611.53	12,286.66	3,324.87	27.06%	18,402.85	11,649.37	6,753.48	57.97%	31,578.09	30,643.68	934.41	3.05%	20,432.52	16,683.22	3,749.30	22.47%
GENERAL RETAIL	497,600.08	438,961.86	58,638.22	13.36%	414,312.37	413,220.91	1,091.46	0.26%	582,594.76	560,582.20	22,012.56	3.93%	495,633.20	469,905.71	25,727.49	5.48%
FOOD	182,095.84	206,854.77	(24,758.93)	-11.97%	186,076.80	182,543.87	3,532.93	1.94%	193,731.92	196,893.27	(3,161.35)	-1.61%	211,139.40	186,531.16	24,608.24	13.19%
EXCISE	2,192.76	7,091.37	(4,898.61)	-69.08%	2,125.72	3,222.19	(1,096.47)	-34.03%	2,204.08	2,031.91	172.17	8.47%	1,724.20	1,747.86	(23.66)	-1.35%
CONTRACTOR	2,351.79	2,606.45	(254.66)	-9.77%	646.45	2,269.05	(1,622.60)	-71.51%	1,464.11	2,709.89	(1,245.78)	-45.97%	2,134.06	3,173.79	(1,039.73)	-32.76%
CAR PARTS & SALES	48,989.27	48,434.39	554.88	1.15%	62,435.75	56,645.03	5,790.72	10.22%	64,370.15	48,679.84	15,690.31	32.23%	70,764.73	62,196.93	8,567.80	13.78%
SUTS (CO SALES & USE TAX SYSTEM)	19,048.69	12,890.99	6,157.70	47.77%	18,422.77	18,601.49	(178.72)	-0.96%	22,722.01	21,548.84	1,173.17	5.44%	30,377.81	19,865.84	10,511.97	52.91%
<b>Total MuniRev</b>	<b>\$ 1,058,636.99</b>	<b>\$ 1,012,216.01</b>	<b>\$ 46,420.98</b>	<b>4.59%</b>	<b>\$ 988,003.92</b>	<b>\$ 959,905.40</b>	<b>\$ 28,098.52</b>	<b>2.93%</b>	<b>\$ 1,235,571.60</b>	<b>\$ 1,178,109.04</b>	<b>\$ 57,462.56</b>	<b>4.88%</b>	<b>\$ 1,151,939.05</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,902.49</b>	<b>\$ 99,036.56</b>	<b>9.41%</b>
BUILDING USE TAX (Month Collected)	45,876.62	29,199.84	16,676.78	57.11%	22,317.13	24,105.97	(1,788.84)	-7.42%	63,513.28	27,640.82	35,872.46	129.78%	28,344.12	18,765.62	9,578.50	51.04%
MOTOR VEHICLE USE TAX (Month Collected)	187,369.49	176,560.07	10,809.42	6.12%	103,787.99	100,785.41	3,002.58	2.98%	89,991.54	88,983.83	1,007.71	1.13%	130,001.86	129,248.94	752.92	0.58%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,291,883.10</b>	<b>\$ 1,217,975.92</b>	<b>\$ 73,907.18</b>	<b>6.07%</b>	<b>\$ 1,114,109.04</b>	<b>\$ 1,084,796.78</b>	<b>\$ 29,312.26</b>	<b>2.70%</b>	<b>\$ 1,389,076.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,294,733.69</b>	<b>\$ 94,342.73</b>	<b>7.29%</b>	<b>\$ 1,310,285.03</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,917.05</b>	<b>\$ 109,367.98</b>	<b>9.11%</b>

City Business	June Collections (for May Sales)				July Collections (for June Sales)				August Collections (for July Sales)				September Collections (for August Sales)			
	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff
BARS & RESTAURANTS	\$ 120,472.72	\$ 118,133.54	\$ 2,339.18	1.98%	\$ 115,701.76	\$ 114,411.96	\$ 1,289.80	1.13%	\$ 113,786.11	\$ 128,836.90	\$ (15,050.79)	-11.68%	\$ 123,116.95	\$ 108,242.97	\$ 14,873.98	13.74%
RETAIL MARIJUANA	22,841.64	24,495.08	(1,653.44)	-6.75%	21,901.43	22,196.59	(295.16)	-1.33%	23,256.06	23,136.70	119.36	0.52%	21,857.53	22,385.02	(527.49)	-2.36%
UTILITIES	48,779.23	43,394.70	5,384.53	12.41%	52,546.99	42,997.49	9,549.50	22.21%	55,014.76	52,452.00	2,562.76	4.89%	55,363.21	59,575.75	(4,212.54)	-7.07%
USE TAX/OTHER MISC	31,358.16	32,247.97	(889.81)	-2.76%	39,033.03	51,278.12	(12,245.09)	-23.88%	37,091.49	40,155.03	(3,063.54)	-7.63%	34,278.46	57,085.52	(22,807.06)	-39.95%
OIL & GAS	15,868.03	16,395.91	(527.88)	-3.22%	25,288.64	18,921.13	6,367.51	33.65%	24,724.23	12,571.92	12,152.31	96.66%	22,630.44	30,359.15	(7,728.71)	-25.46%
LODGING	53,937.90	49,474.47	4,463.43	9.02%	64,535.93	70,873.40	(6,337.47)	-8.94%	72,184.50	73,241.86	(1,057.36)	-1.44%	73,266.56	69,708.80	3,557.76	5.10%
LIQUOR STORES	30,625.56	21,721.42	8,904.14	40.99%	20,191.81	21,243.99	(1,052.18)	-4.95%	35,142.94	22,267.70	12,875.24	57.82%	25,119.96	21,801.69	3,318.27	15.22%
HVAC	2,377.21	891.92	1,485.29	166.53%	1,812.65	961.20	851.45	88.58%	895.15	1,267.63	(372.48)	-29.38%	711.07	1,364.30	(653.23)	-47.88%
HARDWARE	21,939.48	18,495.68	3,443.80	18.62%	31,473.27	50,440.13	(18,966.86)	-37.60%	26,998.39	18,028.29	8,970.10	49.76%	22,604.29	26,023.53	(3,419.24)	-13.14%
GENERAL RETAIL	548,576.59	596,047.04	(47,470.45)	-7.96%	675,981.84	590,526.11	85,455.73	14.47%	532,535.72	509,819.93	22,715.79	4.46%	536,680.84	551,955.57	(15,274.73)	-2.77%
FOOD	211,392.43	201,616.46	9,775.97	4.85%	213,766.89	209,956.42	3,810.47	1.81%	211,389.75	210,873.48	516.27	0.24%	206,724.22	214,448.58	(7,724.36)	-3.60%
EXCISE	2,599.85	3,531.08	(931.23)	-26.37%	1,550.71	3,245.78	(1,695.07)	-52.22%	1,883.42	2,103.01	(219.59)	-10.44%	2,403.63	2,335.09	68.54	2.94%
CONTRACTOR	883.84	988.65	(104.81)	-10.60%	1,896.73	1,040.07	856.66	82.37%	1,321.04	808.18	512.86	63.46%	743.76	404.84	338.92	83.72%
CAR PARTS & SALES	84,880.08	63,408.39	21,471.69	33.86%	75,543.11	72,757.85	2,785.26	3.83%	77,504.53	63,935.20	13,569.33	21.22%	79,954.75	76,563.36	3,391.39	4.43%
SUTS (CO SALES & USE TAX SYSTEM)	26,186.50	25,593.39	593.11	2.32%	150,984.02	24,306.53	126,677.49	521.17%	26,538.84	22,699.03	3,839.81	16.92%	65,920.44	75,048.60	(9,128.16)	-12.16%
<b>Total MuniRev</b>	<b>\$ 1,222,719.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,216,435.70</b>	<b>\$ 6,283.52</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>\$ 1,492,208.81</b>	<b>\$ 1,295,156.77</b>	<b>\$ 197,052.04</b>	<b>15.21%</b>	<b>\$ 1,240,266.93</b>	<b>\$ 1,182,196.86</b>	<b>\$ 58,070.07</b>	<b>4.91%</b>	<b>\$ 1,271,376.11</b>	<b>\$ 1,317,302.77</b>	<b>\$ (45,926.66)</b>	<b>-3.49%</b>
BUILDING USE TAX (Month Collected)	22,451.42	72,146.88	(49,695.46)	-68.88%	11,584.25	42,066.20	(30,481.95)	-72.46%	91,334.01	44,181.62	47,152.39	106.72%	29,041.26	33,947.21	(4,905.95)	-14.45%
MOTOR VEHICLE USE TAX (Month Collected)	126,393.92	116,781.75	9,612.17	8.23%	142,107.73	115,190.39	26,917.34	23.37%	132,440.91	122,652.39	9,788.52	7.98%	115,443.14	133,031.77	(17,588.63)	-13.22%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,371,564.56</b>	<b>\$ 1,405,364.33</b>	<b>\$ (33,799.77)</b>	<b>-2.41%</b>	<b>\$ 1,645,900.79</b>	<b>\$ 1,452,413.36</b>	<b>\$ 193,487.43</b>	<b>13.32%</b>	<b>\$ 1,464,041.85</b>	<b>\$ 1,349,030.87</b>	<b>\$ 115,010.98</b>	<b>8.53%</b>	<b>\$ 1,415,860.51</b>	<b>\$ 1,484,281.75</b>	<b>\$ (68,421.24)</b>	<b>-4.61%</b>

City Business	October Collections (for September Sales)				November Collections (for October Sales)				December Collections (for November Sales)				January Collections (for December Sales)			
	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff
BARS & RESTAURANTS	\$ 122,783.60	\$ 116,335.23	\$ 6,448.37	5.54%	\$ 102,008.01	\$ 97,901.91	\$ 4,106.10	4.19%	\$ 106,143.97	\$ 121,152.90	\$ (15,008.93)	-12.39%	\$ 106,409.41	\$ 110,929.17	\$ (4,519.76)	-4.07%
RETAIL MARIJUANA	22,034.03	21,144.87	889.16	4.21%	22,210.84	21,671.13	539.71	2.49%	21,654.64	23,317.36	(1,662.72)	-7.13%	21,123.60	17,895.52	3,228.08	18.04%
UTILITIES	56,046.34	47,989.97	8,056.37	16.79%	49,678.87	55,185.36	(5,506.49)	-9.98%	46,590.99	42,946.78	3,644.21	8.49%	70,334.32	74,835.42	(4,501.10)	-6.01%
USE TAX/OTHER MISC	55,073.95	54,870.65	203.30	0.37%	38,562.29	27,571.46	10,990.83	39.86%	33,597.66	29,537.81	4,059.85	13.74%	54,221.08	52,859.44	1,361.64	2.58%
OIL & GAS	21,532.04	26,401.03	(4,868.99)	-18.44%	24,361.33	28,430.09	(4,068.76)	-14.31%	16,452.24	18,295.66	(1,843.42)	-10.08%	15,026.88	20,262.32	(5,235.44)	-25.84%
LODGING	58,919.41	64,598.58	(5,679.17)	-8.79%	52,167.92	59,870.58	(7,702.66)	-12.87%	32,519.74	42,587.69	(10,067.95)	-23.64%	34,429.63	33,150.44	1,279.19	3.86%
LIQUOR STORES	23,019.60	20,043.65	2,975.95	14.85%	46,905.25	20,255.34	26,649.91	131.57%	31,824.40	20,866.47	10,957.93	52.51%	26,564.30	28,342.83	(1,778.53)	-6.28%
HVAC	716.38	1,029.32	(312.94)	-30.40%	758.85	946.89	(188.04)	-19.86%	376.29	888.02	(511.73)	-57.63%	712.78	479.83	232.95	48.55%
HARDWARE	39,659.31	52,647.56	(12,988.25)	-24.67%	17,633.50	18,452.05	(818.55)	-4.44%	21,722.71	16,976.58	4,746.13	27.96%	68,915.11	35,530.64	33,384.47	93.96%
GENERAL RETAIL	644,027.14	619,068.38	24,958.76	4.03%	585,218.08	521,716.06	63,502.02	12.17%	594,295.12	500,368.38	93,926.74	18.77%	891,871.18	763,943.84	127,927.34	16.75%
FOOD	210,883.67	199,854.68	11,028.99	5.52%	194,204.79	198,964.84	(4,760.05)	-2.39%	201,800.94	189,911.50	11,889.44	6.26%	345,463.24	341,375.76	4,087.48	1.20%
EXCISE	348.56	3,146.52	(2,797.96)	-88.92%	1,583.26	2,679.31	(1,096.05)	-40.91%	1,583.64	2,633.84	(1,050.20)	-39.87%	649.72	1,352.88	(703.16)	-51.98%
CONTRACTOR	2,533.09	9,693.67	(7,160.58)	-73.87%	5,267.26	5,653.68	(386.42)	-6.83%	9,121.66	4,919.74	4,201.92	85.41%	4,279.06	2,235.41	2,043.65	91.42%
CAR PARTS & SALES	92,785.46	55,458.00	37,327.46	67.31%	92,082.79	64,389.48	27,693.31	43.01%	94,387.80	68,424.83	25,962.97	37.94%	101,373.11	69,101.99	32,271.12	46.70%
SUTS (CO SALES & USE TAX SYSTEM)	32,641.67	30,806.15	1,835.52	5.96%	30,782.09	35,547.48	(4,765.39)	-13.41%	35,102.57	26,812.33	8,290.24	30.92%	44,527.47	25,877.67	18,649.80	72.07%
<b>Total MuniRev</b>	<b>\$ 1,383,004.25</b>	<b>\$ 1,323,088.26</b>	<b>\$ 59,915.99</b>	<b>4.53%</b>	<b>\$ 1,263,425.13</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,235.66</b>	<b>\$ 104,189.47</b>	<b>8.99%</b>	<b>\$ 1,247,174.37</b>	<b>\$ 1,109,639.89</b>	<b>\$ 137,534.48</b>	<b>12.39%</b>	<b>\$ 1,785,900.89</b>	<b>\$ 1,578,173.16</b>	<b>\$ 189,077.93</b>	<b>11.98%</b>
BUILDING USE TAX (Month Collected)	32,745.77	11,758.01	20,987.76	178.50%	13,216.07	14,263.38	(1,047.31)	-7.34%	20,368.36	11,261.91	9,106.45	80.86%	40,037.40	11,051.52	28,985.88	262.28%
MOTOR VEHICLE USE TAX (Month Collected)	157,510.20	118,398.01	39,112.19	33.03%	151,659.96	125,188.96	26,471.00	21.14%	100,990.22	113,158.29	(12,168.07)	-10.75%	138,011.62	115,899.20	22,112.42	19.08%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,573,260.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,453,244.28</b>	<b>\$ 120,015.94</b>	<b>8.26%</b>	<b>\$ 1,428,301.16</b>	<b>\$ 1,298,688.00</b>	<b>\$ 129,613.16</b>	<b>9.98%</b>	<b>\$ 1,368,532.95</b>	<b>\$ 1,234,060.09</b>	<b>\$ 134,472.86</b>	<b>10.90%</b>	<b>\$ 1,963,949.91</b>	<b>\$ 1,705,123.88</b>	<b>\$ 240,176.23</b>	<b>14.09%</b>

City Business	ANNUAL TOTAL COLLECTIONS			
	Total Amount 2025	Total Amount 2024	\$ Diff	% Diff
BARS & RESTAURANTS	\$ 1,326,138.63	\$ 1,338,196.61	\$ (12,057.98)	-0.90%
RETAIL MARIJUANA	\$ 260,586.46	\$ 262,671.67	(2,085.21)	-0.79%
UTILITIES	\$ 684,185.05	\$ 666,711.14	17,473.91	2.62%
USE TAX/OTHER MISC	\$ 492,600.66	\$ 499,142.95	(6,542.29)	-1.31%
OIL & GAS	\$ 247,416.80	\$ 224,046.17	23,370.63	10.43%
LODGING	\$ 587,335.27	\$ 590,729.14	(3,393.87)	-0.57%
LIQUOR STORES	\$ 323,577.58	\$ 245,416.37	78,161.21	31.85%
HVAC	\$ 11,600.15	\$ 12,431.90	(831.75)	-6.69%
HARDWARE	\$ 336,971.05	\$ 307,857.39	29,113.66	9.46%
GENERAL RETAIL	\$ 6,999,326.92	\$ 6,536,115.99	463,210.93	7.09%
FOOD	\$ 2,568,669.89	\$ 2,539,824.79	28,845.10	1.14%
EXCISE	\$ 20,849.55	\$ 35,120.84	(14,271.29)	-40.63%
CONTRACTOR	\$ 32,642.85	\$ 36,503.42	(3,860.57)	-10.58%
CAR PARTS & SALES	\$ 945,071.53	\$ 749,995.29	195,076.24	26.01%
SUTS (CO SALES & USE TAX SYSTEM)	\$ 503,254.88	\$ 339,598.34	163,656.54	48.19%
<b>Total MuniRev</b>	<b>\$ 15,340,227.27</b>	<b>\$ 14,384,362.01</b>	<b>\$ 955,865.26</b>	<b>6.65%</b>
BUILDING USE TAX (Month Collected)	\$ 420,829.69	\$ 340,388.98	80,440.71	23.63%
MOTOR VEHICLE USE TAX (Month Collected)	\$ 1,575,708.58	\$ 1,455,879.01	119,829.57	8.23%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,336,765.54</b>	<b>\$ 16,180,630.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,135.54</b>	<b>7.15%</b>

Month	2025	2024	Month \$ Change	Month % Change	Year to Date % Change
<b>February</b>	\$ 1,291,883.10	\$ 1,217,975.92	\$ 73,907.18	6.07%	<b>6.07%</b>
<b>March</b>	1,114,109.04	1,084,796.78	\$ 29,312.26	2.70%	<b>4.48%</b>
<b>April</b>	1,389,076.42	1,294,733.69	\$ 94,342.73	7.29%	<b>5.49%</b>
<b>May</b>	1,310,285.03	1,200,917.05	\$ 109,367.98	9.11%	<b>6.40%</b>
<b>June</b>	1,371,564.56	1,405,364.33	\$ (33,799.77)	-2.41%	<b>4.40%</b>
<b>July</b>	1,645,900.79	1,452,413.36	\$ 193,487.43	13.32%	<b>6.09%</b>
<b>August</b>	1,464,041.85	1,349,030.87	\$ 115,010.98	8.53%	<b>6.46%</b>
<b>September</b>	1,415,860.51	1,484,281.75	\$ (68,421.24)	-4.61%	<b>4.89%</b>
<b>October</b>	1,573,260.22	1,453,244.28	\$ 120,015.94	8.26%	<b>5.30%</b>
<b>November</b>	1,428,301.16	1,298,688.00	\$ 129,613.16	9.98%	<b>5.76%</b>
<b>December</b>	1,368,532.95	1,234,060.09	\$ 134,472.86	10.90%	<b>6.20%</b>
<b>January</b>	1,963,949.91	1,705,123.88	\$ 258,826.03	15.18%	<b>7.15%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 17,336,765.54	\$ 16,180,630.00	\$ 1,156,135.54	7.15%	<b>7.15%</b>



**City of Rifle**  
**Investment Portfolio Report @ 12/31/2025**

Investment Type	CUSIP	Holding Institution	CRA Rating	Book Value/Cost Basis	Market Value	% of total Portfolio	Annual Percentage Yield (APY)	Maturity date	Maturity < 1 Year	Maturity > 1 Year	Month to Date Earnings	Year to Date Earnings	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
<b>U. S. Agency Bonds</b>													
Federal Home Loan	3134GXW67	Charles Schwab	AA+	-	-			CALLED	-	-	-	65,250.00	-
Federal Home Loan Bank Bond	3130AT7K7	Charles Schwab	AA+	-	-			CALLED	-	-	-	40,742.50	-
<b>Total U. S. Agency Bonds</b>				<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 105,992.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>U. S. Treasury Securities</b>													
U. S. Treasury Note	91282CFW6	Charles Schwab		\$ -	\$ -			MATURED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ -
U. S. Treasury Note	91282CBQ3	Charles Schwab		\$ 3,750,000.00	\$ 3,730,371.00	6.94%	4.22700%	2/28/2026	\$ 3,730,371.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,750.00	\$ (19,629.00)
U. S. Treasury Note	912828654	Charles Schwab		\$ 2,032,000.00	\$ 2,024,300.55	3.76%	4.13800%	4/30/2026	\$ 2,024,300.55	\$ -	\$ 24,130.00	\$ 24,130.00	\$ (7,699.45)
U. S. Treasury Note	91282CEF4	Charles Schwab		\$ 2,885,000.00	\$ 2,849,162.82	5.30%	3.98200%	3/31/2027	\$ -	\$ 2,849,162.82	\$ -	\$ 36,062.50	\$ (35,837.18)
U. S. Treasury Note	91282CAL5	Charles Schwab		\$ 5,600,000.00	\$ 5,307,968.40	9.87%	3.52400%	9/30/2027	\$ -	\$ 5,307,968.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (292,031.60)
<b>Total U. S. Treasury Securities</b>				<b>\$ 14,267,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,911,802.77</b>	<b>25.86%</b>			<b>\$ 5,754,671.55</b>	<b>\$ 8,157,131.22</b>	<b>\$ 136,630.00</b>	<b>\$ 303,942.50</b>	<b>\$ (355,197.23)</b>
<b>Certificates of Deposit (CD)</b>													
Certificate of Deposit		ANB		\$ 223,958.32	\$ 223,958.32	0.42%	3.25000%	12/11/2026	\$ 223,958.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,562.78	\$ -
Certificate of Deposit		Bank of Colorado		796,178.63	796,178.63	1.48%	1.99000%	1/14/2026	796,178.63	\$ -	3,973.61	15,648.83	\$ -
<b>Total CD</b>				<b>\$ 1,020,136.95</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,136.95</b>	<b>1.90%</b>			<b>\$ 1,020,136.95</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,973.61</b>	<b>\$ 23,211.61</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Money Market Funds (MMF)/Liquid Cash</b>													
Public Fund Money Market		Alpine		\$ 7,286,475.83	\$ 7,286,475.83	13.55%	3.75000%	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,232.07	\$ 444,326.95	\$ -
Public Fund Money Market		Charles Schwab		11,412.46	11,412.46	0.02%	0.05000%	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	72.09	1,014.17	\$ -
Public Fund Money Market		ANB		1,690,704.44	1,690,704.44	3.14%	1.44000%	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	2,188.59	27,014.41	\$ -
Public Fund Money Market		Bank of Colorado		282,059.97	282,059.97	0.52%	0.25000%	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	63.74	1,469.09	\$ -
<b>Total Money Market Accounts</b>				<b>\$ 9,270,652.70</b>	<b>\$ 9,270,652.70</b>	<b>17.24%</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25,556.49</b>	<b>\$ 473,824.62</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)</b>													
ColoTrust Prime		ColoTrust	AAAm <sup>1</sup>	\$ 6,555,398.45	\$ 6,555,398.45	12.19%	4.19040%	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,527.05	\$ 266,076.18	\$ -
ColoTrust Edge LT		ColoTrust	AAAm <sup>1</sup>	7,055,448.40	7,055,448.40	13.12%	4.35250%	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	24,073.60	306,385.47	\$ -
CSAFE-General		CSAFE	AAAmf <sup>2</sup>	3,072,362.14	3,072,362.14	5.71%	4.29000%	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	10,156.27	128,649.25	\$ -
CSAFE-CORE LT		CSAFE	AAAmf <sup>2</sup>	12,902,215.16	12,902,215.16	23.99%	4.38000%	n/a	\$ -	\$ -	43,790.14	552,054.68	\$ -
<b>Total Local Government Investment Pool</b>				<b>\$ 29,585,424.15</b>	<b>\$ 29,585,424.15</b>	<b>55.00%</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 98,547.06</b>	<b>\$ 1,253,165.58</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total All Accounts</b>				<b>\$ 54,143,213.80</b>	<b>\$ 53,788,016.57</b>	<b>100.00%</b>			<b>\$ 6,774,808.50</b>	<b>\$ 8,157,131.22</b>	<b>\$ 264,707.16</b>	<b>\$ 2,160,136.81</b>	<b>\$ (355,197.23)</b>

Note - <sup>1</sup>

S&P Global Rating of Principal Stability Fund Rating (PSFR)- AAAM = Extremely Strong capacity to maintain principal stability and limit exposure to losses & credit risk

Note - <sup>2</sup>

Fitch Rating of Money Market Fund (MMF) - AAAMf = Extremely Strong capacity to maintain principal stability and limit exposure to losses & credit risk

**City of Rifle - Fund Balance/Net Position Report**

**Projected @ December 31, 2025**

Fund No.	Fund Name	2024 Audited Fund Balance/Net Position	2025 Unaudited Revenues YTD	2025 Unaudited Expenditures YTD	2025 Unaudited Fund Balance/Net Position 12/31/2025	Net Change	Min Op Reserve (MOR) - Res. 5 Series 2020	GFOA Recommended Min Reserve	Current Reserve Estimate @ 12/31/2025	Reserve as % of Expenditures @ 12/31/2025
<b>Governmental Funds</b>										
100	General	\$ 14,001,972.00	\$ 13,883,487.36	\$ 13,660,486.18	\$ 14,224,973.18	\$ 223,001.18	\$ 5,464,194.47	\$ 2,452,818.33	\$ 12,579,779.18	85.48%
201	Street Improvement	8,033,976.00	\$4,692,760.06	4,202,385.19	8,524,350.87	490,374.87		1,578,437.88	8,524,350.87	90.01%
202	Conservation Trust	365,964.86	143,034.73	\$114,883.00	394,116.59	28,151.73		45,000.00	394,116.59	145.97%
204	Visitor Improvement	552,687.50	258,666.10	\$300,948.85	510,404.75	(42,282.75)		65,362.57	510,404.75	130.15%
205	Downtown Development	110,403.20	63,084.38	\$69,494.42	103,993.16	(6,410.04)		11,774.53	103,993.16	147.20%
206	Capital	1,937,002.45	70,915.57	\$128,493.00	1,879,425.02	(57,577.43)		58,750.00	1,879,425.02	533.17%
207	Tourism & Industry	288,319.05	636,419.76	\$837,748.23	86,990.58	(201,328.47)		141,623.11	86,990.58	10.24%
208	Urban Renewal	314,472.36	169,224.45	\$21,149.95	462,546.86	148,074.50		5,833.33	462,546.86	1321.56%
210	Parks & Recreation	3,461,209.00	5,572,797.33	\$6,209,667.09	2,824,339.24	(636,869.76)	2,376,247.18	1,584,164.79	2,824,339.24	29.71%
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL</b>		<b>\$ 29,066,006.42</b>	<b>\$ 25,490,389.74</b>	<b>\$ 25,545,255.91</b>	<b>\$ 29,011,140.25</b>	<b>\$ (54,866.17)</b>		\$ 5,943,764.54	\$ 27,365,946.25	
<b>Proprietary Funds</b>										
310	Water	\$ 19,471,906.87	\$ 8,711,773.57	\$13,434,000.69	\$ 14,749,679.75	\$ (4,722,227.12)	\$ 3,517,926.67	\$ 2,345,284.45	\$ 13,850,549.75	98.43%
320	Wastewater	9,926,364.07	5,219,616.08	\$4,221,503.17	10,924,476.98	998,112.91	1,073,846.82	715,897.88	10,374,725.98	241.53%
330	Sanitation	276,270.19	943,060.43	\$1,000,407.34	218,923.28	(57,346.91)		170,690.88	218,923.28	21.38%
610	Fleet	200,873.35	1,341,713.05	\$1,286,310.88	256,275.52	55,402.17		215,214.38	256,275.52	19.85%
620	Information Tech	57,929.54	1,226,952.64	\$1,215,074.96	69,807.22	11,877.68		203,267.16	69,807.22	5.72%
<b>TOTAL PROPRIETARY</b>		<b>\$ 29,933,344.02</b>	<b>\$ 17,443,115.77</b>	<b>\$ 21,157,297.04</b>	<b>\$ 26,219,162.75</b>	<b>\$ (3,714,181.27)</b>		\$ 3,650,354.75	\$ 24,770,281.75	
<b>Fiduciary Fund</b>										
401	Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 346,585.19	\$ 29,140.49	\$0.00	\$ 375,725.68	\$ 29,140.49		\$ 833.33	\$ 117,309.68	2346.19%
<b>TOTAL REPORTING ENTITY</b>		<b>\$ 59,345,935.63</b>	<b>\$ 42,962,646.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,702,552.95</b>	<b>\$ 55,606,028.68</b>	<b>\$ (3,739,906.95)</b>		\$ 9,594,952.62	\$ 52,253,537.68	



**Agenda Item #5.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Minutes of the February 4, 2026 Regular Meeting

**Presenter:**

Alexis Ramirez, City Clerk

**Item Description:**

Consider Minutes of the February 4, 2026 Regular Meeting

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Executive Summary:**

Minutes of the February 4, 2026, Regular Meeting

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Alexis Ramirez, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1. 02.04.2026 DRAFT Minutes



## RIFLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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February 4, 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 Karen Roberts, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Scott Marsh, Councilor Michael Clancy, Mayor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Jonathan Rice and Councilor Alicia Gresley.

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

No – None.

### **Others Present:**

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Wilton Anderson, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Chief of Police Debra Funston, Community Development Director Zach Higgins, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano, O&M Supervisor Colton Secary, Public Works Director Brian Prunty, and Video Production Specialist Brandon Steele.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

### **CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- A. Consider Minutes of the January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Tapatios 2, LLC dba Tapatios
- C. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Kum & Go, LC dba Maverik 5011
- D. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Nachos Mexican Dining, LLC dba Nachos Mexican Dining
- E. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Rocky Mountain Liquors, Inc. dba Rocky Mountain Liquors
- F. Consider Letter of Support for Garfield Clean Energy - Colorado Energy's Office IMPACT Accelerator Grant
- G. Consider Creating the Rifle Creek Golf Course Fund - Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2026 (2nd Reading)
- H. Consider Rezoning the Arnold Subdivision, Now Known As the Two Creeks Subdivision, from LDR/PUD and MDR/PUD to Medium Density Residential (MDR) - Ordinance No.1, Series of 2026 (2nd Reading)

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

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

No – None.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Consider Purchase of 2026 F550 4X4 SuperCab and Snowplow**

Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano and O&M Supervisor Colton Secary presented request to consider replacing an aging fleet vehicle that is no longer meeting daily operational demands. Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano sourced a replacement vehicle through Phil Long Ford of Denver. The proposed purchase is a 2026 Ford F-550 4x4 SuperCab equipped with a flatbed, headache rack, and a Boss 9'2" snowplow. The truck is scheduled for production during the first week of March 2026, with an estimated delivery to the City of Rifle in April. Staff recommends approval of this request as the replacement vehicle is essential to maintaining safe, efficient, and reliable operations, particularly during winter weather events, while ensuring continuity of service and long-term fleet reliability.

Comments were heard from Mayor Clint Hostettler and Councilor Scott Marsh.

Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano and O&M Supervisor Colton Secary answered questions for Council.

Councilor Scott Marsh moved to approve the purchase of a 2026 F550 4X4 Supercab and Snowplow for \$86,149 from Phil Long Ford of Denver; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

No – None.

### **Consider Approving Garfield County FMLD Grant Application for City of Rifle Whiteriver Avenue 9th Street to 16th Street Rehabilitation Project - Resolution No. 5, Series of 2026**

Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano presented a request for consideration to submit a Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (FMLD) grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000, which requires a 30 percent matching contribution, for the City of Rifle Whiteriver Avenue, 9th Street to 16th Street Rehabilitation Project. The Whiteriver waterline, installed in 1973, has experienced repeated failures causing unplanned road closures and water service disruptions, along with the deteriorating roadway including bank failures in steeper areas. This project will repair the roadway banks, replace the waterline and roadway to improve reliability and safety. Due to the importance of this project, it was included in the 2026 approved budget. Staff recommends approval of the grant application submittal with Resolution No. 5, Series of 2026 to support this critical project, which addresses ongoing infrastructure failures and enhances public safety and service reliability.

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

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

Councilor Jonathan Rice moved to approve Resolution No. 5, Series of 2026, to allow the City Manager to submit the grant application to Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District, sign the grant agreement and to expend the funds necessary to meet the terms of the grant not to exceed \$1,000,000; seconded by Councilor Scott Marsh.

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

No – None.

**Consider Department of Local Affairs Grant Application for the Completion of the Rifle Business Incubator Project - Resolution No. 4, Series of 2026**

Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano and Community Development Director Zach Higgins presented a request for consideration to submit a Local Affairs Rural Economic Development (REDI) grant application for the completion of Phase I of the Rifle Business Incubator Project with Resolution No. 4, Series of 2026. The grant application request can be up to \$150,000 and requires a 20 percent local match of \$30,000. The Rifle Business Incubator is intended to reduce barriers for local entrepreneurs in response to rising real estate costs and to support business creation and economic resilience. The City plans to collaborate with Rifle CoWork to establish a small retail space, strengthening the local entrepreneurial ecosystem, and will receive consulting support from the Grand Junction Business Incubator Center during the initial phase. The City has budgeted \$35,000 for a part-time, non-benefited position within the Community Development Department that would serve as the Business Incubator Center Specialist for the two-year grant period. Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 4, Series of 2026, to pursue REDI grant funding to advance the Rifle Business Incubator Project.

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

City Manager Patrick Waller answered questions for Council.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve submission of the Local Affairs Rural Economic Development grant application for the completion of the Rifle Business Incubator project - Resolution No. 4, Series of 2026; seconded by Councilor Scott Marsh.

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

No – None.

**Report to City Manager**

Report was heard from City Manager Patrick Waller.

**Comments from Mayor and Council**

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

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Alexis Ramirez  
City Clerk

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Clint Hostettler  
Mayor



**Agenda Item #5.b.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Letter of Support for Town of Silt BUILD Grant Application - 7th Street Pedestrian Overpass

**Presenter:**

Patrick Waller, City Manager

**Item Description:**

Letter of Support

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve a letter of support for the Town of Silt's BUILD Grant Application.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Executive Summary:**

See attached letter of support and project description

**Notification Requirements:**

No additional notice required.

**Prepared By:**

Patrick Waller, City Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Town of Silt - Build Grant - Letter of Support
2. Silt I -70 Bridge Briefing Sheet

February 18, 2026

U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 25090



**Re: Silt's US DOT BUILD Application for the Pedestrian Bridge Connectivity Project**

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to express the City of Rifle's enthusiastic support for the Town of Silt's Pedestrian Bridge Connectivity Project. The project will construct an elevated pedestrian/bike overpass across Interstate 70 (I-70) and eliminate dangerous conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, increase multimodal transportation for pedestrians and bicycles, spur new economic opportunities, and improve the quality of life for residents and commuters.

Silt and CDOT started working together to design the bridge following a pedestrian's fatal accident on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in 2018. The north and south sides of the Town are currently divided by the Colorado River, I-70, and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). Northern Silt amenities and services include downtown, municipal buildings, the Roaring Fork Transit Authority's (RFTA) bus stop, and most of the community's residential housing, businesses, and parks. Southern Silt is home to a tiny home park housing almost 100 people, a KOA campground, a dog park/open space along the Colorado River, a Holiday Inn, and employment opportunities.

The City of Rifle is a nearby municipality, seven miles to west of Silt via I-70. The City supports Silt's Pedestrian Bridge Connectivity Project because the entire region will significantly benefit from the pedestrian connection and safety improvements provided by the project. Rifle residents regularly travel along the I-70 corridor through Silt and use the Silt I-70 interchange for commercial and recreational purposes. Any improvements to pedestrian safety and traffic flow will benefit City of Rifle residents that regularly visit Silt by making the interchange safer and allowing for easier vehicular access along the exit.

Please give Silt's Pedestrian Bridge Connectivity Project your full consideration.

Sincerely

Mayor Clint Hostettler



## Town of Silt I-70 Non-Motorized Bridge Project

### *The Town Seeks \$21 Million to Provide Safe Pedestrian Access Across Interstate 70 and Promote Downtown Revitalization*

The Town of Silt seeks \$21,058,800 in United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program funding to construct an elevated non-motorized overpass across Interstate 70 (I-70) for pedestrian and bicycle use. The pedestrian bridge design is being funded through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (CO TAP) and will be shovel-ready by March 2026. Once constructed, the 10-foot-wide pedestrian bridge and site improvements will eliminate dangerous conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, increase multimodal transportation for pedestrians and bicycles, spur new economic opportunities, and improve the quality of life for residents and commuters.

**A History of Pedestrian Accidents:** Like many communities on the Western Slope of Colorado, Silt is bisected by Interstate 70 (I-70). There are two options for a pedestrian to cross I-70 to reach North or South Silt. The most popular option is to cross the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in the vehicle travel lanes. This narrow road has no sidewalk, minimal shoulders, and requires crossing unprotected intersections. Pedestrians use this unsafe route daily, causing cars to swerve into oncoming traffic to avoid hitting them. There are over 10,000 vehicle trips daily on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, and the risk to pedestrians and cyclists is growing as the Town's population increases.

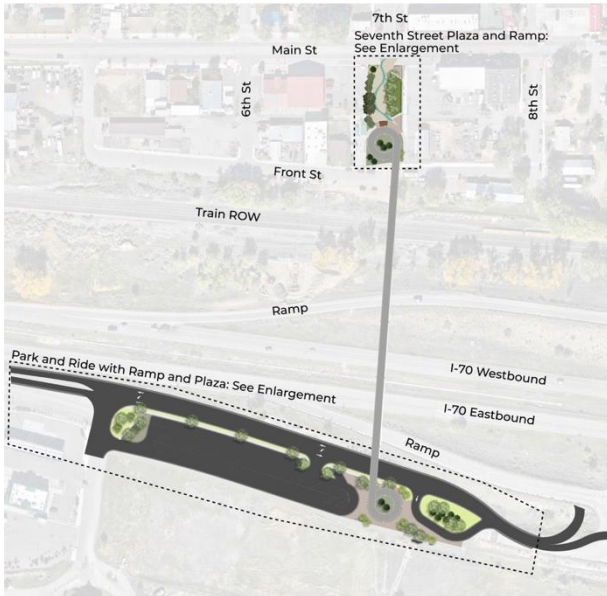
**QUICK FACTS**

- Silt's FY25 DOT BUILD proposal was designated a "Project of Merit."
- CDOT has provided over \$1 million in planning support following a pedestrian death.
- Bridge construction will reduce pedestrian deaths and accidents by providing safe transportation alternatives.
- Preliminary benefit-cost analysis estimates the bridge will generate over \$30 million in user benefits.
- Construction will support downtown revitalization and job creation.
- Bridge design is nearing shovel-ready completion and can be constructed by 2029.



Silt and CDOT started working together to design the bridge following a cyclist's fatal accident on the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in 2020. The north and south sides of the Town are currently divided by the Colorado River, I-70, and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). Northern Silt amenities and services include downtown, municipal buildings, the Roaring Fork Transit Authority's (RFTA) bus stop, and most of the community's residential housing, businesses, and parks. Southern Silt is home to a tiny home park housing almost 100 people, a KOA campground, a dog park/open space

along the Colorado River, a Holiday Inn, and employment centers. Currently, the Town is in the design review process for a number of developments, some of which will address critical affordable housing needs for the area. The developments represent approximately 500 new housing units and will result in a 32% increase in the Town's population.



**The I-70 Non-Motorized Bridge Design:** The bridge is aligned perpendicular to I-70 to minimize overpass length, with individual span lengths ranging from 60 feet to 175 feet for a total main bridge length of approximately 725 feet. The 10-foot-wide deck carries the 10-foot-wide multi-use trail and the required 2-foot offsets on each side. The bridge provides horizontal openings for I-70, interchange ramps, and the UPRR right-of-way. Minimum vertical clearance of 23'-6" is mandated over the UPRR and 17'-6" over I-70, interchange ramps, and roadways.

The north and south ends of the overpass will land with circular ADA-compliant ramps that are 400 feet long. The South Overpass Ramp Plaza will provide direct access to reconstructed and improved park-n-ride facilities. The ramp will have a plaza/sidewalk area with benches and bike racks. The North Overpass Ramp Plaza at 7th Street

will feature a 30-foot by 50-foot pedestrian mall, stretching between Front Street and Main Street, with attractive landscaping, a stage for community events, shaded seating, space for food trucks, and specialty pavers to enhance pedestrian activity and economic vitality.

**Project Benefits:** The I-70 Bridge pedestrian bridge will maximize economic development opportunities, improve pedestrian safety, and support network connectivity improvements by:

- Removing barriers to prospective economic investment south of the interchange, generating \$30 million in investment, and bringing 200 new jobs to the area.
- Connecting residents of high-density housing to Silt's essential services, downtown, and to the RFTA Hogback Line, a bus line that has the highest rate of ridership increase in the County.
- Advancing efforts to establish a vocational/technical training center for workforce development geared toward advanced manufacturing, technology, and robotics repair.
- Creating a pedestrian mall to spur downtown economic vitality.
- Providing better access to major employment locations, including the Holiday Inn, KOA Campground, and industrial businesses.
- Increasing non-motorized access to Silt Island Park, the Silt River Preserve, and the Colorado River.
- Providing bike/pedestrian access from south of the I-70 interchange to Silt's RFTA bus stop.



Silt continues to monitor frequent near misses from those using the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. The I-70 Bridge will improve the quality of life and economic vitality for Silt residents by enhancing mobility throughout the Town for all modes of transportation, promoting physical activity, improving access to parks and green space, and removing barriers to new businesses and attractions for economic revitalization. With federal support, Silt can protect lives while increasing multimodal transportation and supporting downtown revitalization.

**For questions, contact Jim Mann, Town Manager, at (970) 876-7977 or [jmann@townofsilt.org](mailto:jmann@townofsilt.org)**



**Agenda Item #5.c.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Acceptance of the Sherwin-Williams Annexation Petition as Substantially Compliant with State Statutes and Scheduling a Public Hearing - Resolution No. 7, Series of 2026

**Presenter:**

Geir Sverdrup

**Item Description:**

Resolution of Substantial Compliance for Annexation of land across Airport Road from Wal-Mart for commercial use. First official step in annexation process.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve Sherwin-Williams Annexation Petition as Substantially Compliant with State Statutes and Scheduling a Public Hearing as requested - Resolution No. 7, Series of 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None at this time.

**Operational Impact:**

None at this time.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

See Staff Report.

**Executive Summary:**

See Staff Report.

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution No. 7-Sherwin Williams Annexation Petition-Substantial Compliance
2. STAFF REPORT - Resolution of Substantial Compliance - CC MTG - Feb-18-2026

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 7**  
**SERIES OF 2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,  
COLORADO, FINDING THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS ANNEXATION  
PETITION TO BE IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH STATE  
STATUTES AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID PETITION.

WHEREAS, in December 2025 a petition and request was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Rifle, Colorado that the City Council commence proceedings to annex to the City of Rifle a certain unincorporated tract of land located in the County of Garfield, State of Colorado, known as the Sherwin Williams Annexation described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City planning staff advised the Council that after a review of the annexation Petition and map, staff determined that the Petition and map are in substantial compliance with the state statutes, as required by C.R.S. §31-12-107; and

WHEREAS, the Petition alleges as follows:

1. It is desirable and necessary that the territory described above be annexed to the City of Rifle, Colorado.

2. The requirements of C.R.S. §31-12-104, as amended, exist or have been met, including without limitation the following:

- A. Not less than 1/6th of the perimeter of the area proposed to be annexed is contiguous with the City of Rifle, Colorado.
- B. A community of interest exists between the area proposed to be annexed and the City of Rifle, Colorado.
- C. The area proposed to be annexed is urban or will be urbanized in the near future.
- D. The area proposed to be annexed is integrated with or is capable of being integrated with the City of Rifle, Colorado.

3. The requirements of C.R.S. §31-12-105, as amended, exist or have been met, including without limitation the following:

- A. In establishing the boundaries of the area proposed to be annexed, no land held in identical ownership, whether consisting of one tract or parcel of real estate or two or more contiguous tracts or parcels of real estate:

- (1) has been divided into separate parts or parcels without the written consent

of the landowner or landowners thereof.

- (2) comprising twenty (20) acres or more (which together with buildings and improvements situated thereon having a valuation for assessment in excess of \$200,000.00 for ad valorem tax purposes for the year preceding the proposed annexation), has been included without the written consent of the landowners.
- B. No annexation proceedings have been commenced for the annexation to a municipality other than the City of Rifle, Colorado, of all or part of the territory proposed to be annexed.
  - C. The annexation proposed in the Petition will not result in the detachment of area from any school district and the attachment of the same area to another school district.
  - D. The annexation proposed in the Petition will not have the effect of extending the municipal boundary of the City of Rifle more than three (3) miles in any direction from any point on the current municipal boundary of the City in any one year; and

WHEREAS, the City has or will have in place a plan meeting the requirements of C.R.S. §31-12-105(e) prior to the effective date of the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, no election for annexation of the area proposed to be annexed to the City of Rifle has been held in the preceding twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the signer of the Petition is the owner of one hundred percent (100%) of the territory proposed to be annexed, exclusive of public streets and alleys; and

WHEREAS, the annexation to the City of Rifle, Colorado, of the area proposed to be annexed will not result in a change of county boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the name and mailing address of the signer of the Petition and date of signing are included in the Petition, and the legal descriptions of the land owned by Petitioner is attached to the Petition. No signature on the Petition is dated more than 180 days prior to the date of filing of the Petition for annexation with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Petition is accompanied by four (4) or more copies of an Annexation Map containing, among other things, the following information:

- A. A written legal description of the boundaries of the area proposed to be annexed to the City of Rifle, Colorado;

- B. The boundary of the area proposed to be annexed to the City of Rifle, Colorado;
- C. Within the annexation boundary map, a showing of the location of each ownership tract in unplatted land and, if part or all of the area is platted, the boundaries and the plat numbers of plots or of lots and blocks; and
- D. Next to the boundary of the area proposed to be annexed, a drawing of the contiguous boundary of the City of Rifle, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, none of the area proposed to be annexed to the City of Rifle, Colorado, is presently a part of any incorporated city, city and county, or town, and is not contiguous to any other incorporated city, city and county, or town; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Petition filed as aforesaid is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965, C.R.S. §31-12-107(1), as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

1. The City incorporates the foregoing recitals as findings by the City Council.
2. The Petition is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Annexation Act of 1965, C.R.S. §31-12-107(1), as amended.
3. The City Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado, will hold a hearing upon the Petition for the purpose of determining and finding whether the area proposed to be annexed meets the applicable requirements of C.R.S. §31-12-104 and §31-12-105, as amended, and is considered eligible for annexation. The hearing shall be held on \_\_\_\_\_, **2026**, commencing at the hour of 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, Colorado.
4. Any person may appear at such hearing and present evidence upon any matter to be determined by the City Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado.
5. The City Clerk of the City of Rifle, Colorado shall give notice of the hearing to be held upon the Petition by causing notice thereof, in accordance with C.R.S. §31-12-108(2), as amended, to be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the *Citizen Telegram*, a newspaper of general circulation in the area proposed to be annexed, the first publication to occur at least thirty (30) days prior to the aforesaid hearing. In addition, a copy of the published notice, together with a copy of this resolution and petition as filed, shall be sent by registered mail by the City Clerk to the board of county commissioners and to the county attorney and to any special district or school district having territory within the area to be annexed at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the hearing date.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Rifle City Council at a regular meeting held this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 25A, AMENDED FINAL PLAT OF LOTS 25A & 26A MCLEARN ORCHARD LANDS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 20, 1998 AS RECEPTION NO. 533995, SITUATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 93 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF GARFIELD, STATE OF COLORADO. SAID PARCEL OF LAND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 25A, AMENDED FINAL PLAT OF LOTS 25A & 26A MCLEARN ORCHARD LANDS SUBDIVISION; THENCE S01°10'46"W 151.48 FEET; THENCE S00°40'05"E 127.78 FEET; THENCE S03°52'24"E 47.09 FEET; THENCE S86°07'36"W 148.00 FEET; THENCE N00°00'17"W 284.52 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 346; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY N70°30'14"E 124.50 FEET; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY N70°36'50"E 30.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.012 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Rifle City Council  
**FROM:** Geir H. Sverdrup, Senior Planner  
**DATE:** February 18, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Substantial Compliance for Annexation 2026-006  
**CASE:** 2026-006; Sherwin Williams Annexation SWC Airport Road & Enterprise Court

**PURPOSE**

Pursuant to State Statute, City Council must approve a Resolution of Substantial Compliance before annexation proceedings can ensue. The Resolution acknowledges the applicant's findings that the subject property is eligible for annexation per Colorado State Statute and sets a date certain for a Public Hearing to consider the annexation. *The purpose of this resolution is not to contemplate or approve the annexation; it is to schedule the public hearing for that purpose.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends City Council approve the Resolution of Substantial Compliance for the Sherwin Williams Annexation and set a public hearing date of March 31, 2026.

**BACKGROUND**

The subject property is located at the southwest corner of Airport Road and Enterprise Court, south of WalMart and Big-O Tire Store. The Planning Commission public hearing to consider the annexation and rezoning request would be scheduled for March 31, 2026.



**Agenda Item #7.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Pinning Ceremony for Corporal Promotions

**Presenter:**

Debra Funston, Chief of Police

**Item Description:**

Badge pinning ceremony for newly promoted Corporals Haley Crow and Josh Allison

**Recommended Action:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

This is a ceremony to celebrate and commemorate the promotion to Corporal for Officers Allison and Crow.

**Executive Summary:**

N/A

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Debra Funston, Chief of Police

**Attachments:**

None



**Agenda Item #8.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Amending the 2026 Budget - Supplemental Appropriations Request #1

**Presenter:**

Scott Rust, Finance Director

**Item Description:**

Consider Amending the 2026 Budget - Supplemental Appropriations #1

**Recommended Action:**

First, move to approve Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026 to Amend the 2026 Budget.

Second, move to approve Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2026 to Adopt Supplemental Appropriations for the 2026 Budget on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The request to amend the 2026 budget will ensure sufficient appropriations are available in each fund to cover the necessary expenses of the City of Rifle. The request to amend the budget is consistent with governmental practices and state law.

**Operational Impact:**

Amending the 2026 budget and approving the additional appropriations by ordinance will provide the legal authority to cover a number of additional expenditures. Supplemental appropriations are required when the budget is not sufficient due to the approval of additional projects/services or unforeseen cost increases. This supplemental is necessary to appropriate additional funds to cover the following expenditures shown by fund:

**General Fund - 100**

- Addition of HR Coordinator due to purchase of Rifle Creek Golf Course (1 FTE) - \$97,912.41
- Increase of Annual PATS Contribution - \$35,000.00

**Visitor Improvement Fund - 204**

- Transfer Appropriations from Transfer Out to Special Events - \$0.00

**Capital Improvement Fund - 206**

- Transfer Out to Rifle Creek Golf Course Fund (350) for Acquisition of Rifle Creek Golf Course - \$500,000.00

### **Tourism & Industry Fund - 207**

- Replacement of Split Snake at Ute Theater - \$13,000.00

### **Parks & Recreation Fund - 210**

- Addition of Assistant Parks & Recreation Director due to Purchase of Rifle Creek Golf Course (1 FTE) - \$148,873.74
- Bookcliff Field Musco Lights Replacement Project - \$60,000.00

### **Water Fund - 310**

- Starlink Installation at Water System Remote Sites - \$72,000.00
- Acquisition of Water Rights related to Rifle Creek Golf Course - \$969,000.00

### **Rifle Creek Golf Course Fund - 350**

- Acquisition of Rifle Creek Golf Course net amount after Water Rights - \$400,000.00
- Addition of Manager of Golf Course Operations (1 FTE) - \$122,492.82
- Addition of Golf Course Maintenance Manager (1 FTE) - \$104,863.68
- Seasonal/Part-Time Salary & Wages for Golf Course Operations - \$50,000.00
- Seasonal/Part-Time Salary & Wages for Pro Shop Operations - \$50,000.00
- Rifle Creek Golf Course Annual Operational Budget - \$870,999.99

Also included in this supplemental is a request to adjust revenue estimates in two funds, which include:

### **Parks & Recreation Fund - 210**

- Eliminate Transfer In from Visitor Improvement Fund (204) (GRIT to purchase fireworks directly) - \$(30,000.00)

### **Rifle Creek Golf Course Fund - 350**

- Membership Dues - \$100,000.00
- Public Golf Revenue - \$575,000.00
- Tournament Revenue - \$150,350.00
- Driving Range - \$10,000.00
- Facility Rentail - \$2,500.00
- Pro Shop Revenue - \$165,500.00
- Sponsorships - \$10,000.00
- Donations - \$1,000.00
- Restaurant Lease Revenue - \$30,000.00
- Transfer In from Capital Fund (206) for Rifle Creek Golf Course Acquisition - \$500,000.00

The total net supplemental across the reporting entity is an \$1,514,350 net increase to revenue and a \$3,494,143 net increase to expenditures. Therefore, total amended revenues would be \$50,082,384 and total amended appropriations (expenditures) would be \$63,198,636. A detailed table showing these items is attached.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

Each year, the budget is adopted by the City Council through a resolution and appropriation ordinance to authorize spending at a fund level based on the detailed, line item budget. Amendments to the budget and supplemental appropriations are also adopted by a resolution and ordinance. They are required when the adopted budget is increased to cover increased operational costs, new projects, or to re-appropriate funds for capital projects that began in one year and need to be carried forward to the current year to complete. In this particular case, certain projects were not budgeted when the 2026 budget was created. Therefore, the budget must be amended, and supplemental appropriations authorized to cover these additional costs to remain in compliance with governmental accounting standards and state law.

**Executive Summary:**

Staff is requesting to amend the 2026 budget and for the Council to approve supplemental appropriations to cover additional expenditures related to a number of additional projects which were approved throughout the year.

**Notification Requirements:**

Public Notice requirements have been met.

**Prepared By:**

Scott Rust, Finance Director

**Attachments:**

1. 2026 Supplemental Appropriation #1 Details

**City of Rifle - 2026 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

**Supplemental #1**

<b>Fund Number</b>	<b>Fund Title</b>	<b>Adopted Revenues</b>	<b>Adopted Expenses</b>	<b>Supplemental Revenue</b>	<b>Supplemental Appropriations</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amended Revenues</b>	<b>Amended Appropriations</b>
100	General Fund	\$ 13,592,648	\$ 14,349,239		\$ 132,912	Supplemental #1	\$ 13,592,648	\$ 14,482,152
201	Street Improvement Fund	8,024,834	8,443,564	-			8,024,834	8,443,564
202	Conservation Trust	138,715	400,000	-	-		138,715	400,000
204	Visitor Improvement	261,081	315,504	-	-		261,081	315,504
205	Downtown Development	74,225	74,392	-	-		74,225	74,392
206	Capital Fund	183,634	753,000	-	500,000	Supplemental #1	183,634	1,253,000
207	Tourism & Industry	732,914	848,226		13,000	Supplemental #1	732,914	861,226
208	Urban Renewal	164,667	527,500	-			164,667	527,500
210	Parks & Recreation	7,252,799	8,191,618	(30,000)	208,874	Supplemental #1	7,222,799	8,400,492
310	Water Fund	9,072,147	15,904,447	-	1,041,000	Supplemental #1	9,072,147	16,945,447
320	Wastewater Fund	5,450,625	5,992,369	-			5,450,625	5,992,369
330	Sanitation Fund	1,021,504	1,032,562	-	-		1,021,504	1,032,562
350	Rifle Creek Golf Course	-	-	1,544,350	1,598,356	Supplemental #1	1,544,350	1,598,356
401	Cemetery Perpetual Care	22,158	80,000	-	-		22,158	80,000
610	Fleet	1,042,672	1,267,749	-	-		1,042,672	1,267,749
620	Information Technology	1,533,411	1,524,323	-	-		1,533,411	1,524,323
	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 48,568,034</b>	<b>\$ 59,704,494</b>	<b>\$ 1,514,350</b>	<b>\$ 3,494,143</b>		<b>\$ 50,082,384</b>	<b>\$ 63,198,636</b>

**Supplemental Appropriation #1 - Detail**

Sum of Amount			Type	
Fund	Fund Name	Project	Revenue	Expenditure
100	General Fund	Addition of HR Coordinator - 1 FTE		\$ 97,912.41
		Requested Increase of 2026 Contribution to PATS		\$ 35,000.00
<b>100 Total</b>				<b>\$ 132,912.41</b>
204	Visitor Improvement Fund	Transfer Appropriations from Transfer OUT to Special Events		\$ -
<b>204 Total</b>				<b>\$ -</b>
206	Capital Improvement Fund	Transfer Out to Rifle Creek Golf Course Fund (350) for Acquisition of Rifle Creek Golf Course		\$ 500,000.00
<b>206 Total</b>				<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>
207	Tourism and Industry Fund	Replacement of Split Snake at Ute Theatre		\$ 13,000.00
<b>207 Total</b>				<b>\$ 13,000.00</b>
210	Parks and Recreation Fund	Addition of Asst. Parks & Recreation Director - 1 FTE		\$ 148,873.74
		Bookcliff Field Musco Lights Replacement Project Over Budget (\$60K)		\$ 60,000.00
		Remove Transfer In from GRIT (204) - GRIT will Purchase Fireworks Directly	\$ (30,000.00)	
<b>210 Total</b>			<b>\$ (30,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 208,873.74</b>
310	Water Fund	Starlink Installation at Water System Remote Sites		\$ 72,000.00
		Acquisition of Water Rights associated with Rifle Creek Golf Course		\$ 969,000.00
<b>310 Total</b>				<b>\$ 1,041,000.00</b>
350	Rifle Creek Golf Course	Annual Membership Dues	\$ 100,000.00	
		Public Golf - Green Fees	\$ 425,000.00	
		Public Golf - Cart Fees	\$ 150,000.00	
		Tournaments - Green Fees	\$ 65,000.00	
		Tournaments - Cart Fees	\$ 1,350.00	
		Tournaments - Management Payout	\$ 70,000.00	
		Tournaments - Food/Concessions	\$ 14,000.00	
		Driving Range	\$ 10,000.00	
		Facility Rental Revenue	\$ 2,500.00	
		Pro Shop - Club Rental	\$ 3,000.00	
		Pro Shop - Clubs	\$ 35,000.00	
		Pro Shop - Other Sales	\$ 100,000.00	
		Pro Shop - Special Orders	\$ 25,000.00	
		Pro Shop - Other Services	\$ 2,500.00	
		Sponsorships	\$ 10,000.00	
		Donations	\$ 1,000.00	
		Restaurant Lease Revenue	\$ 30,000.00	
		Transfer In from Capital Fund (206) for Rifle Creek Golf Course Acquisition	\$ 500,000.00	
		Addition of Manager of Golf Course Operations - 1 FTE		\$ 122,492.82
		Addition of Golf Course Maintenance Manager - 1 FTE		\$ 104,863.68
		PT/Seasonal Salaries & Wages - Course Operations		\$ 50,000.00
		PT/Seasonal Salaries & Wages - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 50,000.00
		Professional Services - Course Operations		\$ 12,500.00
		Professional Services - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 12,500.00

350	Rifle Creek Golf Course	Utilities - Course Operations		\$ 40,000.00
		Utilities - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 20,000.00
		Repair & Maint Services - Course Operations		\$ 15,000.00
		Repair & Maint Services - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 15,000.00
		Contract Maint Services - Course Operations		\$ 40,000.00
		Contract Maint Services - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 40,000.00
		Rental Equipment/Vehicles - Course Operations		\$ 5,000.00
		Rental Toilets - Course Operations		\$ 10,000.00
		Other Purchased Services - Course Operations		\$ 10,000.00
		Other Purchased Services - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 15,000.00
		Insurance - Course Operations		\$ 15,000.00
		Insurance - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 15,000.00
		Advertising - Course Operations		\$ 1,500.00
		Advertising - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 1,500.00
		Printing/Binding - Course Operations		\$ 500.00
		Printing/Binding - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 500.00
		Trainings & Meetings - Course Operations		\$ 1,500.00
		Trainings & Meetings - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 1,500.00
		General Supplies - Course Operations		\$ 40,000.00
		General Supplies - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 40,000.00
		Uniforms/Clothing - Course Operations		\$ 1,500.00
		Uniforms/Clothing - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 1,500.00
		Minor Equipment - Course Operations		\$ 2,500.00
		Minor Equipment - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 2,500.00
		Buildings - Course Operations		\$ 5,000.00
		Buildings - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 10,000.00
		Equipment - Course Operations		\$ 5,000.00
		Equipment - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 5,000.00
		Vehicles Leasing - Course Operations		\$ 60,500.00
		Professional Services - Capital Improvements		\$ 30,000.00
		Minor Projects - Capital Improvements		\$ 60,000.00
		Equipment - Capital Improvements		\$ 85,000.00
		Capitalized Assets - Capital Improvements		\$ 43,000.00
		Tournament Reimbursements - Course Operations		\$ 75,000.00
		Memberships & Dues - Course Operations		\$ 2,500.00
		Memberships & Dues - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 2,500.00
		Tires - Course Operations		\$ 5,000.00
		Resale Supplies - Pro Shop/Club House Operations		\$ 100,000.00
		Equipment Oil - Course Operations		\$ 2,500.00
		Diesel Fuel - Course Operations		\$ 10,000.00
		Gasoline - Course Operations		\$ 10,000.00
		Expenditure for Rifle Creek Golf Course Net Amount after Water Rights		\$ 400,000.00
<b>350 Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,544,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,598,356.49</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,514,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,494,142.64</b>



**Agenda Item #8.a.i.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026

**Presenter:**

Scott Rust, Finance Director

**Item Description:**

Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026

**Recommended Action:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Operational Impact:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Prior Board Motions:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Background Information:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Executive Summary:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Notification Requirements:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Prepared By:**

Alexis Ramirez, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution No. 9, Series of 2026 - Amend the 2025 Budget

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 9  
SERIES OF 2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,  
COLORADO, AMENDING THE CITY’S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23, Series of 2025, the Rifle City Council adopted its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 (“2026 Adopted Budget”); after holding all necessary public meetings and hearings; and

WHEREAS, at the time the 2026 Budget was adopted, certain expenses were not known, and operating transfers between funds were not anticipated; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the City Treasury to meet the increased expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve the amendments to the 2026 Budget set forth herein in order to ensure effective and fiscally responsible administration of City business for the remainder of fiscal year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

1. The City incorporates the foregoing recitals as findings by the City Council.
2. The following amendments to the 2026 Budget are hereby approved.

City of Rifle - 2026 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION SUMMARY								
Supplemental #1								
Fund Number	Fund Title	Adopted Revenues	Adopted Expenses	Supplemental Revenue	Supplemental Appropriations	Description	Amended Revenues	Amended Appropriations
100	General Fund	\$ 13,592,648	\$ 14,349,239		\$ 132,912	Supplemental #1	\$ 13,592,648	\$ 14,482,152
201	Street Improvement Fund	8,024,834	8,443,564	-	-		8,024,834	8,443,564
202	Conservation Trust	138,715	400,000	-	-		138,715	400,000
204	Visitor Improvement	261,081	315,504	-	-		261,081	315,504
205	Downtown Development	74,225	74,392	-	-		74,225	74,392
206	Capital Fund	183,634	753,000	-	500,000	Supplemental #1	183,634	1,253,000
207	Tourism & Industry	732,914	848,226	-	13,000	Supplemental #1	732,914	861,226
208	Urban Renewal	164,667	527,500	-	-		164,667	527,500
210	Parks & Recreation	7,252,799	8,191,618	(30,000)	208,874	Supplemental #1	7,222,799	8,400,492
310	Water Fund	9,072,147	15,904,447	-	1,041,000	Supplemental #1	9,072,147	16,945,447
320	Wastewater Fund	5,450,625	5,992,369	-	-		5,450,625	5,992,369
330	Sanitation Fund	1,021,504	1,032,562	-	-		1,021,504	1,032,562
350	Rifle Creek Golf Course	-	-	1,544,350	1,598,356	Supplemental #1	1,544,350	1,598,356
401	Cemetery Perpetual Care	22,158	80,000	-	-		22,158	80,000
610	Fleet	1,042,672	1,267,749	-	-		1,042,672	1,267,749
620	Information Technology	1,533,411	1,524,323	-	-		1,533,411	1,524,323
	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 48,568,034</b>	<b>\$ 59,704,494</b>	<b>\$ 1,514,350</b>	<b>\$ 3,494,143</b>		<b>\$ 50,082,384</b>	<b>\$ 63,198,636</b>

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Rifle City Council at a regular meeting held this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



**Agenda Item #8.a.ii.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

**Presenter:**

Scott Rust, Finance Director

**Item Description:**

Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2026

**Recommended Action:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Operational Impact:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Prior Board Motions:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Background Information:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Executive Summary:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Notification Requirements:**

Reference Item 8a.

**Prepared By:**

Alexis Ramirez, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1. Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2026 - Supplemental Appropriation #1 2026 Budget

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 6  
SERIES OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, PROVIDING FOR A  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE BUDGET YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23, Series of 2025, the Rifle City Council adopted its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 (“2026 Adopted Budget”); and

WHEREAS, based upon the 2026 Budget as adopted, the Council further approved by Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2025 the Annual Appropriations for fiscal year 2026, after duly-noticed public hearings; and

WHEREAS, at the time the 2026 Annual Appropriation was adopted, certain expenses were not known, and operating transfers between funds were not anticipated; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the City Treasury to meet the increased expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve the additional appropriations set forth herein in order to ensure effective and fiscally responsible administration of City business for the remainder of fiscal year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ORDAINS THAT:

1. The City Council incorporates the foregoing recitals as conclusions, facts, determinations and findings by the City Council and hereby approves the additional appropriations (highlighted in grey) set forth below for fiscal year 2026.

<b>City of Rifle - 2026 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION SUMMARY</b>								
<b>Supplemental #1</b>								
<b>Fund Number</b>	<b>Fund Title</b>	<b>Adopted Revenues</b>	<b>Adopted Expenses</b>	<b>Supplemental Revenue</b>	<b>Supplemental Appropriations</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amended Revenues</b>	<b>Amended Appropriations</b>
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<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>\$ 48,568,034</b>	<b>\$ 59,704,494</b>	<b>\$ 1,514,350</b>	<b>\$ 3,494,143</b>		<b>\$ 50,082,384</b>	<b>\$ 63,198,636</b>

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 read in full, passed, approved, and ordered published in full in accordance with Section 4.4(g) of the City Charter.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



**Agenda Item #8.b.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Amending Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Building Height Standards - Ordinance No. 3, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

**Presenter:**

Geir Sverdrup  
Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

Ordinance to amend the Rifle Municipal Code to take building height measurements from building facade at finished or existing grade, whichever is lower.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to Amend Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Building Height Standards - Ordinance No. 3 Series of 2026 on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

Modifies the way in which Staff determines building heights to allow for more flexibility when a lot is sloped.

**Prior Board Motions:**

Planning Commission recommended approval at their January 27th regular meeting.

**Background Information:**

See Staff Report.

**Executive Summary:**

See Staff Report.

**Notification Requirements:**

Notice requirements were met.

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

1. Building Height Staff Report - CC February 18 2026
2. Ordinance No. 3 of 2026 Update to Ch. 16 for Height updates



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650  
Phone: 970-665-6490

### MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Rifle Planning & Zoning Commission  
FROM: Geir Sverdrup, Senior Planner  
DATE: February 18, 2026  
SUBJECT: 2025-025 Building Height Text Amendment  
ADDRESS: City-Wide  
APPLICANT: City of Rifle Staff

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### **Background**

Currently, Rifle Municipal Code measures building height at any point of the building from existing grade. Staff has received submittals over that last few years that propose excavation of the site resulting in taller building elevations than surrounding properties, especially on steeper building sites.

During the P&Z hearing of September 30, 2025, there were several questions raised by commissioners. Staff has discussed the method of measurement currently written in the code with the planning commissioners during a workshop.

The code currently reads as follows.

#### **Sec. 16-3-250. - Height provisions.**

- (a) Building heights. The maximum height of buildings shall be measured vertically at the front yard setback line from undisturbed or natural ground level to the top of a flat or mansard roof or to the midpoint between the eave line and ridge line of a gable, gambrel, hip, shed or similar pitched roof. The vertical height of a building shall parallel the existing grade prior to construction of the building and shall not exceed the maximum height at any point of the building from existing grade.
- (b) Exemptions. Height limitations of this regulation shall not apply to stacks, vents, antennae, cooling towers, elevator bulkheads, solar panels, tanks or similar mechanical appurtenances which extend no more than ten (10) feet above the permitted height. No limitation shall apply to monuments, cupolas, domes, towers, spires and similar noninhabitable structural appurtenances for public or semipublic buildings.
- (c) Height of structures. Any structures that is not a building, such as industrial air exhaust structures or communication towers, may exceed the maximum permitted building height in any zone district upon approval of a conditional use application. For buildings located within the Central Business District, see also Figure 16-18-830 of this Chapter.

Currently, staff measures building height at any point of the building from existing grade by creating a "casting" of the existing grade and then elevating that "casting" to the maximum building height permitted. By this method building elevations can be analyzed

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for compliance with the intent of the code. Several submittals over the last few years have proposed excavation of the site resulting in taller than the maximum allowable building elevations. There are historic examples of building height only being measured at the front elevation at the front setback creating elevations that become taller than building height at different points, Sec.16-3-250 (a). Steeper properties have been more difficult to apply the remainder of Sec. 16-3-250 (a), *The vertical height of a building shall parallel the existing grade prior to construction of the building and shall not exceed the maximum height at any point of the building from existing grade.* As written, the current language of the code can restrict property owners from building two-story homes on lots that slope to the rear.

The following revision is Staff's recommended amendment to the Rifle Municipal Code for consideration by the Planning Commission based on the Commission's discussion and input from the October 28, 2025 workshop as a text amendment.

### **Proposed Amendment**

#### **Article III. – Zoning - Sec. 16-3-250. Height provisions.**

(a) *Building heights. The maximum height of buildings shall be measured vertically at the front yard setback line from undisturbed or natural ground level to the top of a flat or mansard roof or to the midpoint between the eave line and ridge line of a gable, gambrel, hip, shed or similar pitched roof. The vertical height of a building shall parallel the existing grade prior to construction of the building and shall not exceed the maximum height at any point the front yard façade of the building from existing grade or finished grade, whichever is lower.*

The proposed text addition provides applicants, builders, and contractors with a clear and irrefutable understanding of how building heights will be calculated when reviewed by staff.

### **Findings**

Pursuant to RMC Section 16-5-280, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall consider the following criteria when determining whether or not to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to City Council:

1. Conformance of the proposal with the City of Rifle Municipal Code.

***The proposal is in conformance with the Rifle Municipal Code.***

2. The compatibility of the proposal with the character of the surrounding area, including but not limited to the architectural character of the neighborhood, the average lot and building sizes in the neighborhood, and the relative value of the proposed structure to the value of other structures in the neighborhood.

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***The proposal will be compatible with the character of Rifle. Staff feels that this amendment to the Code will allow for more clarity of City requirements. Many homes on hillside lots are out of compliance with the current code but would be in compliance with the newly written code.***

3. The desirability for the proposed use in the specific area of the City.

***The zoning code is enforced Citywide by appropriate zone district.***

4. The potential for adverse environmental effects that might result from the proposed use.

***No adverse environmental effects are anticipated from the proposal. Amendment will limit excessive excavation on properties.***

5. Compatibility of the proposed use and the site (or subdivision) plan with the City of Rifle Comprehensive Plan.

***No Comprehensive Plan issues were noted as part of the review.***

6. The potential impact of the proposed use upon the value of property and buildings within the surrounding area; and

***No negative impacts to property values are anticipated. Amendment will maintain the intent of restricting building height with particular focus on street frontage and neighborhood cohesiveness.***

7. Conformance of the proposal with the approval requirements concerning water and sewer tap availability for high volume use requests pursuant to 13-4-120 of the Code, if applicable.

***Not applicable.***

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

The Commission reviewed the proposed text amendment at their September 30, 2025 workshop and heard the proposed amendment at the October 28, 2025 hearing. At their request staff made revisions and brought the text amendment back to the January 27, 2026 hearing. The Commission recommended approval of the text amendment as presented.

**Recommendation**

Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the proposed text amendment 2025-025 as prepared by staff

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 3**  
**SERIES OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING  
ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND  
BUILDING HEIGHT STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (“Rifle” or the “City”) is a home-rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Rifle Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code (the “Code”) regulates land use, zoning and development within the City; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has made certain recommendations to the City’s zoning requirements to alter height and driveway setback restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the regulations contained within this ordinance and has provided its comments and recommendations in support of adopting the amendments to the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Rifle City Council finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Rifle to amend Chapter 16 of the Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Section 16-3-250 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “Height provisions”, is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows::

**Sec. 16-3-250. Height provisions.**

(a) Building heights. The maximum height of buildings shall be measured vertically at the front yard setback line from undisturbed or natural ground level to the top of a flat or mansard roof or to the midpoint between the eave line and ridge line of a gable, gambrel, hip, shed or similar pitched roof. The vertical height of a building ~~shall parallel the existing grade prior to construction of the building and~~ shall not exceed the maximum height at any point the front yard façade of the building from existing grade or finished grade, whichever is lower.

(b) Exemptions. Height limitations of this regulation shall not apply to stacks, vents, antennae, cooling towers, elevator bulkheads, solar panels, tanks or similar mechanical appurtenances which extend no more than ten (10) feet above the permitted height. No limitation shall apply to monuments, cupolas, domes, towers, spires and similar noninhabitable structural appurtenances for public or semipublic buildings.

(c) Height of structures. Any structures that is not a building, such as industrial air exhaust structures or communication towers, may exceed the maximum permitted building height in any zone district upon approval of a conditional use application. For buildings located within the Central Business District, see also Figure 16-18-830 of this Chapter.

INTRODUCED, on February 18, 2026, read in full, passed on first reading, and ordered published by title as required by the City Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado, held on March 4, 2026, approved without amendments, and ordered published in full as required by the Charter.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



**Agenda Item #8.c.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Amending Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Lot Size Standards - Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

**Presenter:**

Geir Sverdrup  
Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

Ordinance amending lot size standards to reflect lot size challenges for existing and proposed single-family attached units.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to Amend Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Lot Size Standards - Ordinance No. 4, Series of 2026 on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

Planning Commission provided recommendation for approval at their January 27th, 2026 regular meeting.

**Background Information:**

See Staff Report.

**Executive Summary:**

See Staff Report.

**Notification Requirements:**

Notice requirements were met.

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

1. SFR Attached CC Staff Report 2-18-2026
2. Ordinance No. 4 2026 Update to Ch. 16 SF Detached Lot Size Standards

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Rifle City Council  
**FROM:** Geir H. Sverdrup, Senior Planner  
**DATE:** February 18, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** 2026-002 Text Amendment Clarifying Single Family Detached  
**ADDRESS:** City-Wide  
**APPLICANT:** City of Rifle Staff

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**Background**

Recently Staff has been reviewing the R.M.C. as it pertains to single family residential lot size minimums. As the code is currently written any single family home, including single family attached, i.e. townhouses and duplexes, must have a 6,000 square foot lot for each unit. Historically, staff has not applied this requirement to these projects. Strictly interpreted, a townhouse or a duplex requires a 6,000 square foot lot per unit. Historically single family attached homes within the City have not been held to this requirement. Staff proposes the following amendment to the Rifle Municipal Code to address this unintended consequence.

**Definitions**

*Attached dwelling* means a dwelling that is attached to another dwelling, excluding accessory dwellings, and is separated from those other dwellings by a common wall.

*Dwelling* means a building or portion thereof used for residential occupancy.

*Dwelling, multiple-family* means a building containing three (3) or more dwelling units.

*Dwelling, single-family* means a building containing only one (1) dwelling unit.

*Dwelling, two-family* means a building containing two (2) dwelling units.

*Dwelling unit* means a building or portion of a building that is designed, occupied or intended to be occupied as living quarters for a single family and includes facilities for cooking, sleeping and sanitation.

**Proposed Amendment**

Townhouse units typically only have the footprint of the structure along with a “backyard” as their lot, substantially less than 6,000 square feet, i.e. Fairview Heights lots are 993 square feet located within a larger “communal” space. Duplexes are single-family dwellings attached on one (1) side to another single-family residence. Both residences are located on the same lot under common ownership. With the addition of “detached” in the Schedule of Requirements to Single Family Minimum Lot Size, staff believes that this addresses the issue.

It is staff’s belief that the definitions do not require any amendments and that the addition of “detached” to the table in Sec. 16-3-330 clarifies the intent and the historical application of single family attached as well as single family detached residential projects.

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**Sec. 16-3-330. Schedule of requirements for residential districts.**

The following is the schedule of requirements for the LDR, MDR and MDR-X Zone Districts:

<b>ZONING REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>LDR</b>	<b>MDR</b>	<b>MDR-X</b>
Single family detached minimum lot size	6,000 s.f.	3,000 s.f.	3,000 s.f.
Maximum lot coverage	50%	70%	85%
Maximum height of buildings (See Section 16-3-250)	27 feet	35 feet	35 feet
Maximum floor area ratio	1:1	1:1	2:1
Off-street parking spaces	Per Article VII of this Chapter	Per Article VII of this Chapter	Per Article VII of this Chapter
Minimum setbacks:			
1. Front yard	15 feet	10 feet	5 feet
1.1 Driveway*	20 Feet	20 Feet	20 Feet
2. Rear yard	20 feet	10 feet	5 feet
3. Side yard	5 feet minimum or 1 foot for every 2 feet of building height, whichever is greater	5 feet	5 feet
4. Shared driveway	20 feet from edge of the driveway easement		
* Driveway shall be measured from face of garage to property line. No portion of the required driveway may encroach into the City's Right-of-Way			

**Findings**

Pursuant to RMC Section 16-5-280, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall consider the following criteria when determining whether or not to recommend approval of the text amendments to City Council:

1. Conformance of the proposal with the City of Rifle Municipal Code;  
***The proposal is in conformance with the Rifle Municipal Code.***
  
2. The compatibility of the proposal with the character of the surrounding area, including but not limited to the architectural character of the neighborhood, the average lot and building sizes in the neighborhood, and the relative value of the proposed structure to the value of other structures in the neighborhood;  
***The proposal is compatible with the character of Rifle. Staff feels that this amendment to the Code will codify the existing and historical procedure.***
  
3. The desirability for the proposed use in the specific area of the City;  
***The zoning code is enforced Citywide by appropriate zone district.***

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4. The potential for adverse environmental effects that might result from the proposed use;

***No adverse environmental effects are anticipated from the proposal.***

5. Compatibility of the proposed use and the site (or subdivision) plan with the City of Rifle Comprehensive Plan;

***No Comprehensive Plan issues were noted as part of the review.***

6. The potential impact of the proposed use upon the value of property and buildings within the surrounding area; and

***No negative impacts to property values are anticipated.***

7. Conformance of the proposal with the approval requirements concerning water and sewer tap availability for high volume use requests pursuant to 13-4-120 of the Code, if applicable.

***Not applicable.***

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

The Commission reviewed the proposed text amendment at their October 28, 2025 workshop, staff presented the proposed text amendment at the January 27, 2026 hearing. The Commission recommended approval of the text amendment as presented.

**Recommendation**

Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the proposed text amendment 2026-002 as prepared by staff.

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 4  
SERIES OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING  
ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND  
LOT SIZE STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (“Rifle” or the “City”) is a home-rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Rifle Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code (the “Code”) regulates land use, zoning and development within the City; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has made certain recommendations to the City’s zoning requirements to alter lot size standards; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the regulations contained within this ordinance and has provided its comments and recommendations in support of adopting the amendments to the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Rifle City Council finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Rifle to amend Chapter 16 of the Code consistent with these recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Section 16-3-330 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “Schedule of requirements for residential districts”, is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added:

**Sec. 16-3-330. Schedule of requirements for residential districts**

The following is the schedule of requirements for the LDR, MDR and MDR-X Zone Districts:

<b>ZONING REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>LDR</b>	<b>MDR</b>	<b>MDR-X</b>
Single family <u>detached</u> minimum lot size	6,000 s.f.	3,000 s.f.	3,000 s.f.
Maximum lot coverage	50%	70%	85%
Maximum height of buildings (See Section 16-3-250)	27 feet	35 feet	35 feet
Maximum floor area ratio	1:1	1:1	2:1
Off-street parking spaces	Per Article VII of this Chapter	Per Article VII of this Chapter	Per Article VII of this Chapter

Minimum setbacks:			
1. Front yard	15 feet	10 feet	5 feet
1.1 Driveway*	20 Feet	20 Feet	20 Feet
2. Rear yard	20 feet	10 feet	5 feet
3. Side yard	5 feet minimum or 1 foot for every 2 feet of building height, whichever is greater	5 feet	5 feet
4. Shared driveway	20 feet from edge of the driveway easement		
* Driveway shall be measured from face of garage/structure to property line. No portion of the required driveway may encroach into the City's Right-of-Way			

INTRODUCED, on February 18, 2026, read in full, passed on first reading, and ordered published by title as required by the City Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado, held on March 4, 2026, approved without amendments, and ordered published in full as required by the Charter.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City Clerk



**Agenda Item #8.d.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Amending Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Landscaping Standards - Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

**Presenter:**

Geir Sverdrup  
Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

Ordinance bringing the Rifle Municipal Code into compliance with State requirements regarding non-functional turf grass.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to Amend Article 3 of Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code to Amend Landscaping Standards - Ordinance No. 5, Series of 2026 on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

Planning Commission recommended approval at their January 27th regular meeting.

**Background Information:**

See Staff Report

**Executive Summary:**

See Staff Report

**Notification Requirements:**

Notice requirements have been met.

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

1. Ordinance No. 5 of 2026 Update to Ch. 16 for Landscape Turf Grass
2. SB5 HB1113 CC Staff Report 2-18-2026\_TURF\_GRASS



**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE NO. 5  
SERIES OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING  
ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND  
LANDSCAPING STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (“Rifle” or the “City”) is a home-rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and with the authority of the Rifle Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 16 of the Rifle Municipal Code (the “Code”) regulates land use, zoning and development within the City; and

WHEREAS, City Staff has made certain recommendations to the City’s zoning requirements to alter landscaping guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed the regulations contained within this ordinance and has provided its comments and recommendations in support of adopting the amendments to the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Rifle City Council finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Rifle to amend Chapter 16 of the Code consistent with these recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, THAT:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

**Section 2.** Section 16-1-220 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “Definitions”, is hereby amended to add the underlined text , as follows:

Common Interest Community means real estate described in a declaration with respect to which a person, by virtue of such person’s ownership of a unit, is obligated to pay for real estate taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance, or improvement of other real estate described in a declaration. Ownership of a unit does not include holding a leasehold interest in a unit of less than forty years, including renewal options. The period of the leasehold interest, including renewal options, is measured from the date the initial term commences.

**Section 3.** Section 16-13-10 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “General provisions”, is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-10. General provisions.**

Landscaping shall refer to any combination of living plants such as trees, shrubs, plants, vegetative ground cover, ~~and~~ functional turf, native and climate adapted grasses, and may include natural nonliving elements such as rock, stone and bark, as well as structural features, including

but not limited to walks, fences, benches, and works of art, ~~reflective pools and fountains.~~

**Section 4.** Section 16-13-20 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “Purpose and intent”, is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-20. Purpose and intent.**

The purpose and intent of this Article is to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Rifle through the regulation of landscaping of new multi-family (greater than 12 units), common interest community property, commercial, public/civic, institutional, light industrial and industrial developments, as well as street rights-of-way, parking lots, medians, and transportation corridors. Installed landscapes should enhance property values, promote quality development, contribute to the visual character of new developments, and promote water conservation through water-wise landscaping ~~eriseaping~~. Water-wise landscaping ~~Xeriscape~~ principles are as follows:

(1) Design. Identify zones of different water requirements and group plants together that have similar water needs;

(2) Appropriate Use of Functional Turf. Limit high-irrigation turf and plantings to ~~appropriate high use areas with high visibility and functional needs~~ recreational use areas or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes;

(3) Low-Water-Using Plants. For areas that are not regularly used for civic, community or recreational purposes, ~~Choose~~ low-water-demanding trees, shrubs and plants ~~and turf from Appendix C, as well as native and climate adapted grasses where practicable~~;

(4) Irrigation. Design, operate and maintain an efficient irrigation system;

(5) Soil Preparation. Incorporate soil amendments before planting;

(6) Mulch. Add mulch to planting beds to a minimum depth of three (3) inches;

(7) Maintenance. Provide regular and attentive maintenance to landscaping and irrigation system.

**Section 5.** Section 16-13-30 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “Scope and applicability”, is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-30. Scope and applicability.**

(a) The provisions of this Article shall apply to all new construction of multi-family housing with more than twelve units, common interest community property, commercial development, public/civic, institutional, light industrial and industrial development, as well as street rights-of-way, parking lots, medians, and transportation corridors.

(b) Existing or nonconforming landscapes. Landscapes installed prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this Article, and not in compliance herewith, shall be regarded as nonconforming landscapes that may continue as long as the landscapes are properly maintained in conformance with the other ordinances of the City. If uses or buildings regulated by this Article are reconstructed, remodeled or added to where the alteration will affect more than ~~fifty percent~~ (50%) of the building's gross floor area, or where more than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate landscape area building's lot will be impacted, the impacted landscaping shall be updated to meet all applicable code requirements in effect at that time.

**Section 6.** Section 16-13-40 of the Rifle Municipal Code, "Definitions", is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-40. Definitions.**

Whenever the following words or phrases are used in this Article, they shall have the following meanings:

*Annual* means a plant that lives only one (1) year or growing season.

*Bunch grass* means those types of grasses that grow in clumps and do not spread to form a continuous sod mat and do not require regular mowing, as do turf grasses. Included are most of the native or prairie grasses such as bluestems, fescues, grammas, wheat grasses, etc.

*Climate adapted grass* means a grass that may not be native to the state of Colorado but that has water use requirements similar to native grasses.

*Climate adapted plant* means a plant that may not be native to the state of Colorado but that has water use requirements similar to native plants.

*Coniferous* means those evergreen plants whose foliage is needle-like, scale-like or awl-like and are cone-bearing.

*Common Interest Community Property* means property within a common interest community that is owned and maintained by a unit owners association, such as entryways, parks and other common elements.

*Deciduous* means a plant with foliage that is shed annually.

*Drip Irrigation* means a system that delivers water directly to a plant's root zone, minimizing the amount of water applied and maximizing the effectiveness of the water used.

*Evergreen* means a plant with foliage that persists and is green year-round and may or may not be coniferous.

*Functional Artificial Turf* means artificial turf that is 1) Located in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes, which may include a

playground, a sports field, a picnic ground, an amphitheater, a portion of a park, and the playing area of a golf course, such as a driving range, chipping and putting green, tee box, green, fairway, and rough; or 2) A component of a product designed and approved by a professional engineer for civil infrastructure projects, including but not limited to covers for solid waste facilities and brownfield sites; and revetments for slopes, channels, levees, and dams.

Functional Turf means turf that is located in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes which may include: a playground, a sports field, a picnic ground, an amphitheater, a portion of a park, and the playing area of a golf course, such as a driving range, chipping and putting green, tee box, fairway and rough.

*Groundcover* means low-growing perennial and/or evergreen plants, other than turf grass, which grow and spread in such a manner as to provide continuous plant coverage. Such plants are typically shorter than eighteen (18) inches and may include herbs, ivies, ornamental grasses, perennials, spreading evergreens, succulents, vines and wildflowers. Annuals, mulches and stone are not considered groundcovers.

*Hedge* means a continuous, living, landscape barrier consisting of closely planted shrubs maintained at a height of greater than two (2) feet. Trees of any kind, other than upright junipers, shall not be pruned, sheared, trimmed or otherwise treated as hedges, but may be planted, as approved, to form wind-rows, visual screens or sound barriers.

Invasive Plant Species means weeds which are plants that are not native to the state and that:

- a. Are introduced into the state accidentally or intentionally;
- b. Have no natural competitors or predators in the state because the state is outside their competitors' range or predators' range; and
- c. Have harmful effects on the state's environment or economy or both.

*Landscaping* means aesthetic improvements using natural and manmade materials as defined below (landscaping materials). Landscaping areas may also include, by way of example but not by way of limitation, parts of the following: playgrounds, sports fields, picnic grounds, amphitheaters, portions of park, and playing areas of golf courses, courtyards, entranceways basketball courts, pools, tennis courts, playgrounds basketball courts, pools, tennis courts, playgrounds or similar recreational areas or uses.

*Landscaping materials* means, but is not limited to, trees, shrubs, vines, and plants of all descriptions (excluding weeds, noxious plants and other ~~unkempt~~ invasive vegetation) and other materials and treatments such as stone, mulches and other nonliving landscape materials.

*Living plant material coverage* means the covering of raw ground or bare soil with living landscape materials at a growth size of two-thirds (2/3) maturity, such as shrubs, groundcovers, perennials, vines and all plants of all descriptions (excluding weeds or other unkempt vegetation). Living plant material shall be distributed throughout the entire landscape treatment area so as to avoid over-massing of plant materials or creating disproportionately large areas containing no living plant material.

*Mulch* means nonliving matter, such as bark chips, chipped wood products, pole shavings, stone

and any approved like materials customarily used in landscapes for the purpose of retaining soil moisture, retarding weed growth and stabilizing soils.

*Native grass* means a grass species that is indigenous to the State of Colorado.

*Native pPlant* means a plant species that is indigenous to the State of Colorado

*Nonfunctional artificial turf* means artificial turf that is not functional artificial turf.

*Nonfunctional turf* means turf that is not functional turf. Nonfunctional turf includes turf located in a street right-of-way, parking lot, median, or transportation corridor. Nonfunctional turf does not include turf that is designated to be part of a water quality treatment solution required for compliance with federal, state, or local agency water quality permitting requirements that is not irrigated and does not have herbicides applied.

*Nonliving landscaping materials* means, but shall not be specifically limited to, manmade or artificial materials used for decorative or ornamental purposes such as fountains, monuments, statues, planting containers and trestles and frames; but excluding artificial plants, shrubs, bushes, trees and flowers.

*Ornamental grass* means native and climate adapted grasses those types of grasses that ~~those types of grasses that~~ grow in clumps, and do not spread to form a continuous mat, as do turf grasses. Bunch grasses and other taller, more decorative types of grasses may be considered ornamental when grown as accents in conjunction with other plants in larger bed-plantings.

*Ornamental tree* means a tree, typically fifteen (15) to twenty (20) feet tall at maturity, that is planted for its decorative value, perhaps in screening applications rather than for shading purposes. They are usually deciduous but may include short growing conifers such as upright junipers, pinion pine and bristlecone pine.

*Perennial* means those types of herbaceous flowering plants which live for several years and "die back" annually to grow again the next season without having to be replaced or replanted.

*Planting bed* means any landscape area covered with a non-turf surface such as rocks, gravel, mulch, or like material, into which trees, shrubs, and ornamental grasses are planted.

*Shade tree* means a tree, over fifteen (15) to twenty (20) feet tall at maturity, that is deciduous and planted for its wider canopy, higher bottom branch scaffold and shading value and does not include conifers or evergreens of any kind.

*Shrub* means a long-lived deciduous, evergreen or coniferous woody plant, typically multi-stemmed and having a mature height of between three (3) and fifteen (15) feet, and does not include perennials.

*Stone* means any rock material that may fall under further sub-classification, such as river rock, cobble, flagstone, boulders and others. Any stone material used in landscape applications must be at least three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch in diameter or cross-section. Squeegee and road-base are not

acceptable materials within the definition of "stone."

*Street tree* means trees strategically planted, usually in parkway strips, medians or along streets, to enhance the visual quality of a street.

*Tree* means a long-lived deciduous, evergreen or coniferous woody plant, typically single-stemmed and having a mature height of fifteen (15) feet or more.

*Turf grass* means those types of non-native grasses that have not been hybridized for arid conditions that do not grow in clumps but, rather, spread naturally to form a continuous sod mat. Such are the grasses customarily used in lawn applications, typically available in sod form, being tolerant of foot traffic, and presenting a finished, maintained appearance with proper care.

*Weeds* means plants included in the Garfield County Vegetation Management Program Noxious Weed List.

~~*Water-wise landscaping Xeriscape*~~ Xeriscape means ~~water conservation through creative landscape design that reduces water consumption, landscape maintenance and the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Principles associated with xeriscaping include appropriate~~ the combined application of the seven principals of planning and design including hydrozoning of plants, use of functional turf areas, appropriate plant selection, irrigation efficiency, soil improvements analysis and improvement, efficient irrigation hydro zoning of plants, use of practical turf areas, appropriate plant selection, uses of mulches, irrigation efficiency, and appropriate maintenance.

*Water-wise plant* means a plant that is a native plant or a climate adapted plant that uses less water.

**Section 7.** Section 16-13-50 of the Rifle Municipal Code, "Submittal requirements", is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-50. Submittal requirements.**

Landscape plans developed by a commercial nursery, licensed landscape contractor or landscape architect shall be submitted with the application for a building permit for any project subject to the provisions of this Article. The following information shall be included on required plans:

- (1) Calculation of net site area showing all existing and proposed structures, parking and access areas, and any other paved areas.
- (2) Calculation of required landscape treatment area.
- (3) Location and dimensions of areas to be landscaped and areas of existing landscaping (landscape treatment area).
- (4) Location, general type and quality of existing vegetation.
- (5) Existing vegetation to be saved.

- (6) Locations and labels for all proposed plants.
- (7) Plant lists or schedules with the botanical and common names, quantity, spacing and size of all proposed landscape materials at the time of planting.
- (8) Location and description of other landscape improvements such as earth berms, walls, fences, screens, sculptures, fountains, street furniture, lights and courts or paved areas.
- (9) Location and coverage of required irrigation systems.
- (10) Planting and installation details as necessary to ensure conformance with all required standards.
- (11) Confirmation that all turf and artificial turf areas are functional and that no nonfunctional turf or nonfunctional artificial turf is used in the design.
- (12) Confirmation that no invasive plant species (per the county's noxious weed list) are used in the design.
- (13) Confirmation that plants used include a mix of native plants and/or climate adapted plants suited to the region.
- (14) Guarantee from the developer that all plant materials will be warranted for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the time of installation. If any of the material should fail to survive during that period, it will be replaced during the next appropriate planting season with materials similar in type and size to those outlined on the approved landscape plans. If a material fails because it is an inappropriate selection for the site where installed, such material shall be replaced with a more appropriate plant for that site and shall be of approximately the same size as the material specified on landscape plans for that location.

**Section 8.** Section 16-13-60 of the Rifle Municipal Code, "Certificate of occupancy", is hereby amended with underlined text added as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-60. Certificate of occupancy.**

(a) No final inspection shall be completed or certificate of occupancy (C.O.) issued, except as stated in Subsection (b) below, for any multi-family (greater than 12 units), commercial, public/civic, light industrial or industrial property that is required to provide landscaping in conformance with these regulations unless all landscaping on the property has been installed and has been accepted in writing as correct by the commercial nursery, licensed landscape contractor or landscape architect that developed the approved landscape plans for such property.

(b) Final inspections may be completed and C.O.s issued by the Director of Planning and Development prior to the installation or completion of the landscaping when weather conditions or other circumstances, such as the winter season, place an unreasonable burden or hardship on the developer or builder. Such burden or hardship must be documented in writing by

a commercial nursery or licensed landscape contractor stating that it would be impractical or unwise to install landscape materials due to conditions such as those outlined above. All landscape improvements allowed under a delayed installment must be completed within one (1) year of the date of issuance of the C.O. Additional time may granted by the Director of Planning and Development when conditions or circumstances such as those previously described herein prevent completion.

(c) In those instances where a C.O. is granted prior to the installation of landscaping, the developer or builder shall be required to provide a surety, such as a cash escrow or letter of credit, for one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the estimated cost of materials and labor for the installation of the landscaping. The surety shall be in a form and amount approved by the Director of Planning and Development to guarantee that, by an agreed-upon date, the required landscaping is installed according to the approved landscape plan, or the surety will be subject to forfeiture to the City. The City then may apply the surety funds towards installation of landscaping on the subject property, or seek other enforcement remedies.

(d) In those instances where a C.O. is granted prior to the installation of landscaping, the developer or builder must meet all of the City's sediment and erosion control requirements by an agreed-upon date as established by the Department of Public Works.

(e) All landscaping material and labor estimates presented by developers in connection with the issuance of a C.O. prior to landscape installation shall be prepared by a commercial nursery, licensed landscape contractor or landscape architect, and such estimate shall be signed and dated by the person who prepared it. The Director of Planning and Development must approve the estimate before submittal of any surety.

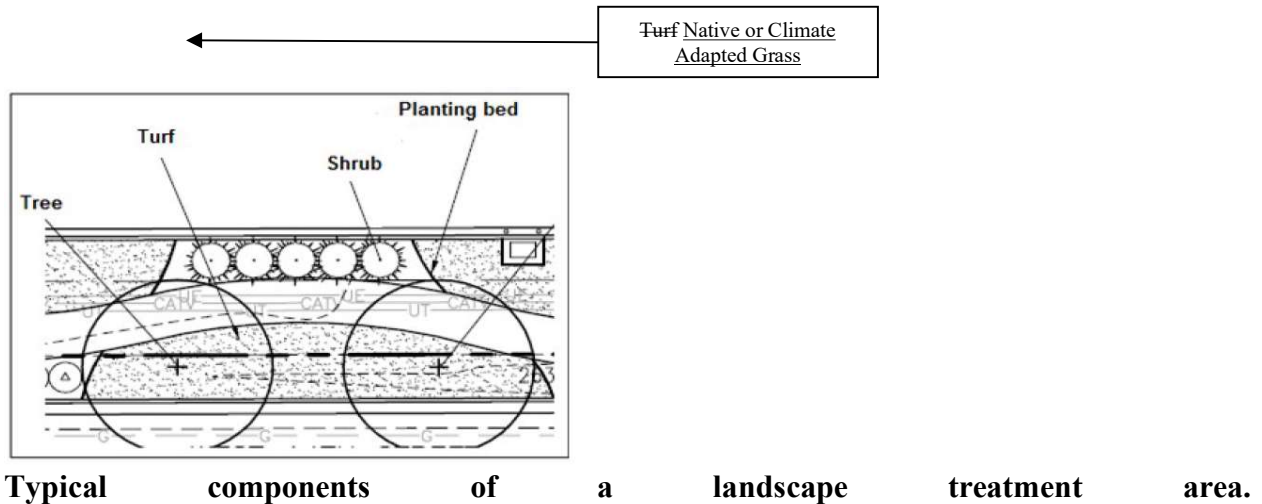
**Section 9.** Section 16-13-80 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “General landscape requirements”, is hereby amended, with underlined text added and with ~~strike-through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-80. General landscape requirements.**

(a) Landscape treatment area. Commercial, industrial, civic, and multi-family uses (greater than 12 units) shall have landscape treatment areas that include all areas of the site not covered by structures, bodies of water, driveways, sidewalks, plazas, hardscape recreation areas, parking lots, or ditches.

(b) Specific landscape treatment areas are further addressed in:

- (1) Right-of-way landscaping (Sec. 16-13-90);
- (2) Parking lot landscaping (Sec. 16-13-100).



(c) All landscape treatment areas shall meet the following standards:

(1) *Turf.* ~~A maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total landscape treatment area may be covered with~~ The use of nonfunctional turf is prohibited. Native and climate adapted grasses may be used in traditional turf areas as a non-turf alternative. If kept in a healthy and weed-free state native grasses may grow to a mature height of above eight (8) inches without being considered a weed. Functional turf is allowed only in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes which may include: a playground, a sports field, a picnic ground, an amphitheater, a portion of a park, and the playing area of a golf course, such as a driving range, chipping and putting green, tee box, fairway and rough.

(2) *Planting beds.* Any area of the site covered by rock, gravel, or mulch is defined as a planting bed. The following standards are intended to provide a diversity of landscape materials within planting beds.

a. Planting beds shall have a minimum of one (1) planting (tree, shrub, or ornamental grass) per twenty-five (25) square feet of planting bed area.

b. The maximum usage of any one (1) plant species is fifty percent (50%) of total plantings.

c. Ornamental grasses shall be no more than forty percent (40%) of the total number of plantings.

d. At least fifty percent (50%) of plantings shall meet water-wise plant low water use (xeric) low water use (xeric) criteria. See Appendix C Recommended Plant Materials List ~~plant list~~.

e. River cobble as a planting bed ground cover shall not cover more than fifty percent (50%) of the total landscape treatment area, and is not permitted in street buffers for commercial zones, to preserve public safety. Pea gravel, organic mulch, or other similar materials are preferred alternatives.

f. At least ten percent (10%) of plants shall be of a flowering variety. Flowering plants should be used along rights-of-ways or in foundation landscaping areas. See Appendix C Recommended Plant Materials List ~~plant list~~.

(3) *Trees*. See tree requirements for rights-of-ways (Sec. 16-13-90) and parking lots (Sec. 16-13-100).

a. Trees in unspecified landscape areas. Landscape treatment areas not within defined right-of-way, parking lot, or foundation areas shall provide trees at a ratio of a minimum of one (1) tree per four hundred (400) square feet. Exception: In areas away from public use and view, and where it is appropriate for the site to retain a natural character, the Planning Director may approve use of unirrigated native grasses in place of tree requirements.

b. Quaking aspen trees shall be permitted but shall not count towards required trees.

(4) *Airport Road landscape buffer*. The minimum landscape buffer along Airport Road shall be fifteen (15) feet in Commercial zones and twenty (20) feet in Light Industrial zones. The intent of this requirement is to provide a continual landscape buffer regardless of the location of parking lots within developments on Airport Road. The buffer shall meet general landscape requirements and right-of-way landscaping requirements. Additionally, evergreen trees shall not be permitted in Light Industrial zones on Airport Road due to elk and deer feeding habits.

(5) *Artificial Turf*. The use of nonfunctional artificial turf is prohibited. Functional artificial turf may be used in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes, which may include a playground, a sports field, a picnic ground, an amphitheater, a portion of a park, and the playing area of a golf course, such as a driving range, chipping and putting green, tee box, green, fairway, and rough. Functional artificial turf may also be used when it is a component of a product designed and approved by a professional engineer for civil infrastructure projects, including but not limited to covers for solid waste facilities and brownfield sites; and revetments for slopes, channels, levees, and dams.

**Section 10.** Section 16-13-90 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “Right-of-way landscape standards”, is hereby amended, with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-90. Right-of-way landscape standards.**

Each development shall provide trees and landscaping within public rights-of-way and transportation easements as described in Table 16-13-2.

**Table 16-13-2**

Type of Sidewalk	Tree Type	Number of Trees	Landscape Treatment Area	Planting requirements
Detached Sidewalk	Deciduous	1 per 40 linear feet, placed	Entire area between	Per General Landscape

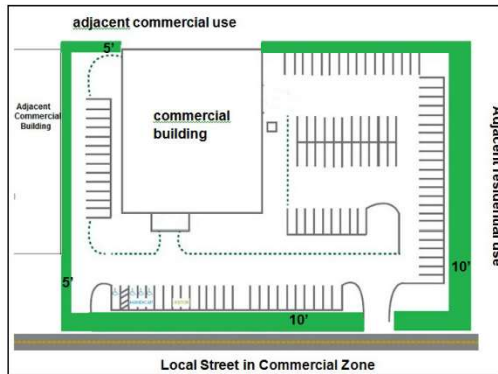
		between street and sidewalk	sidewalk and curb and remaining right-of-way on opposite side of sidewalk	Requirements  Exception: <del>turf</del> may be 100%
Attached Sidewalk	Deciduous	1 per 40 linear feet. In the CBD, trees shall be placed within tree grates on inner edge of sidewalks at least 8' in width. Otherwise, trees placed within 10 feet of the sidewalk	Per requirements of this chapter for the specific location	Per General Landscape Requirements and, if applicable, Parking Lot Landscaping
Road Right-of-Way Islands/Medians	Deciduous, Ornamental, or Evergreen	1 per every 40 linear feet	Entire interior of island	Per General Landscape Requirements  Exception: no landscaping on islands less than 5 feet wide

**Section 11.** Section 16-13-100 of the Rifle Municipal Code, “Parking lot landscaping”, is hereby amended, with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-100. Parking lot landscaping.**

The definition of parking lots shall include storage areas, gas station fueling areas, parking lot access drives, or other paved or graveled areas.

(1) **Parking Lot Perimeter Landscaping.** The entire perimeter of a parking lot shall be landscaped according to Table 16-13-3.



The depth of the parking lot landscaping buffer is determined by the adjacent right-of-way or land use.

**Table 16-13-3  
 Parking Lot Perimeter Standards**

Adjacent right-of-way or land use	Minimum depth of landscape buffer (feet)	Planting and screening requirements
Interstate 70	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General landscape requirements per Sec. 16-13-80.</li> </ul>
State highway	20	
Local street in Central Business District	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 50% of the linear footage of a buffer adjacent to a street must be composed of planting beds to provide vertical screening of the lot.</li> <li>River cobble is not permitted in street buffers in multi-family or commercial zones.</li> <li>1 tree per 40 linear feet (following <u>right-of-way</u> <del>ROW</del> street tree standards in Sec. 16-13-90).</li> </ul>
Local street in commercial or multifamily zone	10	
Airport Road in commercial zone	15	
Local street in light industrial or industrial zone	20	
Residential use (or any higher-impact use adjacent to lower-impact use)	10	
Commercial use adjacent to other commercial use	5	
Not adjacent to a street or a lot line	5	
Alley in Central Business District	0	none

(2) Parking Lot Interior Landscaping. There shall be one (1) landscaped island for every fifteen (15) parking spaces. Parking lots with less than fifteen (15) spaces are exempt from

this requirement.

a. Landscape islands. Landscape islands shall be evenly distributed to the maximum extent possible. Landscape islands shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) feet by six (6) feet for single rows and thirty-six (36) feet by six (6) feet for double rows of parking spaces. Islands shall have raised concrete curbing and shall contain a minimum of one (1) deciduous shade tree and six (6) shrubs and/or plants for single rows and two (2) deciduous shade trees and twelve (12) shrubs and/or plants in each landscape island for double rows. The remaining landscaping shall consist of a mulched planting bed. Turf is prohibited in parking lot islands.

b. All required landscape areas adjacent to vehicle use areas shall be protected by wheel stops, curbs or other physical barriers. When a parking space abuts a landscape island or planter, the front two (2) feet of the required parking space may overhang the planter, provided that wheel stops or curbing are present.

**Section 12.** Section 16-13-130 of the Rifle Municipal Code, "Irrigation", is hereby amended, with underlined text added and with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-130. Irrigation.**

(a) A permanently installed, automatic underground irrigation system shall be established to provide total water coverage to all plant materials installed pursuant to this Article. An exception is made for drip irrigation systems, which may be aboveground.

(b) If native dryland grass species are planted ~~chosen for turf areas~~, irrigation shall occur for at least the first six (6) weeks after installation, although no permanently installed irrigation system is required.

(c) Once functional turf has been established, supplemental irrigation shall be implemented as required to maintain turf areas in a green and growing condition.

(ed) A reduced pressure backflow preventer shall be used on all systems. Where the irrigation point of connection is from the domestic water service, the irrigation tap and backflow preventer shall be installed after the water meter but before any backflow or pressure-reducing valve for the building.

**Section 13.** Section 16-13-150 of the Rifle Municipal Code, "Irrigation", is hereby amended, with underlined text added and with ~~strike through language~~ deleted, as follows:

**Sec. 16-13-150. Plant materials lists.**

(a) All installed trees and shrubs must be selected from the Recommended Pplant Mmaterials Llists contained in Appendix C to this Code. Any annual or perennial flower or grass available through local nurseries may be incorporated into landscapes required by this Article.

(b) Trees and shrubs not included in these lists may also be installed at the discretion and approval of the Director of Planning and Development.

(c) Replacement plant material shall be of the same type and size as the original material installed according to the approved landscape plan, or an equivalent replacement to be approved by the Director of Planning and Development Director.

INTRODUCED, on February 18, 2026, read in full, passed on first reading, and ordered published by title as required by the City Charter.

INTRODUCED a second time at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Rifle, Colorado, held on March 4, 2026, approved without amendments, and ordered published in full as required by the Charter.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Rifle City Council  
**FROM:** Geir H. Sverdrup, Senior Planner  
**DATE:** February 18, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** SB24-005 and HB25-1113 Text Amendments  
**ADDRESS:** City-Wide  
**APPLICANT:** City of Rifle Staff

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**Background**

Senate Bill 24-005 (SB5) was approved on March 15, 2024 with the sole purpose of reducing outdoor water demands by limiting the use of non-native turf in landscaping. The bill requires cities and towns to replace the use of nonfunctional turf with "water-wise landscaping" that reduces outdoor water consumption without impacting landscape functionality or quality of life.

SB5 prohibits the installation of nonfunctional turf, artificial turf, and invasive plant species on nonresidential properties for new development and specific redevelopment projects on or after January 1, 2026. **SB5 does not apply to existing development or new residential development.**

On May 20, 2025, House Bill 25-1113 (HB1113) passed, which both expanded and modified the requirements of SB5. SB5 prohibited all artificial turf, however, HB1113 changes that by adding definitions for functional artificial turf, which is allowed, and nonfunctional artificial turf, which communities will still need to incorporate into their codes by the SB5 implementation date of January 1, 2026. HB1113 also adopted additional changes which include adding multifamily residential properties with more than 12 units to be applicable properties that SB5 applies to. Local entities will be required to adopt and regulate these additional changes to turf on all residential properties by January 1, 2028.

During the Planning and Zoning Commission's December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 workshop, staff presented the draft text amendment for review. Discussion centered on the impact to water resources and the application to residential projects. Staff informed the Commission that Western Recourse Advocates (WRA), a third party consultant approved by the State, had reviewed and commented on the proposed amendment.

The following is the proposed text amendment to the Rifle Municipal Code. Changes in red reflect staff's initial proposed amendment. Western Resource Advocates comments have been incorporated to insure compliance with SB5 and HB1113.



## Proposed Amendment

### ARTICLE I – General Provisions

#### Division 2 - Definitions and Usage

##### Sec. 16-1-220. Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter, certain terms are defined as follows:

*Commercial laundry* means a building or part of a building used for the cleaning of clothing, fabrics or other household goods for profit.

*Common Interest Community* means real estate described in a declaration with respect to which a person, by virtue of such person's ownership of a unit, is obligated to pay for real estate taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance, or improvement of other real estate described in a declaration. Ownership of a unit does not include holding a leasehold interest in a unit of less than forty years, including renewal options. The period of the leasehold interest, including renewal options, is measured from the date the initial term commences.

*Company provided on-site recreation* means ...

### ARTICLE XIII Landscape Guidelines.

##### Sec. 16-13-10. General provisions.

Landscaping shall refer to any combination of living plants such as trees, shrubs, plants, vegetative ground cover, **functional** turf, **native** and climate adapted grasses, and may include natural nonliving elements such as rock, stone and bark, as well as structural features, including but not limited to walks, fences, benches, works of art, ~~reflective pools and fountains.~~

##### Sec. 16-13-20. Purpose and intent.

The purpose and intent of this Article is to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Rifle through the regulation of landscaping of new multi-family (**greater than 12 units**), **common interest community property**, commercial, public/civic, institutional, light industrial and industrial developments, as well as street rights-of-way, parking lots, medians, and transportation corridors. Installed landscapes should enhance property values, promote quality development, contribute to the visual character of new developments, and promote water conservation through water-wise landscaping. Water-wise landscaping principles are as follows:

- (1) Design. Identify zones of different water requirements and group plants together that have similar water needs;
- (2) Appropriate Use of **Functional** Turf. Limit high-irrigation turf and plantings to ~~appropriate high-use areas with high visibility and functional needs~~ **recreational use areas or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes**;
- (3) Low-Water-Using Plants. **For areas that are not regularly used for civic, community or recreational purposes**, Choose low-water-demanding **trees, shrubs and plants and turf from Appendix C, as well as native and climate adapted grasses** ~~where practicable~~;
- (4) Irrigation. Design, operate and maintain an efficient irrigation system;
- (5) Soil Preparation. Incorporate soil amendments before planting;
- (6) Mulch. Add mulch to planting beds to a minimum depth of three (3) inches;

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- (7) Maintenance. Provide regular and attentive maintenance to landscaping and irrigation system.

### Sec. 16-13-30. Scope and applicability.

- (a) The provisions of this Article shall apply to all new construction of multi-family housing **with more than twelve units, common interest community property**, commercial development, public/civic, **institutional**, light industrial and industrial development, **as well as street rights-of-way, parking lots, medians, and transportation corridors**.
- (b) Existing or nonconforming landscapes. Landscapes installed prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this Article, and not in compliance herewith, shall be regarded as nonconforming landscapes that may continue as long as the landscapes are properly maintained in conformance with the other ordinances of the City. If uses or buildings regulated by this Article are reconstructed, remodeled or added to where the alteration will affect more than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate landscape area will be impacted, **the impacted** landscaping shall be updated to meet all applicable code requirements in effect at that time.

### Sec. 16-13-40. Definitions.

Whenever the following words or phrases are used in this Article, they shall have the following meanings:

*Annual* means a plant that lives only one (1) year or growing season.

*Bunch grass* means those types of grasses that grow in clumps and do not spread to form a continuous sod mat and do not require regular mowing, as do turf grasses. Included are most of the native or prairie grasses such as bluestems, fescues, grammas, wheat grasses, etc.

*Climate adapted grass* means a grass that may not be native to the state of Colorado but that has water use requirements similar to native grasses.

*Climate adapted plant* means a plant that may not be native to the state of Colorado but that has water use requirements similar to native plants.

*Coniferous* means those evergreen plants whose foliage is needle-like, scale-like or awl-like and are cone-bearing.

***Common Interest Community Property* means property within a common interest community that is owned and maintained by a unit owners association, such as entryways, parks and other common elements.**

*Deciduous* means a plant with foliage that is shed annually.

***Drip Irrigation* means a system that delivers water directly to a plant's root zone, minimizing the amount of water applied and maximizing the effectiveness of the water used**

*Evergreen* means a plant with foliage that persists and is green year-round and may or may not be coniferous.

***Functional Artificial Turf* means artificial turf that is 1) Located in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes, which may include a playground, a sports field, a picnic ground, an amphitheater, a portion of a park, and the playing area of a golf course, such as a driving range, chipping and putting green, tee box, green, fairway, and rough; or 2) A component of a product designed and approved by a professional engineer for civil infrastructure projects, including but not limited to covers for solid waste facilities and brownfield sites; and revetments for slopes, channels, levees, and dams.**

***Functional Turf* means turf that is located in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes which may include: a playground, a sports field, a picnic ground, an amphitheater, a portion of a park, and the playing area of a golf course, such as a driving range, chipping and putting green, tee box, fairway and rough.**

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*Groundcover* means low-growing perennial and/or evergreen plants, other than turf grass, which grow and spread in such a manner as to provide continuous plant coverage. Such plants are typically shorter than eighteen (18) inches and may include herbs, ivies, ornamental grasses, perennials, spreading evergreens, succulents, vines and wildflowers. Annuals, mulches and stone are not considered groundcovers.

*Hedge* means a continuous, living, landscape barrier consisting of closely planted shrubs maintained at a height of greater than two (2) feet. Trees of any kind, other than upright junipers, shall not be pruned, sheared, trimmed or otherwise treated as hedges, but may be planted, as approved, to form wind-rows, visual screens or sound barriers.

*Invasive Plant Species* means weeds which are plants that are not native to the state and that:

- a. Are introduced into the state accidentally or intentionally;
- b. Have no natural competitors or predators in the state because the state is outside their competitors' range or predators' range; and
- c. Have harmful effects on the state's environment or economy or both.

*Landscaping* means aesthetic improvements using natural and manmade materials as defined below (landscaping materials). Landscaping areas may also include, by way of example but not by way of limitation, parts of the following: playgrounds, sports fields, picnic grounds, amphitheaters, portions of park, and playing areas of golf courses, courtyards, entranceways | ~~basketball courts, pools, tennis courts, playgrounds~~ or similar recreational areas or uses.

*Landscaping materials* means, but is not limited to, trees, shrubs, vines, and plants of all descriptions (excluding weeds, noxious plants and other unkempt invasive vegetation) and other materials and treatments such as stone, mulches and other nonliving landscape materials.

*Living plant material coverage* means the covering of raw ground or bare soil with living landscape materials at a growth size of two-thirds (2/3) maturity, such as shrubs, groundcovers, perennials, vines and all plants of all descriptions (excluding weeds or other unkempt vegetation). Living plant material shall be distributed throughout the entire landscape treatment area so as to avoid over-massing of plant materials or creating disproportionately large areas containing no living plant material.

*Mulch* means nonliving matter, such as bark chips, chipped wood products, pole shavings, stone and any approved like materials customarily used in landscapes for the purpose of retaining soil moisture, retarding weed growth and stabilizing soils.

*Native grass* means a grass species that is indigenous to the State of Colorado.

*Native plant* means a plant species that is indigenous to the State of Colorado

*Nonfunctional artificial turf* means artificial turf that is not functional artificial turf.

*Nonfunctional turf* means turf that is not functional turf. Nonfunctional turf includes turf located in a street right-of-way, parking lot, median, or transportation corridor. Nonfunctional turf does not include turf that is designated to be part of a water quality treatment solution required for compliance with federal, state, or local agency water quality permitting requirements that is not irrigated and does not have herbicides applied.

*Nonliving landscaping materials* means, but shall not be specifically limited to, manmade or artificial materials used for decorative or ornamental purposes such as fountains, monuments, statues, planting containers and trestles and frames; but excluding artificial plants, shrubs, bushes, trees and flowers.

*Ornamental grass* means native and climate adapted grasses ~~those types of grasses~~ that grow in clumps, and do not spread to form a continuous mat, as do turf grasses. Bunch grasses and other taller, more decorative types of grasses may be considered ornamental when grown as accents in conjunction with other plants in larger bed-plantings.

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*Ornamental tree* means a tree, typically fifteen (15) to twenty (20) feet tall at maturity, that is planted for its decorative value, perhaps in screening applications rather than for shading purposes. They are usually deciduous but may include short growing conifers such as upright junipers, pinion pine and bristlecone pine.

*Perennial* means those types of herbaceous flowering plants which live for several years and "die back" annually to grow again the next season without having to be replaced or replanted.

*Planting bed* means any landscape area covered with a non-turf surface such as rocks, gravel, mulch, or like material, into which trees, shrubs, and ornamental grasses are planted.

*Shade tree* means a tree, over fifteen (15) to twenty (20) feet tall at maturity, that is deciduous and planted for its wider canopy, higher bottom branch scaffold and shading value and does not include conifers or evergreens of any kind.

*Shrub* means a long-lived deciduous, evergreen or coniferous woody plant, typically multi-stemmed and having a mature height of between three (3) and fifteen (15) feet, and does not include perennials.

*Stone* means any rock material that may fall under further sub-classification, such as river rock, cobble, flagstone, boulders and others. Any stone material used in landscape applications must be at least three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inch in diameter or cross-section. Squeegee and road-base are not acceptable materials within the definition of "stone."

*Street tree* means trees strategically planted, usually in parkway strips, medians or along streets, to enhance the visual quality of a street.

*Tree* means a long-lived deciduous, evergreen or coniferous woody plant, typically single-stemmed and having a mature height of fifteen (15) feet or more.

*Turf grass* means those types of **non-native** grasses **that have not been hybridized for arid conditions** that do not grow in clumps but, rather, spread naturally to form a continuous sod mat. Such are the grasses customarily used in lawn applications, typically available in sod form, being tolerant of foot traffic, and presenting a finished, maintained appearance with proper care.

*Weeds* means plants included in the Garfield County Vegetation Management Program Noxious Weed List.

***Water-wise landscaping*** | Xeriscape means **water conservation through creative landscape design that reduces water consumption, landscape maintenance and the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Principles associated with xeriscaping include appropriate the combined application of the seven principals of planning and design including hydrozoning of plants, use of functional turf areas, appropriate plant selection, irrigation efficiency, soil improvements analysis and improvement, efficient irrigation, uses of mulches, and appropriate maintenance.**

***Water-wise plant* means a plant that is a native plant or a climate adapted plant that uses less water.**

### **Sec. 16-13-50. Submittal requirements.**

Landscape plans developed by a commercial nursery, licensed landscape contractor or landscape architect shall be submitted with the application for a building permit for any project subject to the provisions of this Article. The following information shall be included on required plans:

- (1) Calculation of net site area showing all existing and proposed structures, parking and access areas, and any other paved areas.
- (2) Calculation of required landscape treatment area.
- (3) Location and dimensions of areas to be landscaped and areas of existing landscaping (landscape treatment area).
- (4) Location, general type and quality of existing vegetation.
- (5) Existing vegetation to be saved.

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- (6) Locations and labels for all proposed plants.
- (7) Plant lists or schedules with the botanical and common names, quantity, spacing and size of all proposed landscape materials at the time of planting.
- (8) Location and description of other landscape improvements such as earth berms, walls, fences, screens, sculptures, fountains, street furniture, lights and courts or paved areas.
- (9) Location and coverage of required irrigation systems.
- (10) Planting and installation details as necessary to ensure conformance with all required standards.
- (11) Confirmation that all turf and artificial turf areas are functional and that no nonfunctional turf or nonfunctional artificial turf is used in the design.
- (12) Confirmation that no invasive plant species (per the county's noxious weed list) are used in the design.
- (13) Confirmation that plants used include a mix of native plants and/or climate adapted plants suited to the region.
- (14) Guarantee from the developer that all plant materials will be warranted for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the time of installation. If any of the material should fail to survive during that period, it will be replaced during the next appropriate planting season with materials similar in type and size to those outlined on the approved landscape plans. If a material fails because it is an inappropriate selection for the site where installed, such material shall be replaced with a more appropriate plant for that site and shall be of approximately the same size as the material specified on landscape plans for that location.

### Sec. 16-13-60. Certificate of occupancy.

- (a) No final inspection shall be completed or certificate of occupancy (C.O.) issued, except as stated in Subsection (b) below, for any multi-family (**greater than 12 units**), commercial, public/civic, light industrial or industrial property that is required to provide landscaping in conformance with these regulations unless all landscaping on the property has been installed and has been accepted in writing as correct by the commercial nursery, licensed landscape contractor or landscape architect that developed the approved landscape plans for such property.
- (b) Final inspections may be completed and C.O.s issued by the Director of Planning and Development prior to the installation or completion of the landscaping when weather conditions or other circumstances, such as the winter season, place an unreasonable burden or hardship on the developer or builder. Such burden or hardship must be documented in writing by a commercial nursery or licensed landscape contractor stating that it would be impractical or unwise to install landscape materials due to conditions such as those outlined above. All landscape improvements allowed under a delayed installment must be completed within one (1) year of the date of issuance of the C.O. Additional time may granted by the Director of Planning and Development when conditions or circumstances such as those previously described herein prevent completion.
- (c) In those instances where a C.O. is granted prior to the installation of landscaping, the developer or builder shall be required to provide a surety, such as a cash escrow or letter of credit, for one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the estimated cost of materials and labor for the installation of the landscaping. The surety shall be in a form and amount approved by the Director of Planning and Development to guarantee that, by an agreed-upon date, the required landscaping is installed according to the approved landscape plan, or the surety will be subject to forfeiture to the City. The City then may apply the surety funds towards installation of landscaping on the subject property, or seek other enforcement remedies.

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- (d) In those instances where a C.O. is granted prior to the installation of landscaping, the developer or builder must meet all of the City's sediment and erosion control requirements by an agreed-upon date as established by the Department of Public Works.
- (e) All landscaping material and labor estimates presented by developers in connection with the issuance of a C.O. prior to landscape installation shall be prepared by a commercial nursery, licensed landscape contractor or landscape architect, and such estimate shall be signed and dated by the person who prepared it. The Director of Planning and Development must approve the estimate before submittal of any surety.

**Sec. 16-13-70. Plant sizes.**

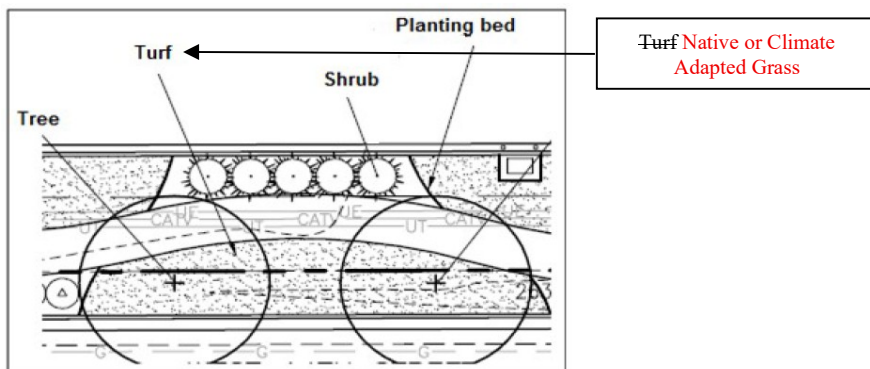
The caliper of deciduous and ornamental trees shall be measured six (6) inches above the base. Plant materials shall meet the requirements outlined in Table 16-13-1.

**Table 16-13-1**

Plant Type	Minimum Size
Deciduous Tree	2" Caliper
Evergreen Tree	6' Tall
Ornamental Tree	1½" Caliper
Shrubs	#5 Container
Ornamental Grasses	#1 Container
Perennial and Groundcovers	2¼" pots
Annual Plants/Flowers	As purchased

**Sec. 16-13-80. General landscape requirements.**

- (a) Landscape treatment area. Commercial, industrial, civic, and multi-family uses (**greater than 12 units**) shall have landscape treatment areas that include all areas of the site not covered by structures, bodies of water, driveways, sidewalks, plazas, hardscape recreation areas, parking lots, or ditches.
- (b) Specific landscape treatment areas are further addressed in:
  - (1) Right-of-way landscaping (Sec. 16-13-90);
  - (2) Parking lot landscaping (Sec. 16-13-100).



**Typical components of a landscape treatment area.**

- (c) All landscape treatment areas shall meet the following standards:

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- (1) *Turf.* A maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total landscape treatment area may be covered with **The use of nonfunctional turf is prohibited.** Native **and climate adapted** grasses may be used **in traditional turf areas** as a non-turf alternative. If kept in a healthy and weed-free state native grasses may grow to a mature height of above eight (8) inches without being considered a weed. **Functional turf is allowed only in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes which may include: a playground, a sports field, a picnic ground, an amphitheater, a portion of a park, and the playing area of a golf course, such as a driving range, chipping and putting green, tee box, fairway and rough.**
- (2) *Planting beds.* Any area of the site covered by rock, gravel, or mulch is defined as a planting bed. The following standards are intended to provide a diversity of landscape materials within planting beds.
  - a. Planting beds shall have a minimum of one (1) planting (tree, shrub, or ornamental grass) per twenty-five (25) square feet of planting bed area.
  - b. The maximum usage of any one (1) plant species is fifty percent (50%) of total plantings.
  - c. Ornamental grasses shall be no more than forty percent (40%) of the total number of plantings.
  - d. At least fifty percent (50%) of plantings shall meet **water-wise plant** ~~low water-use (xeric)~~ criteria. See Appendix C Recommended Plant Materials List ~~plant list~~.
  - e. River cobble as a planting bed ground cover shall not cover more than fifty percent (50%) of the total landscape treatment area, and is not permitted in street buffers for commercial zones, to preserve public safety. Pea gravel, organic mulch, or other similar materials are preferred alternatives.
  - f. At least ten percent (10%) of plants shall be of a flowering variety. Flowering plants should be used along rights-of-way or in foundation landscaping areas. See Appendix C **Recommended Plant Materials List** ~~plant list~~.
- (3) *Trees.* See tree requirements for rights-of-way (Sec. 16-13-90) and parking lots (Sec. 16-13-100).
  - a. Trees in unspecified landscape areas. Landscape treatment areas not within defined right-of-way, parking lot, or foundation areas shall provide trees at a ratio of **a minimum of** one (1) tree per four hundred (400) square feet. Exception: In areas away from public use and view, and where it is appropriate for the site to retain a natural character, the Planning Director may approve use of unirrigated native grasses in place of tree requirements.
  - b. Quaking aspen trees shall be permitted but shall not count towards required trees.
- (4) *Airport Road landscape buffer.* The minimum landscape buffer along Airport Road shall be fifteen (15) feet in Commercial zones and twenty (20) feet in Light Industrial zones. The intent of this requirement is to provide a continual landscape buffer regardless of the location of parking lots within developments on Airport Road. The buffer shall meet general landscape requirements and right-of-way landscaping requirements. Additionally, evergreen trees shall not be permitted in Light Industrial zones on Airport Road due to elk and deer feeding habits.
- (5) *Artificial Turf.* **The use of nonfunctional artificial turf is prohibited. Functional artificial turf may be used in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community, or recreational purposes, which may include a playground, a sports field, a picnic ground, an amphitheater, a portion of a park, and the playing area of a golf course, such as a driving range, chipping and putting green, tee box, green, fairway, and rough. Functional artificial turf may also be used when it is a component of a product designed and approved by a professional engineer for civil infrastructure projects, including but not limited to covers for solid waste facilities and brownfield sites; and revetments for slopes, channels, levees, and dams.**

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**Sec. 16-13-90. Right-of-way landscape standards.**

Each development shall provide trees and landscaping within public rights-of-way and transportation easements as described in Table 16-13-2.

**Table 16-13-2**

Type of Sidewalk	Tree Type	Number of Trees	Landscape Treatment Area	Planting requirements
Detached Sidewalk	Deciduous	1 per 40 linear feet, placed between street and sidewalk	Entire area between sidewalk and curb and remaining right-of-way on opposite side of sidewalk	Per General Landscape Requirements  Exception: turf may be 100%
Attached Sidewalk	Deciduous	1 per 40 linear feet. In the CBD, trees shall be placed within tree grates on inner edge of sidewalks at least 8' in width. Otherwise, trees placed within 10 feet of the sidewalk	Per requirements of this chapter for the specific location	Per General Landscape Requirements and, if applicable, Parking Lot Landscaping
Road Right-of-Way Islands/Medians	Deciduous, Ornamental, or Evergreen	1 per every 40 linear feet	Entire interior of island	Per General Landscape Requirements  Exception: no landscaping on islands less than 5 feet wide

**Sec. 16-13-100. Parking lot landscaping.**

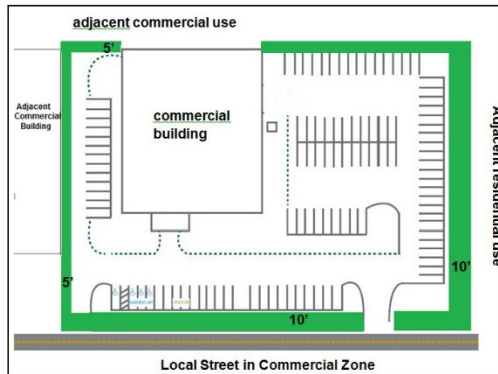
The definition of parking lots shall include storage areas, gas station fueling areas, parking lot access drives, or other paved or graveled areas.

- (1) Parking Lot Perimeter Landscaping. The entire perimeter of a parking lot shall be landscaped according to Table 16-13-3.

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The depth of the parking lot landscaping buffer is determined by the adjacent right-of-way or land use.

**Table 16-13-3  
Parking Lot Perimeter Standards**

Adjacent right-of-way or land use	Minimum depth of landscape buffer (feet)	Planting and screening requirements
Interstate 70	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General landscape requirements per Sec. 16-13-80.</li> <li>• At least 50% of the linear footage of a buffer adjacent to a street must be composed of planting beds to provide vertical screening of the lot.</li> <li>• River cobble is not permitted in street buffers in multi-family or commercial zones.</li> <li>• 1 tree per 40 linear feet (following right-of-way street tree standards in Sec. 16-13-90).</li> </ul>
State highway	20	
Local street in Central Business District	5	
Local street in commercial or multifamily zone	10	
Airport Road in commercial zone	15	
Local street in light industrial or industrial zone	20	
Residential use (or any higher-impact use adjacent to lower-impact use)	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening: minimum 6-foot fence.</li> <li>• General landscape requirements per Sec. 16-13-80.</li> <li>• 1 evergreen tree per 25 linear feet.</li> </ul>
Commercial use adjacent to other commercial use	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No screening.</li> <li>• General landscape requirements per Sec. 16-13-80.</li> </ul>
Not adjacent to a street or a lot line	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 tree per 40 linear feet.</li> </ul>
Alley in Central Business District	0	none

- (2) Parking Lot Interior Landscaping. There shall be one (1) landscaped island for every fifteen (15) parking spaces. Parking lots with less than fifteen (15) spaces are exempt from this requirement.
  - a. Landscape islands. Landscape islands shall be evenly distributed to the maximum extent possible. Landscape islands shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) feet by six (6) feet for single rows and thirty-six (36) feet by six (6) feet for double rows of parking spaces. Islands shall have raised concrete curbing and shall contain a minimum of one (1) deciduous shade tree and six (6) shrubs and/or plants for single rows and two (2) deciduous shade trees and twelve (12) shrubs and/or plants in each landscape island for double rows. The remaining landscaping shall consist of a mulched planting bed. Turf is prohibited in parking lot islands.

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- b. All required landscape areas adjacent to vehicle use areas shall be protected by wheel stops, curbs or other physical barriers. When a parking space abuts a landscape island or planter, the front two (2) feet of the required parking space may overhang the planter, provided that wheel stops or curbing are present.

### **Sec. 16-13-110. Planting for safety at intersections and near driveways.**

- (a) Sight Distance Triangle. On corner lots, in order to preserve sight distances, an unobstructed view shall be maintained within the triangular area at the intersection of two (2) streets, which is formed by three (3) points as established by:
  - (1) The intersection of the flowline at the corner;
  - (2) By measuring thirty (30) feet back from this intersection on each flowline; and
  - (3) Connecting the two (2) ends of the legs to form a triangle.
- (b) No landscaping within a required front yard setback, or within the side yard setback on corner lots, shall exceed a height of forty-eight (48) inches, with the exception of trees. Such trees, at sufficient maturity, shall be trimmed to a height of at least eight (8) feet above the gutter flow line.
- (c) Street trees shall be placed a minimum of eight (8) feet from the corners of alleys and driveways, ten (10) feet from intersections, and fifteen (15) feet from overhead utility and light poles.

### **Sec. 16-13-120. Screening elements of low visual interest.**

Landscape or other materials shall be used to screen areas of low visual interest from the public right-of-way. These elements include, but are not limited to, trash receptacles, service areas, loading docks, and utility boxes and pedestals. Screening shall be provided on all sides, except where an opening is required for access. The access side shall permit access, yet the areas should be screened when access is not required. Screening shall be in the form of landscaping, walls, fences, berms, buildings or a combination of these techniques. The screening around trash receptacles shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in height.

### **Sec. 16-13-130. Irrigation.**

- (a) A permanently installed, automatic underground irrigation system shall be established to provide total water coverage to all plant materials installed pursuant to this Article. An exception is made for drip irrigation systems, which may be aboveground.
- (b) If native dryland grass species are planted, irrigation shall occur for at least the first six (6) weeks after installation, although no permanently installed irrigation system is required.
- (c) **Once functional turf has been established, supplemental irrigation shall be implemented as required to maintain turf areas.**
- (ed) A reduced pressure backflow preventer shall be used on all systems. Where the irrigation point of connection is from the domestic water service, the irrigation tap and backflow preventer shall be installed after the water meter but before any backflow or pressure-reducing valve for the building.

### **Sec. 16-13-140. Replacement and maintenance.**

- (a) After the initial twenty-four-month guarantee period when failing landscape materials will be replaced by the developer/contractor in conformance with this Article, the property owner shall be responsible for the replacement of any landscape materials that die. All replacement plant material shall be of the same type and size as the original material installed according to the approved landscape plan, or an equivalent replacement to be approved by the Director of Planning and Development Director.

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- (b) All materials included in the landscape treatment area shall be maintained in a manner resulting in a landscape consistent with the original intent and vision of accepted landscape plans. As an example, typical maintenance activities should include mowing, pruning, weeding, replacing mulch and any other practices required to maintain the aesthetic integrity of landscape areas.

**Sec. 16-13-150. Plant materials lists.**

- (a) All installed trees and shrubs must be selected from the **Recommended Plant Materials List** contained in Appendix C to this Code. Any annual or perennial flower or grass available through local nurseries may be incorporated into landscapes required by this Article.
- (b) Trees and shrubs not included in these lists may also be installed at the discretion and approval of the Director of Planning and Development.
- (c) Replacement plant material shall be of the same type and size as the original material installed according to the approved landscape plan, or an equivalent replacement to be approved by the Director of Planning and Development Director.

**Findings**

Pursuant to RMC Section 16-5-280, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall consider the following criteria when determining whether or not to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to City Council:

- 1. Conformance of the proposal with the City of Rifle Municipal Code.

***The proposal is in conformance with the Rifle Municipal Code.***

- 2. The compatibility of the proposal with the character of the surrounding area, including but not limited to the architectural character of the neighborhood, the average lot and building sizes in the neighborhood, and the relative value of the proposed structure to the value of other structures in the neighborhood.

***The proposal will be compatible with the character of Rifle. Staff feels that this amendment will address the immediate requirements of SB24-005 and the future requirements of HB25-1113.***

- 3. The desirability for the proposed use in the specific area of the City.

***The zoning code is enforced Citywide by appropriate zone district.***

- 4. The potential for adverse environmental effects that might result from the proposed use.

***No adverse environmental effects are anticipated from the proposal. Amendment will help to preserve the City's water resources.***

- 5. Compatibility of the proposed use and the site (or subdivision) plan with the City of Rifle Comprehensive Plan.

***No Comprehensive Plan issues were noted as part of the review.***

- 6. The potential impact of the proposed use upon the value of property and buildings within the surrounding area; and

***No negative impacts to property values are anticipated. Amendment will not impact single family residential projects or multi-family residential projects of 12 units or less.***

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7. Conformance of the proposal with the approval requirements concerning water and sewer tap availability for high volume use requests pursuant to 13-4-120 of the Code, if applicable.

***Not applicable.***

**Staff Comments**

Staff has encouraged recent developments to adopt “Xeriscape”, now “Water-Wise” landscaping. Recent examples are Rifle Apartments and Big-O Tires. It is the opinion of staff that these projects have shown that drought-tolerant landscaping can be completed successfully in today’s development environment. Staff recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the proposed text amendment to Rifle City Council to address the requirements of SB24-005 and HB25-1113 requiring the adoption of “Water-Wise” landscaping standards.

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

The Commission reviewed the proposed text amendment at their December 9, 2025 workshop and heard the proposed amendment at the January 27, 2026 hearing. The Commission recommended approval of the text amendment with changes to accurately reflect all comments from Western Resource Advocates who reviewed the proposal for compliance with SB2024-005 and HB 2025-1113.

**Recommendation**

Planning and Zoning Commission recommends that the City Council approve the proposed text amendment 2026-001 as prepared by staff



## **Rifle Apartments Landscaping (<1 year)**



Activity Area with "Water-Wise" materials



Activity Area with Functional and Non-Functional Grass

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**Big-O Tires Landscaping (1 year +)**



Along Enterprise Court



Along Airport Road



## **NAPA Auto Landscaping (4 years)**



21<sup>st</sup> Street and Hwy 13



HWY 13 and Railroad Avenue



**Agenda Item #9.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Appointment of Gen Edwards (Second Alternate) to the Rifle Planning and Zoning Commission

**Presenter:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

Gen Edwards would like to be considered for appointment to the Rifle Planning and Zoning Commission as the second alternate.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve the appointment of Gen Edwards as Second Alternate to the Rifle Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

Alternate positions for the City's Planning and Zoning Commission ensure smooth operations in the instance regular members are unable to attend meetings as well as providing for succession planning.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Executive Summary:**

Gen Edwards expressed interest in joining the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill the second alternate position. Gen met with the Planning and Zoning Commission during their January 27th, 2026 workshop. Gen submitted an application for consideration by the Rifle City Council.

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

1. 2025 Resume and CL\_GEN\_EDWARDS
2. PZ\_Gen\_Edwards\_Application



To the City of Rifle,

I am writing to formally express my interest in being a part of the City Planning and Zoning Commission. I believe I can bring a young voice to the group and add representation for the younger demographic of people living in Rifle.

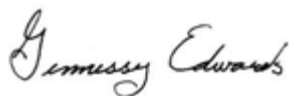
As a renter in our community, I intimately understand the needs for housing and what young people are experiencing. I have also spent much of the last 2 years commuting up valley, and the nature of the commuter community that exists here in our city. Currently, I am fortunate to be able to work within the City of Rifle, and I see the needs and struggles of running a small business here in our town as well.

I have a deep connection with this community, with my immediate family also being residents and business owners of Rifle. I went to college here in Rifle, and I hope to start my family in this community. I love this city and I want to see it grow and thrive.

Growth can sometimes require difficult decisions, and I am unafraid to speak up in the course of making those decisions. The community needs representation of the younger population, and I would hope to bring such representation to the Planning and Zoning Commission, an impactful commission when it comes to the city's direction and future, a future I want to be a part of.

Thank you for considering my application, please find a resume on the following pages of this document.

Gen Edwards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gemessy Edwards".

# GENNESSY EDWARDS

## Education

### **Colorado Mountain College**

AAS in Paralegal Studies, Pending 2026

AA in Communication, 2018

AA 2018

## Work History

### **Hays and Strode Law, P.C. 126 W. 8th Street (970)-625-9444 July 2025 - Present**

*Paralegal* for a small law firm specializing in domestic relations. Functions as first point of contact for clients when attorneys are unavailable. Drafts pleadings, including petitions, decrees, support orders, contempt motions, parenting restriction motions, protection orders, parenting dispute motions, notices, etc. Files approved pleadings, exhibits, and documents in ICCES adhering to standards set forth in C.R.C.P. Prepares exhibit books for trials. Prepares financial disclosures per C.R.C.P. 16.2, including preparing sworn financial statements. Coordinates scheduling of mediation or hearings with attorneys, clients, courts and opposing counsel. Coordinates process of service with process servers or sheriff civil department. Connects domestic violence victims with community resources. Manages attorney Outlook calendars. Helps attorneys prepare for mediation and trials.

### **Colorado Judicial Branch 109 8th Street (970)-928-3065 Nov 2023 - July 2025**

*Judicial Clerk* for the 9th Judicial District, responsible for complex data entry associated with court records for criminal and civil matters. Utilizes the Colorado E-Filing system to file documents and pleadings into court case files. Acts as the dedicated domestic relations clerk for Garfield County District Court, processing protection orders, support orders, name changes, motions, petitions, etc. Assists pro se parties navigating the court system. Manages the calendar and docket for Judge Anne K. Norrdin. Holds setting conferences by telephone or coordinates scheduling of hearings via email. Prepares proposed orders and decrees in DR cases for pro se parties for Judge's signature, and executes on orders issued by the Judge. Processes bonds, warrants, sentencing orders, & protection orders, in felony criminal cases. Manages technology in the courtroom for the Judge while she is on the bench, including the FTR, live streams, Webex, phones, etc. Facilitates scheduling court interpreters for parties in need of language access. Acts as the gatekeeper between the Judge and the public. Asserts boundaries of legal advice and procedural advice daily.

### **University of Denver 2197 S. University Blvd. (303)-871-4095 July 2019 - Feb 2022**

*Transcript and Grading Coordinator* for the Office of the Registrar responsible for processing transcript requests and managing Parchment system for all outgoing transcripts from DU. Manages grading for most of the university, including solving technical issues in the grading portal, guiding faculty and students in following university protocol around academic policy, approving grade changes, and resolving missing grades. Processes approved Academic Exceptions made around registration and academic history. Answers a large volume of emails and phone calls daily. Performs outreach to faculty regarding grading procedures every term. Acts as the next chain in command for the front desk and student employees, offering coverage when needed, de-escalating conflicts, training new employees, and reporting to superiors regarding employee performance. Follows strict student privacy laws governed by FERPA.

- I started with DU as a Customer Service Associate in the Office of the Registrar and was promoted to Transcript and Grading Coordinator within my first 4 months with this organization.

### **Columbine Ford LLC. 2728 Railroad Ave. (970)-625-1680 Aug 2014 - Aug 2017**

*Service Advisor* in very busy, fast paced service department, answering phone calls and emails, scheduling appointments, dispatching service work, moving and parking vehicles, handling problems as they arise, adapting to several types of clientele, handling fleet vehicles and retrieving PO's, preparing estimates for repairs and maintenance, selling repairs, parts, and maintenance, managing technicians, advising in vehicle needs, processing, opening and closing repair orders.

- I started with this company as an administrative assistant in the office scanning documents and managing the digital records system for customer pay and warranty repair orders, managing supply orders, rectifying invoices in accounting software, and scheduling trainings for staff with OSHA and warranty audit consultants. I was promoted twice in three years with this company.



***CITY OF RIFLE  
APPLICATION FOR  
BOARD VACANCY***

Name:

Address:

Mailing Address (if different):

How long have you been a resident of the City of Rifle?

E-mail:

Phone:

Occupation:

Employer:

Please list the board(s) and/or commission that you are you interested in being considered for:

Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission.

What do you view as your role if you were selected to be a member of this board/commission?

Please list any civic activities in which you have been involved.

Please tell us about your qualifications to serve on this board/comission (education, experience, community service, etc.).

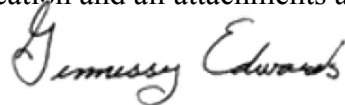
In your opinion, what are the most significant issues facing the City of Rifle?

Please provide any additional information or comments which you believe will assist the board/commission in considering your application.

**Oath of Applicant**

I declare that this application and all attachments are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gemussy Edwards".

**Applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's office either by mail to 202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650; or e-mail to [aramirez@rifleco.org](mailto:aramirez@rifleco.org). A resume, letter of interest, or other supplemental information may be attached to this application.**



**Agenda Item #9.b.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Awarding Centennial Park Restoration Design to River Restoration, LLC.

**Presenter:**

Iris Trevisano, Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager  
Austin Rickstrew, Parks & Recreation Director

**Item Description:**

Consider Awarding Bid to River Restoration LLC for Centennial Park Restoration Design not to exceed \$47,411.00

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve River Restoration, LLC. for the Centennial Park Restoration Design in an amount not to exceed \$47,411.00.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The total budgeted amount for 2026 is \$30,000. The remaining funds have been contributed by EcoPoint in the amount of \$17,411.00

**Operational Impact:**

N/A

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

The proposed Centennial Park channel improvements directly advance the goals outlined in the Rifle Creek Restoration Implementation Plan. Specifically, this project addresses key concerns, including the condition of the incised channel, invasive vegetation management, excessive sediment loads, and existing flood risks within the corridor. These improvements are critical to restoring ecological function, enhancing channel stability, and reducing long-term maintenance and infrastructure impacts. The Middle Colorado Watershed Council presented this project to PRAB for their recommendation and it was supported by PRAB.

**Executive Summary:**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking qualified firms to bid on Centennial Park Restoration Design services for the City of Rifle. The RFP was publicly posted via the Rocky Mountain E-Purchasing System (BidNet Direct), and the proposals were due January 29, 2026. A thorough and competitive consultant selection process was undertaken to identify the most qualified firm to lead this important work. The City received five submittals in response to the RFP, ranging from \$43,400 to \$60,000. Each proposal was reviewed using consistent and transparent evaluation criteria, which included:

- Quality, clarity, creativity
- Technical Expertise
- Previous experience
- Timeline
- Price/fee schedule

In the initial review process of all five firms with the committee, there was a consensus in scoring and that River Restoration met all the criteria to proceed. The City is recommending approval to move forward with River Restoration LLC to provide the Centennial Park Restoration Design in the amount \$47,411.00RFP Information @: [www.RifleCO.org/Packetaddendums](http://www.RifleCO.org/Packetaddendums)

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Iris Trevisano, Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager

**Attachments:**

1. RFP Title Page
2. River Restoration\_Proposal\_RRO
3. RFP\_Centennial Park Restoration Design Award Memo
4. Memo - Centennial Park Restoration Design Contract 02.11.26
5. Purchase Request Centennial Park Restoration Design-RR

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

## For

### Centennial Park Restoration Design

The City of Rifle is requesting proposals from interested and qualified consultants for Centennial Park Restoration Design . Proposals must be submitted via the Rocky Mountain e-purchasing system- bidnet direct website [www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado/cityofrifle](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado/cityofrifle) by January 29, 2026, at 2 p.m. Proposals received after the closing date and time will not be considered.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting at City Hall Mamm Peak Conference Room January 15, 2026, at 1 p.m.

Questions concerning this proposal shall be addressed to Iris Trevisano, Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager at [itrevisano@rifleco.org](mailto:itrevisano@rifleco.org). The final deadline for questions is January 23, 2026, 12 p.m.

Notice of Award (tentative) February 18, 2026

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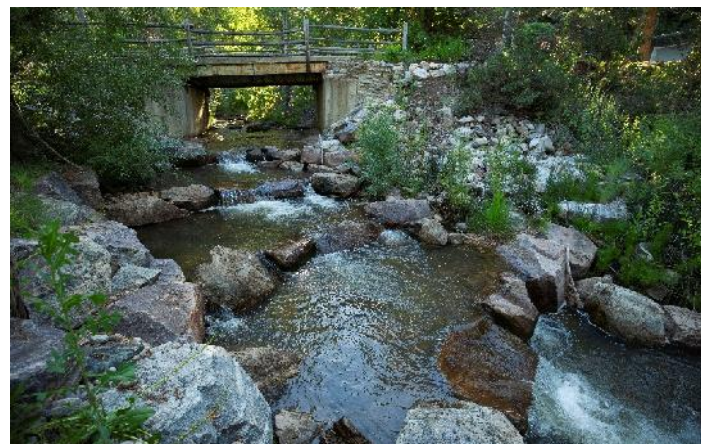
The City of Rifle values full inclusion and access for all of our facilities, programs, activities and services. We are pleased to provide meaningful accommodations to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and reasonably provide translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, alternative formats, auxiliary aids, and services.

To request special assistance for Solicitations only, call Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano at 970-665-6412 or email [Itrevisano@rifleco.org](mailto:Itrevisano@rifleco.org) . Please allow 48 hours for your requests to be met.

# PROPOSAL FOR CENTENNIAL PARK RESTORATION DESIGN REFERENCE #0000408122 - SOLICITATION #I2302025

Prepared For:

**CITY OF RIFLE**  
January 29, 2026



Prepared By:



**Primary Contact:**

Jason Carey, PE, Principal Engineer  
RiverRestoration.org, LLC

818 Industry Place, PO Box 248  
Carbondale, CO 81623

Office: (970) 947-9568  
Email: [jason.carey@riverrestoration.org](mailto:jason.carey@riverrestoration.org)

January 29, 2026

City of Rifle  
202 Railroad Ave  
Rifle, CO 86150

**RE: Response to RFP for Centennial Park Restoration Design**

Dear Selection Committee:

We are pleased to submit our response to the City of Rifle's Request for Proposal for the Centennial Park Restoration Design on Rifle Creek. Our team of river engineers and geomorphologists has the necessary qualifications to deliver concept renderings, cross sections, a presentation, and report to restore functionality of Rifle Creek within Centennial Park. We understand that the project goal is to address channel incision, reduce sediment load, decrease flood risk, encourage healthy native vegetation, and provide creek access as a functional part of Centennial Park. We are excited about the prospect of working with the City of Rifle to develop a feasible, realistic, and cost-effective vision that can serve as a scoping document for future phases of design and implementation and be the basis for raising public and financial support.

RiverRestoration is a specialty river engineering firm based in Carbondale, Colorado. Our company specializes in hydrographic survey, river engineering, open space planning, and ecological function restoration in the river and riparian environment. Our understanding of the human element as a part of this environment is what sets our projects apart. RiverRestoration has over 20 years of experience and has completed over 100 projects which have restored healthy stream corridors and integrated public access in safe and sustainable ways. In this proposal, we have included examples of previous successful projects which have enhanced public access and restored urbanized sections of streams similar in size and character to Rifle Creek. Such projects include the Crystal River Restoration project in Carbondale; the slough channel and boat ramp of Las Colonias Park in Grand Junction; river access and boat launch in Rangely; multiple channel modifications and accesses in Helper and Ogden, Utah; 10 miles of river access and corridor restoration in Vail; and boulder step-pool structures to restore the channel incision and riparian corridor in Pack Creek near Moab, Utah.

Thank you for this opportunity to present our proposal. Based on the scope of work described in this proposal, our price quote is **\$47,411.00**. We look forward to working with the City of Rifle and project partners on this exciting and important project in the Rifle Creek watershed. If selected, we are willing to enter into an agreement with City of Rifle's standard terms and conditions.

Sincerely,



Jason Carey, PE, Principal Engineer  
RiverRestoration.org, LLC

# CAPABILITY STATEMENT

At **RiverRestoration**, our team of river engineers and watershed scientists are passionate stewards of the river. We incorporate 20 years of implementing successful projects, elevating ideas into innovations, and enhancing the social, economic, and ecologic values carried by rivers.

*We are committed to connecting and transforming rivers, and the communities they flow through.*

## VALUE BEYOND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

**Partnering for Success:** We partner with clients to implement their vision in a real and tangible way. We establish a strategic vision, coordinate with regulatory agencies and stakeholder groups, develop fundraising strategies, and assist with permit and grant applications to create multi-faceted partnerships. Our focus is on sustainable benefits and long term natural functions that serve as a legacy for future generations to cherish.

**Connecting River Systems:** Our whole system approach focuses on connecting aquatic and riparian ecosystems, regenerating natural biodiversity, and building ecological resilience. Building biodiversity is key in ecological resilience; enabling natural systems to respond to disturbances by resisting damage and facilitating quick recovery. Full functioning ecosystems allow for fish and wildlife to thrive and human communities to benefit from the natural capital. Connecting the human element results in an economic impact and the generation of a stewardship ethic.

**Innovative Design:** We solve dynamic river issues through our innovative design and engineering process and the application of state-of-the-art technology. Our design process includes detailed data collection, technical analytics, and integration of multi-dimensional hydraulic models. Our river engineering is flood and drought proven, technically sound, environmentally balanced and tailored to each site's unique and specific needs.

**Transforming Communities:** We enhance rivers to support place-based community development and revitalization by uncovering a site's unrealized potential and unique attributes. Riverfronts in need of revitalization and new thinking are nearly ubiquitous in our urban cores. Our services help communities expand their recreation opportunities, environmental health, social equity, economic vitality, public safety, cultural identity, and river stewardship.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

### River System Analyses

River Stability Analyses  
Fluvial Geomorphic Change Analyses  
Sediment and Erosion Analyses  
Instream Flow Analyses  
Channel Maintenance Flow Analyses  
Reservoir Capacity Analyses  
Bridge Scour Analyses  
Floodplain Analyses  
Recreational Water Rights  
Expert Witness Testimony

### Hydraulic Modeling

Computational Fluid Dynamics  
Sediment Transport Modeling  
Morphodynamic Modeling  
Aquatic Habitat Suitability Modeling  
Recreation Hydraulic Modeling  
Fish Passage/Barrier Evaluation

### Natural Channel Engineering/Design

Dam Removal Design  
Sediment and Erosion Control  
Environmentally Sensitive Diversions  
Aquatic Habitat Design  
Whitewater Park Design  
Boat Passage Design  
Aquatic Organism Passage Design  
Aquatic Invasive Species Barrier Design  
Bank Stabilization Design  
Boat Ramp Design

### Hydrographic Survey

Bathymetric Survey  
Hydrographic Survey  
Sediment Sampling

### Ecological Services

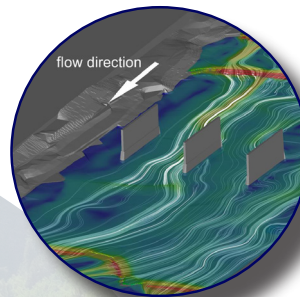
Riparian Habitat Assessment  
Wetland Delineation  
Identification of Degradations  
Non-point Source Pollution Reduction  
Habitat Function Evaluation  
Native Riparian Restoration Plans  
Soil and Planting Specifications

### Project Planning & Management

Recreation Use Evaluation  
Community Planning  
Assistance with Grants and Fundraising  
On-site Construction Oversight  
Construction Stakeout Survey  
Operation & Maintenance Planning

### Partner Competencies

Reservoir Operations  
Geotechnical Investigation  
Topo-bathy Lidar  
Civil Engineering



## COMPANY INFO



### RIVERRESTORATION.ORG, LLC

PO BOX 248  
Carbondale, CO 81623  
www.riverrestoration.org

### OFFICE LOCATIONS:

Headquarters: 818 Industry Pl.,  
Carbondale, CO

### BUSINESS TYPE:

SMALL BUSINESS

### SAM UNIQUE ENTITY ID:

LG7NG4GT74K6

### CAGE CODE:

61F81

### NAICS:

**541330:** Engineering Services  
**541620:** Environmental Consulting  
**541360:** Geophysical Surveying  
**541370:** Surveying and Mapping  
**541490:** Other Specialized Design Services

### TECHNOLOGY | SOFTWARE

- 1D, 2D & 3D hydraulic modeling
- Auto Cad Civil 3D
- Arc GIS

### SURVEY EQUIPMENT DETAILS

- Survey-grade GNSS & total station equipment
- Motorized & non-motorized shallow draft watercraft
- Boat mounted GNSS integrated echo sounders
- Sediment samplers



### Permitting Process

CWA 401/404  
FEMA Map Revisions  
Alternatives Analysis  
Permit Application Preparation

## CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS

### MAIN MARKET SECTORS:

- Federal Government
- State and Local Governments
- River Advocacy Groups

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

- US Bureau of Reclamation
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service
- National Park Service

### STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

- Utah Department of Natural Resources
- New York Power Authority
- Genesee County Parks & Recreation, MI
- Ogden City, UT
- Helper City, UT
- West Jordan City, UT
- Pitkin County, CO
- Town of Vail, CO
- City of Aspen, CO
- City of Ames, IA
- City of Menasha, WI
- Others

### RIVER ADVOCACY GROUPS:

- Trout Unlimited
- Grand Rapids Whitewater
- Jordan River Commission
- Middle Colorado Watershed Council
- Others

## PAST PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

**Partnering for Success Highlight:** The Big Bend project is a collaborative restoration and recreation project in the City of West Jordan, UT. This project combines outdoor recreational opportunities with a restored wildlife island on the Jordan River. Partners and collaborators on the Big Bend Project include the City, the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, Forestry, Fire and State Lands, the Utah Departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality, and other public and private entities. RiverRestoration helped secure \$8.5M of funding from a wide variety of agencies and organizations.

**Connecting River Systems Highlight:** The Helper City River Revitalization Project is a six-phase environmental infrastructure project on the Price River. The project includes connection of 41 acres of floodplain habitat, removal of 8 fish passage barriers, and connecting the community to the river with four river parks and improved 3 miles of pedestrian pathways.

**Innovative Design Highlight:** The success of our innovative Adjustable Hydraulic Structures in Bend, OR and Vail, CO prepared us for a nationwide competitive search by the Michigan Governor's office for technology to stop aquatic invasive species migration. Our winning idea applies patented technology, is being designed in Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, and is a solution for problems worldwide.

**Transforming Communities Highlight:** RiverRestoration led the Ogden River Restoration Project to restore and regenerate the river and transform the community with vibrant greenspaces and reconnected urban landscapes. The community has enjoyed transformation and economic revitalization symbolized by the Ogden River Restoration.



## REFERRALS

"On behalf of Helper City, Utah, I am pleased to recommend RiverRestoration to revitalize your local waterway. Helper City has worked with RiverRestoration for over five years now to design, permit and oversee implementation of the multi-phased, comprehensive river restoration on the Price River. In addition to the design and implementation of the in-channel improvements, RiverRestoration guided the City in tackling a number of complex planning issues, including extensive fundraising through local, regional, and national funding opportunities and obtaining approvals and permits from the Utah Department of Natural Resources and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Helper City already recognizes the economic and social growth from the project." - **Lenise Peterman, Helper City Mayor**

"On behalf of Trout Unlimited, I write in support of RiverRestoration... I have worked directly with RiverRestoration on a number of restoration projects throughout the Weber River Basin... RiverRestoration staff have provided unparalleled expertise on river processes and have a thorough understanding of rivers and design. They have provided professional consultation and knowledgeable construction oversight during project execution, with an understanding of project costs and sequencing. All project deadlines have been met, and project communication and consultation has been excellent. Most importantly, RiverRestoration brings a strong river ethic to their restoration designs, which is above and beyond that of a standard civil engineering consultant firm." - **Paul Burnett, Utah Water and Habitat Program Lead, Trout Unlimited**

"RiverRestoration was the subconsultant to OTAK Engineering for the design of the Bend Whitewater Park. RiverRestoration performed all work as required by the contract, often going above and beyond to complete the project... RiverRestoration was also extremely helpful in the public outreach and stakeholder group design efforts. Being well versed in how the sport was perceived helped create a seamless effort between the design engineer and local user groups. I would not hesitate to use RiverRestoration again on any future projects." - **Brian Hudspeth, Development Manager, Bend Park and Recreation District**

## AWARDS

- ACEC Engineering Excellence Merit Award 2022 | Robinson Diversion Modification Project
- National "Facility or Park Design Award" by the National Recreation and Park Association | Colorado Dam Paddle Trail Improvements
- Utah's 46th Blue Ribbon fishery | Ogden River Restoration
- American Fisheries Society Utah Chapter Conservationist of the Year Award to Ogden City 2011 | Ogden River Restoration
- Utah DEQ Water Quality Board Sudweeks Award 2012 | Ogden
- Gov. Rick Snyder Carp Tank Innovation Challenge 3rd Place | Adjustable Physical Velocity Barrie
- Award of Merit for Best Water/ Environment Project from the Engineering News-Record 2016 Best Projects | Colorado Dam Paddle Trail Improvements

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# PROJECT APPROACH

***We advocate for a collaborative design process, working hand-in-hand with our clients and their communities to turn ideas into reality. RiverRestoration excels at achieving project goals while satisfying diverse interests. We have completed over 100 proven and successful projects by creating places that fit within the larger context of environment and community.***

The City of Rifle has a fantastic opportunity to integrate Rifle Creek into Centennial Park in a safe and sustainable way. With RiverRestoration’s vision, planning, and wealth of experience in exactly these types of efforts, Rifle Creek can be a recreational amenity and a functioning ecosystem for fish and wildlife. This project offers an exciting opportunity to transform Rifle Creek into a healthy, vibrant corridor that can provide profound enhancements to a range of recreational user groups, including angling and tubing within Centennial Park. The Centennial Park Master Plan has already done a great job of defining the landscape of the park; our services will integrate the riverscape into this Master Plan. Las Colonias Park in Grand Junction is a success story with a similar process. RiverRestoration worked with the City to integrate our design of a half mile of newly constructed side channel, paths, beaches, access and a boat ramp into the Master Plan. This is now Grand Junction’s award-winning river front park.



*Realigned channel in Las Colonias Park with designed beach and access.*



*Designed step pool, access steps, and riparian restoration Vail, CO*

***Our design philosophy is to work from the river outwards, addressing the needs of the river first.***

However, this is not always feasible for projects within already-developed areas such as city centers or public parks. These projects offer the unique challenge of *planning and designing functional riverscapes within the constraints of the surrounding landscape.* RiverRestoration has plenty of experience working within the constraints of existing parks and infrastructure to activate these spaces. A good example of this type of project is the 10 miles of Gore Creek that run through Vail, Colorado. Up until the early 2000’s, the riparian corridor of Gore Creek had been degraded by random trampling resulting from lack of designated access points. Over the last 15 years, RiverRestoration has implemented over 40 discrete projects in Vail that appropriately focus and accommodate river access and restore the surrounding riparian environment. River access is often misunderstood as steps from the bank to the

shoreline; however, this overlooks the most important aspect of river access: the hydraulics, currents, eddies, and depths of water along the shoreline. RiverRestoration’s success is founded in being able to understand and design the hydraulics of the shoreline, through the predicted full range of flows, as well as the hardscaped transitions to the Park.

***As with access, the success in riparian restoration is not simply selecting the right plants, but also designing the hydraulics of the channel to maintain the desired riparian environment.*** The existing Centennial Park channel is encroached by phragmites and other invasive vegetation. The vision of the restored riparian areas may include a cottonwood gallery forest with an understory of grasses and low ground cover. The eradication of the undesirable and encroaching vegetation must be maintained by hydraulic design of the channel to be successful long term, otherwise the current condition would likely re-establish. RiverRestoration will strike a successful balance between access, recreation, and restoration by working with the City of Rifle to fully understand the desired use of the creek and combine that with our foundational knowledge and expertise in hydraulic design and function of riparian habitat. On the Ogden River in Utah, RiverRestoration has helped restore 1.1 miles of river and 17 acres of riparian zone, with paths, boardwalks and access throughout.



*Riparian Restoration Ogden, UT*

RiverRestoration will advance the City of Rifle’s goal of integrating Rifle Creek into Centennial Park by: **1)** creating a river recreation circulation plan that shows how hydraulic design can allow users to safely access and recreate in the creek; **2)** developing a riparian restoration plan, to hydraulically connect and restore sustainable native riparian banks and floodplains for long term vegetation control; **3)** identifying concept designs and typical details for structural modifications, including cost opinions. Structural modifications may include bank access and stabilization, channel realignments, step pool structures, bank vane structures, or other channel modifications, in addition to passability improvements at the Pioneer Diversion Dam and under the existing pedestrian bridges; and **4)** authoring a report documenting our study and findings.

The RiverRestoration team has developed a detailed project approach and schedule that completes the scope of work provided in the RFP. Details of the key tasks are described in the following sections.



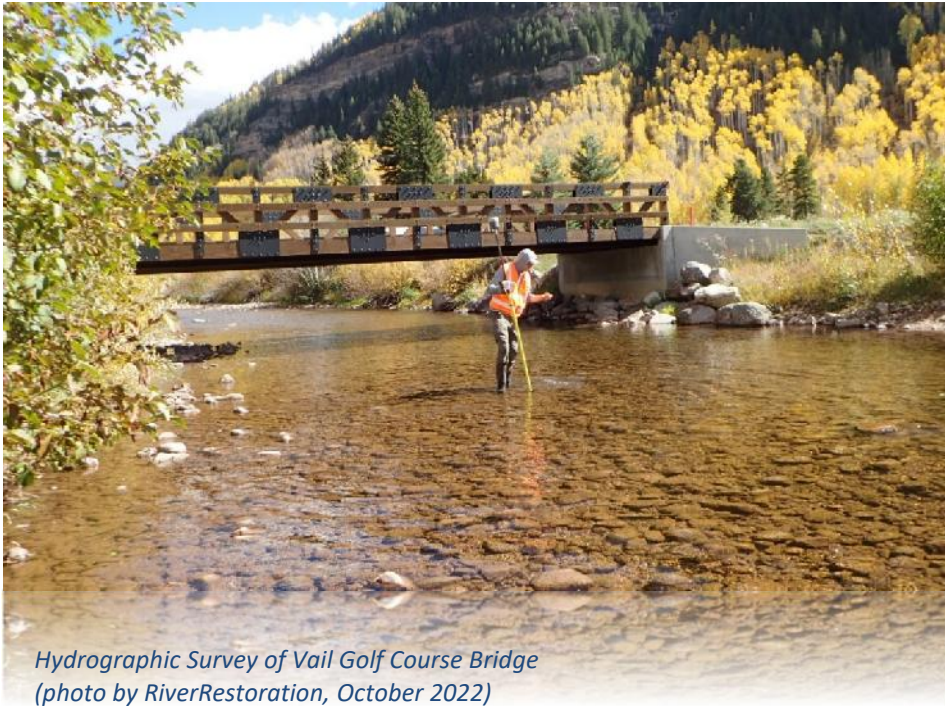
*Pack Creek engineering assessment with restoration partners in Moab, UT*

### **Task 1: Project Management and Coordination**

RiverRestoration will manage the project and will participate in consultation with the City of Rifle and project stakeholders. These partners may include the Middle Colorado Watershed Council, Trout Unlimited, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Garfield County Re-2 School District, and private landowners. RiverRestoration will provide monthly invoicing and regular status updates, keep detailed schedules of imported deadlines, and always respond in a timely manner. Our office’s proximity to Rifle allows us to travel to the site to collect data or attend meetings efficiently and as needed.

### **Task 2: Study and Report**

Our team understands that much of the existing topography will be based on the 2010 as-built design of Centennial Park, and we will work closely with the City to obtain digital versions of this topography, if available. We have already obtained 3-foot resolution bare earth LiDAR data for Central Western Colorado that was collected in 2016.

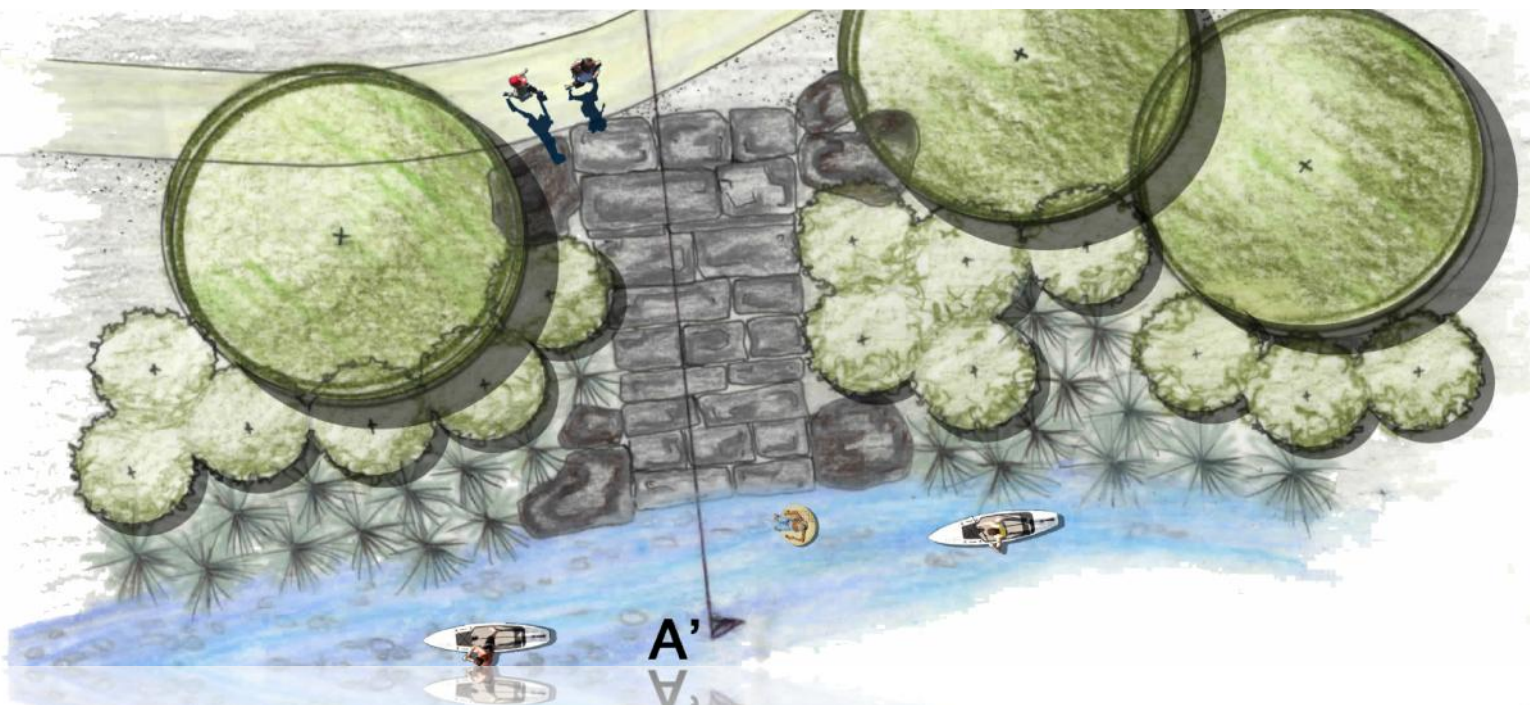


*Hydrographic Survey of Vail Golf Course Bridge  
(photo by RiverRestoration, October 2022)*

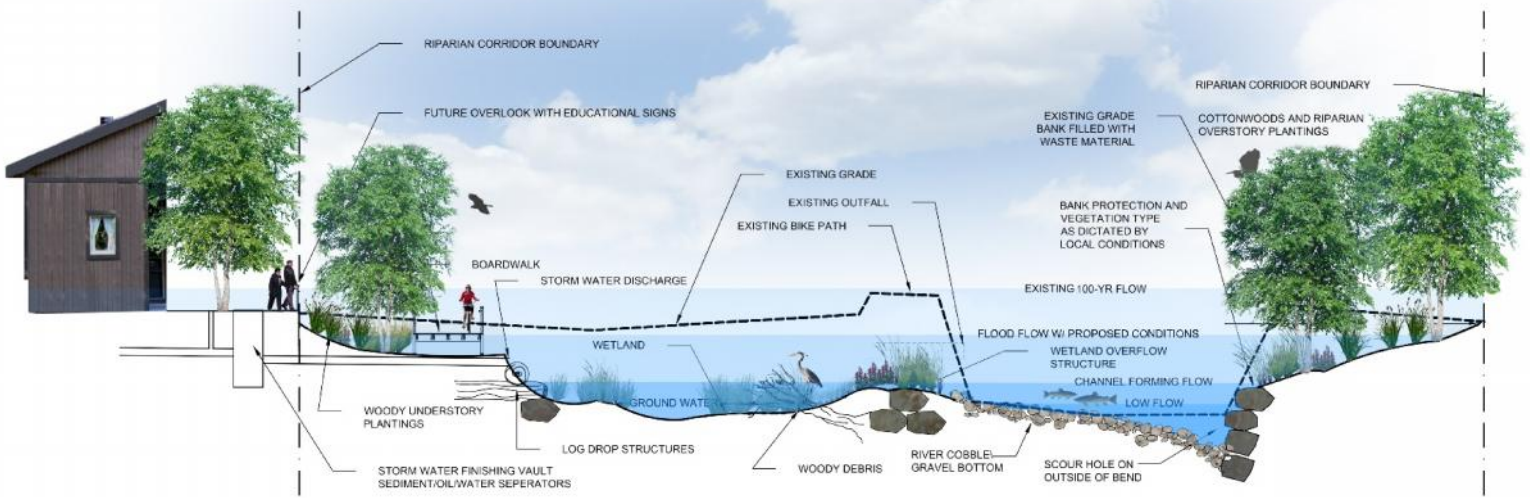
**Site Assessment:** Additional hydrographic survey will be needed to evaluate hydraulic controls, identify eroding banks, characterize sediment and vegetation, evaluate the bridges and evaluate the Pioneer Diversion structure. Using the hydrographic survey data, RiverRestoration can efficiently develop and maintain one- and two-dimensional hydraulic models of the project reach to help inform planning and design. RiverRestoration staff are highly experienced in conducting hydrographic survey methodologies to concisely capture the data needed to represent how flow moves through a riparian corridor. We will use our in-house Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) equipment to capture hydraulic control sections, bankfull indicators, flood indicators, topographic and bathymetric gradient breaks, changes in sediment

characteristics, vegetation, and changes in habitat areas along the 4,000 linear feet of Rifle Creek between Railroad Avenue and Third Street. The hydrographic survey will be used to tie-in and augment the 2016 LiDAR data and provided 2010 as-built data. The resulting product from the physical hydrologic survey effort will be a complete surface representation of the project reach, which can be used to develop updated cross sections of Rifle Creek at key locations; for example, areas where vertical banks may be threatening existing infrastructure or areas where river access is desired. The longitudinal profile of both the channel bed and water surface elevation will inform us of the total energy moving through the system, which will allow us to consider the benefit of in-stream structures such as step pools, boulder grade controls, and channel realignments.

Existing utility data will be obtained from the City of Rifle GIS website. RiverRestoration will assume that these mapped utilities will provide sufficient accuracy for location of waterlines, storm outfalls, and sewer lines within the project area.



*Artistic rendering of Las Colonias Bank Access, by RiverRestoration*



*Rendered cross section of Helper Revitalization, by RiverRestoration*

**Conceptual Design:** Using information gathered from the site assessment and survey, RiverRestoration will develop conceptual design alternatives to meet the City’s goals for up to three alternatives. Our engineers are skilled at developing plans, profiles, and cross section drawings that clearly identify design elements.

**Cost Considerations:** Our survey and design process supports cost estimating. RiverRestoration keeps an updated inventory of current construction costs and contractor bids based on our completed river projects. We take into consideration local construction costs, materials, site access, and contingency when developing quantity takeoffs and cost opinions for design. We will also evaluate permitting requirements, lifetime, long-term maintenance, funding opportunities, additional design, and construction support costs associated with each conceptual alternative.

**Public Outreach:** We recognize that input from project proponents, opponents, partners, and stakeholders is critical to get a full sense of community needs. Receiving this input early in the planning and design process is necessary and encouraged for a successful project outcome. Our team will work with the City’s Public Relations & Communications Department to conduct a public survey to digitally gather comments, concerns, and general feedback based on the circulated concept and rendering. We will also coordinate with regional Trout Unlimited and Colorado Parks and Wildlife representatives to better understand specific aquatic habitat needs for the reach. We will organize and document this feedback as part of the final report and will coordinate with the City in determining how to ensure the needs and wants of the community remain aligned with the goals of the project. The team will then prepare to present the conceptual design to the City’s Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**Reporting:** The final deliverable for this scope of work will be a detailed report that presents the conceptual design alternatives based on public feedback and comments from the City obtained through public outreach and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Each alternative will clearly describe community and restoration benefits, identify potential risks, and estimate a total projected cost. The report will serve as a planning document that the City can use to develop a scope of work to continue the design, seek additional funding opportunities, as well as develop the project towards implementation.



*Grading Diagram of Chapman Reservoir Wetlands, RiverRestoration 2026*

# PROJECT TIMELINE

RiverRestoration has developed the following abbreviated schedule based on project milestones. Assuming that we receive Notice of Award on February 18<sup>th</sup> and the contract is executed by March 6<sup>th</sup>, our staff would begin the site assessment as soon as possible to give ourselves adequate time to develop concepts, obtain public feedback, and refine the design prior to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. The table below summarizes the key deadlines to meet the work completion date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Our team will provide a detailed schedule for review and approval at the start of the project.

**Table 1. Timeline for Centennial Park Restoration Design**

Deliverable Schedule	Date(s)
Notice of Award	2/18/2026
Contract Execution	2/19 - 3/6/2026
Site Assessment and Survey	3/9 - 4/3/2026
Coordinate Initial Concepts to City	4/6 – 4/17/2026
Public Outreach	4/20 - 5/15/2026
Address Comments from Public Outreach	5/18 - 6/5/2026
Presentation to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board	6/8 - 6/12/2026
Final Report	7/1/2026

## FEE SCHEDULE

RiverRestoration is fully committed to supporting the City of Rifle in achieving the goals of this project. Our team has the capacity to devote the time, attention, and qualified staff to this project and we are confident in our ability to produce documents and deliverables in a timely and efficient manner. The following table summarizes our standard rates and total fee to complete the scope of work defined in this proposal. If needed, we are willing to coordinate with the City to adjust the scope and fee to add preferences or omissions.

Task	Description	Principal Engineer II	Engineer PE IV	Engineer PE II	Engineer EIT IV	Total Hours	Total Budget by Task
1.0	Project Management and Coordination	7	14			21	\$ 4,610
2.0	Site Assessment	8	10	10	10	38	\$ 7,480
2.1	Design and Reporting	20	86	30	42	178	\$ 33,692
	<i>Total Hours</i>	35	110	40	52	237	
	<i>Billing Rate</i>	\$285.83	\$186.35	\$169.73	\$163.27		
	<i>Total Labor Cost</i>	\$10,004	\$20,499	\$6,789	\$8,490		\$ 45,782
	<b>Direct Expenses</b>						
	<i>Mileage</i>						\$ 168
	<i>Lodging (per diem)</i>						\$ -
	<i>Meals &amp; Incidentals (per diem)</i>						\$ 102
	<i>Survey Equipment Class C (GPS)</i>						\$ 1,359
	<b>Consultant Total</b>						\$ 47,411

# APPENDIX A: KEY PERSONNEL RESUMES





#### EDUCATION

M.S. Civil & Environmental Engineering  
 University of Utah, 1998

B.S. Physics  
 Fort Lewis College, 1994

#### REGISTRATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

CO PE # 38797  
 UT PE # 318641-2202  
 CA PE # C64838  
 MI PE # 6201060830  
 NV PE # 022929  
 NM PE # 21505

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Channel Design  
 Hydraulic Structure Design  
 Fish Passage/Barrier Design  
 Dam Removal Design  
 Hydraulic Modeling  
 Sediment Transport Analysis  
 Hydrographic Survey  
 Expert Witness Testimony  
 Fluvial Geomorphic Evaluation  
 Fish Habitat Design  
 Morphodynamic Modeling

## JASON CAREY, M.Sc., PE

### PRINCIPAL RIVER ENGINEER

*Jason has 27 years of river engineering experience and has practiced river engineering on the mainstem and every major tributary of the Upper Colorado River Basin. Over 100 of his river designs have been successfully constructed in the river environment, including recreation projects, restoration projects, and projects with in-channel step-pool structures to affect morphology, stabilization, habitat and sediment transport. He has served as project manager for over 200 major projects involving hydrographic survey, river restoration, flood control, hydraulic structure design, riparian restoration, geomorphic assessment, wetlands restoration, river stability analysis, bio-stabilization, sediment transport, reservoir capacity analyses, design of erosion control measures, design of irrigation canals, hydraulic bridge design, diversion structure design, design of habitat for specific aquatic organisms and fishway design. Jason excels at developing a range of reasonable and prudent alternatives and comparative cost benefit analyses for determination of the most practical and preferred alternative of a proposed river project. He has provided expert witness testimony for river hydraulics, whitewater recreation, minimum instream flow and water rights.*

## NOTABLE WORK

### San Juan River Ecosystem Restoration Planning and Design | CO, NM, UT

Jason is serving as Project Manager for evaluating 100 miles of river for potential razorback sucker rearing habitat. Jason is developing design criteria for both natural process bottomlands and managed rearing facilities and a prioritization matrix for 15 sites. This prioritized matrix will inform site selection for the 30% design and cost opinion of two sites and the 60% design and cost opinion of a final selected site. He is working closely with the Navajo Nation, The Nature Conservancy, and the San Juan River Recovery Implementation Program to deliver this foundational phase of the project.

### Flood Damage Reduction and Riparian Restoration | Vail, CO

Jason provided channel restoration design development, planning, surface water modeling, hydraulic design, engineering, hydrographic survey, permitting, and construction support services for multiple post-2010 flood damage repair projects on Gore Creek and its tributaries. Jason's design included streambank stabilization, channel realignment, streambed grade control, environmental restoration measures, bridge scour countermeasures and design of utility stability improvements. Jason identified resulting channel damage and instabilities over more than 14 miles of channel and scoped 64 restoration prioritizations with cost opinions and developed a prioritization for implementation. In all, Jason has helped the Town of Vail implement over 40 projects to improve the aquatic and riparian habitat functionality of Gore Creek and its tributaries, as well as develop sustainable recreation interface with the stream corridor.

### Ogden River Restoration | Ogden, UT

Jason was the principal engineer and project manager responsible for implementation of the planning, design, engineering, hydrographic survey, permitting, fundraising, and construction review of the comprehensive restoration of 1.1 miles of the Ogden River. He managed all aspects of visioning and completing this project, including boundary survey, hydrographic survey, alternatives development, permitting, channel design, vegetation design, retaining wall design, path design, bridge design, USGS stream gage and grade control design, diversion headwork and ditch design, pressurized water systems design, aquatic habitat design, boat passage design, and fish passage design. Jason showed his ability to manage complex engineering projects that would typically include a large multi-disciplinary staff.



## ALEX HELLER, PE, CFM, PMP

### RIVER ENGINEER

*Alex is a project manager and water resource engineer with 10 years of experience in bank stabilization, habitat restoration, flood hazard evaluation, and municipal stormwater design. Alex enjoys being involved with almost every aspect of the design process, all the way from site assessments to project implementation. She is skilled in producing plan sets and permitting documents and understands the importance of collaborating with clients and stakeholders to ensure that project goals are communicated throughout the project. Alex has a passion for the outdoors and strives to generate realistic designs that benefit not only humans but also animals and the environment. Her software skills include AutoCAD Civil3D, SRH-2D, HEC-RAS, and ArcGIS.*

### NOTABLE WORK

#### EDUCATION

B.S. Civil Engineering, Colorado State University, 2015

#### REGISTRATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

CO PE # 0057104  
 UT PE # 14189398-2202  
 CFM US-19-11479  
 PMP 3885916

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Bank Stabilization  
 Stream Restoration  
 Floodplain Modeling  
 Stormwater Management  
 Fish Passage and Aquatic Habitat  
 Cost Estimating  
 Construction Support Services

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Colorado Association of State Floodplain Managers (CASFM)

Roaring Fork Conservancy  
 River Steward Co-Chair

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

CASFM Conference TED Talks  
 2023, 2024

#### Gore Creek Promenade Public Park Renewal | Vail, CO

Alex was the engineer responsible for the river access improvements and bank stabilization reconfiguration at the Promenade Park in Vail. Her responsibilities include coordinating with the landscape architecture firm to connect the river design with the park design, ensuring alternatives conformed with flood hazard constraints, and communicating design alternatives with the client, the Town of Vail. The in-channel portion of the project was constructed during the winter of 2025/2026.

#### Alamosa Riverfront Restoration | Alamosa, CO

Alex is the project manager and engineer for the diversion reconfiguration, river access improvements, and aquatic habitat enhancement features on the Alamosa Riverfront Restoration Project. Her responsibilities include coordinating with the civil, structural, geotechnical, and landscape architect design team members to develop a unified project that meets the needs of the client, City, and County.

#### Crystal River Restoration and Weaver Ditch Efficiency | Carbondale, CO

Alex assisted with the design, surface grading, and 2D hydraulic modeling for the improved boulder grade control structure and Weaver Ditch diversion on the Crystal River with the purpose of improving ditch intake efficiency and providing aquatic organism passage at low flow events. She also evaluated scour potential, flow velocities, and anticipated water levels at the proposed outdoor classroom, access steps, and six bank layback areas to inform the revegetation design of the park. Alex provided support with grant preparation, floodplain and 404 permitting, development of PS&E packages, and construction oversight.

#### Upper Pack Creek Stabilization Design-Build | Moab, UT

Alex was the project manager and lead designer on this post-wildfire recovery project. She worked closely with the Contractor in the Design-Build process to design, model, and evaluate the proposed step-pool improvements in a fast-paced schedule. This project seeks to stabilize the steep hydraulic grade of upper Pack Creek, which has suffered significant debris flows resulting from the 2021 Pack Creek wildfire. The design involves a series of boulder grade control structures intended to retain sediment, arrest vertical incision, and raise water surface elevation so that riparian vegetation can have a better chance of survival.



## RUSSELL BAIR, M.Sc., PE

### RIVER ENGINEER

*Russell is a trained hydraulic engineer, hydrologist, and geomorphologist. He combines these skill sets in designing river engineering projects by applying sediment transport; and hydraulic, hydrologic, and habitat analysis. He received advanced training in hydrographic data collection and analysis methods from academic institutions and multiple federal agencies and private firms. Russell has effective team communication skills obtained from multidisciplinary education and experience working on a variety of field, design, and monitoring projects. His technical skills include hydrographic surveying, stream gauging and monitoring, and geomorphic assessments (bedload and sediment sampling, pebble counts and subsurface grain size characterization, bedform surveys and sampling, and habitat assessments). His computer skills include 2D hydraulic modeling using HECRAS, SRH 2D, Riverflow 2D, FASTMECH, and Nays2DH, as well as 1D hydraulic modeling using HEC-RAS, SEFA, and SWMM; GIS including ArcGIS and QGIS; AutoCAD Civil3D; computer coding in Matlab and Rstudio; and the Microsoft Office suite.*

### EDUCATION

M.S. Water Resources Engineering  
Oregon State University, 2016

B.S. Biological Engineering  
University of Arkansas, 2014

### REGISTRATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS

CO PE # 0062683

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Hydraulic Modeling (1D, 2D, 3D)  
Hydrographic Survey  
Multibeam Echo Sounder Survey  
Stream Gaging and Monitoring  
Hydrologic Modeling  
Geomorphic Assessments  
Bedload and Sediment Sampling  
Sediment Transport  
Backpack Electrofishing

### PUBLICATIONS

Quantifying the Restoration Success of Wood Introductions to Increase Coho Salmon Winter Habitat. *Earth Surface Dynamics*, 7(3), 841-857. Bair, R. T., Segura, C., & Lorion, C. M. (2019).

Modeling Temperature Regime and Physical Habitat Impacts from Restored Streamflow. *Environmental management*, 63(6), 718-731. Bair, R. T., Tobin, B. W., Healy, B. D., Spangenberg, C. E., Childres, H. K., & Schenk, E. R. (2019).

### NOTABLE WORK

#### Rangely Camper Park River Access | Rangely, CO

Russell was the project manager responsible for the hydrographic survey, design, permitting, hydraulic modeling, grading, cost and quantity estimations, and construction support for the project. The project introduces a new unpaved boat ramp and slabstone steps to provide enhanced user access to the White River. As part of the design, Russell helped develop a vehicular circulation plan and parking area to streamline the boat launching process and park interface.

#### Bosshard Ranch In-Stream Habitat Improvement | Gunnison County, CO

Russell was the engineer responsible for the hydrographic survey, design, permitting, hydraulic modeling, grading, and cost and quantity estimations for the project. The project aims to improve 1.25 miles of degraded stream habitat in an agricultural setting by building natural structures to improve aquatic and riparian habitat quality and diversity and also stabilize key locations in the stream channel.

#### Serge Simmons Bank Access | Ogden, UT

Russell was the engineer responsible for the hydrographic survey, design, permitting, hydraulic modeling, grading, cost and quantities estimations, and construction oversight for the project. The project aimed to stabilize a failing bank along a pedestrian path and city park and add a pedestrian river access point as well as restore aquatic and riparian habitat in the reach.

#### Redstone Bank Stabilization | Redstone, CO

Russell was the engineer responsible for the hydrographic survey, design, permitting, hydraulic modeling, grading, cost and quantities estimations, and construction oversight for the project. The project aims to stabilize a collapsing bank in the Crystal River that threatened an agricultural pond. In addition to bank stabilization the project include reconnecting a side channel to increase habitat and habitat improvements in the main channel and banks.



## FRANÇOIS ESCORIHUELA, M.Sc.

### RIVER ENGINEER

*François is a river engineer from Lyon, France, with 14 years of experience in river engineering and planning. He has designed and evaluated a diverse range of river projects, applying his skills in 1D and 2D hydraulic modeling, hydrology, floodplain studies, sediment transport, site assessment and hydrographic survey. He has designed and overseen the implementation of stream restoration, bank stabilization, fish passage, and recreational whitewater parks projects in Spain, France, and the United States. François's kayaking background led him into the field of river restoration, and his respect for the outdoors and their preservation is reflected through his work. He is fluent in French, English, Catalan, and Spanish, and speaks German at an intermediate level.*

### NOTABLE WORK

#### EDUCATION

M.S. Civil & Environmental Engineering, ENGEES, 2009

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Hydraulic Modeling  
 Floodplain Analysis  
 Hydrographic Survey  
 Sediment Transport Analyses  
 Fluvial Geomorphic Evaluation  
 Whitewater Park Design  
 Fish Passage/Barrier Design  
 Dam Removal  
 Construction Oversight

#### PUBLICATIONS

Comparison study between 1D - 2D modeling approaches and field survey of a natural stream and habitat restoration to enhance outdoor activity at the Pilastra Whitewater Park on the Ter River, Salt (Girona). 2011, Hispagua Congreso. ABM, Ajuntament de Salt. F. Escorihuela, A.P Figueras, J. Macarro i Ortega, I Bustamante i Galera.

#### Ogden Business Exchange Surf Wave | Ogden, UT

François is leading the design, hydraulic modeling effort, and construction support of the proposed Ogden Business Exchange surf wave on the Weber River. The project aims to introduce a surf wave downstream of the popular Ogden Kayak park to provide additional recreational opportunities to the Ogden community.

#### Gore Creek Promenade Public Park Renewal | Vail, CO

François led the construction support effort and onsite validation of boulders and slabstone step installment as part of the river access improvements and bank stabilization reconfiguration at the Promenade Park in Vail. He worked closely with the Town of Vail to verify that field adjustments during construction met design specifications with no added risk to the project.

#### Las Colonias Park Slough Restoration | Grand Junction, CO

François performed topographic and hydrographic survey on 2 miles of the mainstem of the Colorado River and side channels, data reduction, and base mapping in AutoCAD Civil 3D. This project included the stable channel design and riparian revegetation of a newly aligned one-half mile long, 5.5-acre side channel through Las Colonias Park on the banks of the Colorado River. The project was hydraulically designed to function with the existing sloughs and main channel with very tight constraints on water rights and flood capacity. The project is within the critical habitat for the Upper Colorado River endangered fish.

#### Helper City River Revitalization | Helper, UT

François performed hydrographic survey, floodplain modeling and budget estimates. Three diversion dams were modified with fish and boat passage, and parking lot at Ivy street was modified to create an interior flood plain bench, riparian restoration, a community park, beach, and realigned Riverwalk trail. In addition, in-stream habitat and geomorphic structure was added to the river bed.

# APPENDIX B: PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS





# RIVER ACCESS



RiverRestoration has designed river access and passive river enjoyment features for many of our successful projects. Our river access enhancements include boardwalks and soft paths, river viewing overlooks and riverside beaches, stone steps terraced banks, and accessible wading ramps. River access improvements are central themes to urban river enhancement project. Our site specific design process identifies opportunities based on community input, feasibility and, most importantly, river channel dynamics. Access to urban waterways creates community, educational and recreational benefits.



RiverRestoration accessible ramp

Accessible wading ramps designed by RiverRestoration for multiple projects provide access for accessible footing, strollers and wheelchairs. Steep banks in many urban corridors, limit access to the newly constructed river enhancements. RiverRestoration works closely with Clients to design sloped ramps to the river's edge. Our platforms and ramps provide passive enjoyment opportunities where users, including those with disabilities, can safely interact with the natural river environment. The ramps are hydraulically designed to function at many different river flows.



RiverRestoration stabilized the eroding bank with a combination of stone terracing and dense riparian vegetation. The main channel was trained with a number of step pools for safe access. The project fronts a dog park and is now the best place to cool off in Vail.

RiverRestoration creates terraced banks and replenishing beaches that provide passive river enjoyment and safe wading areas for family friendly recreation. At low flows these features serve as sandy play areas, at high flows the sand is cleaned and replenished by natural river processes.



Fishing the Ogden River Restoration



A rapidly eroding bank in Cañon City's Centennial Park is now stabilized with a slabstone bank and safe wading in sandy deposits. Completed in 2012, the project was designed to sustain flows of 22,500 cfs (637 cms) through a highly urbanized area. The community now has a wadable pool to enjoy and a stewardship for the river is regenerated in Cañon City.





Boardwalk over stormwater return wetland

Facilitating the community at the interface between urban and natural areas was an overriding goal of the Ogden River Restoration project. Paths were aligned for a widened riparian zone and concentrated access to the river was hydraulically designed. The river used to be the back door waste conveyance. Now the community embraces the river as a valuable resource running through the heart of the City. A 1.1 mile trail now follows the restored river. Users can enjoy soft sandy beaches, wheel strollers or wheelchairs down into the water, and relax on terraced boulders.



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RiverRestoration River Access examples: (1) Boulder terracing (2) Soft access steps (3) Accessible wading ramp (4) Swimming hole (5) Hard access steps (6) Sandy beach

# Las Colonias Park Slough Restoration and Boat Ramp



Awarded "2023 EPA Region 8 Phoenix Award" at the National Brownfields Training Conference



Awarded "Great Place in Colorado 2021 Great Public Space" by The Colorado Chapter of the American Planning Association

RiverRestoration was retained by the City of Grand Junction to enhance and restore the riparian and riverine function of the Colorado River within Las Colonias Park in Grand Junction. Our team worked closely with the Parks and Recreation Department to develop a riverfront vision to transform the Las Colonias Park into a multi-recreational asset to the community. As the first step in bringing this concept to life, our engineers designed a 0.5 mile slough channel to realign through the reclaimed fill of the Climax Uranium Mill and function with the current hydrologic conditions of the Colorado River. We also designed a boat ramp with parking and circulation to provide a launching point for river users.

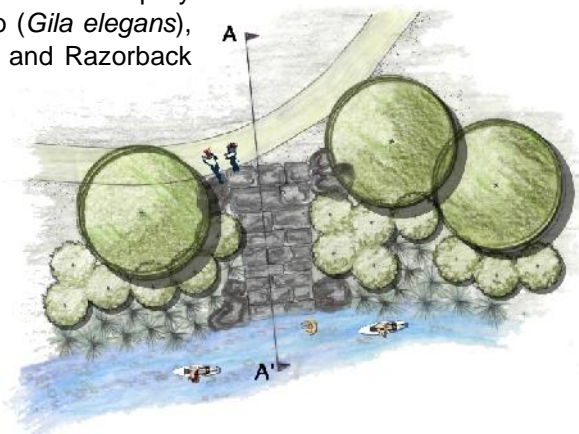
We take an innovative, data-driven approach to river design, executing hydrographic surveys and hydraulic modeling to clearly understand and optimize the relationship between natural river dynamics and human interface. RiverRestoration designed the inlet structure to regulate high flows and cutoff extreme low flows, creating a safe and enjoyable recreational experience for beginner river users while minimizing stagnate pooling that can attract non-native fish to prey on and out-complete the endangered native fish populations of Bonytail Chub (*Gila elegans*), Humpback Chub (*Gila cypha*), Colorado Pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), and Razorback Sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*).

Following the successful grading of the slough channel in 2017 and construction of the boat ramp in 2018, the City of Grand Junction has since supplemented the riverfront with two wave features, additional river access points, a riverwalk, and an outdoor amphitheater. Las Colonias Park has emerged as a vibrant recreational hub the community, with the River Park serving as the central element that draws the community together.

Illustrative rendering of boat ramp



Check out this video of the Las Colonias River Park!



**Project Location:** Colorado River, Grand Junction, CO (39°3'16.82 "N, 108°33'2.31"W)

**Project Dates:** 2016 - 2018

**Client/Owner:** City of Grand Junction

**Reference:** Trent Prall, Director of Engineering and Transportation | **Phone:** (970) 256-4047 | **Email:** trentonp@gcity.org



# Crystal River Riverfront Park Restoration and Weaver Ditch Efficiency

The project reach was identified in the stakeholder-driven 2016 Crystal River Management Plan as functionally impaired based on flow regime, sediment regime, riparian vegetation, debris supply, morphology, stability, physical structure, and biotic structure. RiverRestoration led a multi-disciplined team of subconsultants and project partners through planning, design, fundraising, and construction to bring together several identified management priorities in a cohesive project that is both beneficial to its target reach and a replicable demonstration of multi-benefit restoration. RiverRestoration also played a key role in securing funding for the \$2.5 million construction effort, assisting the Town in organizing and obtaining grants from 11 different funding sources.

RiverRestoration addressed the functional concerns by establishing a low flow thalweg, increasing aquatic habitat structure and in-stream connectivity, improving channel and bank stability, and enhancing riparian buffers. We also reconfigured the in-stream diversion to reduce maintenance activity and improve delivery to the Weaver Ditch, which provides raw water irrigation for the Town of Carbondale's open space, parks, golf courses, and schoolyards. As part of the riverfront upgrades, our team worked closely with local landscape architects to design over 900 feet of streambank laybacks, an outdoor classroom, dedicated angler access points, an elevated boardwalk, and an accessible trail to the park entrance. Following its completion in 2024, the park has already demonstrated a clear positive impact on the community and riparian habitat without compromising the rustic, hidden gem atmosphere that park users value so highly.



# Upper Pack Creek Post-Wildfire Recovery Stabilization



This one mile section of stream was completely burned in the 2021 Pack Creek fire that devastated over 9,000 acres of the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Since then, Upper Pack Creek experienced over 20 significant debris flows up to 1,000 cfs that incised the channel vertically and laterally. Not only did this cause erosion and increased sediment load downstream, but the vertical incision had cut into the unconfined aquifer layer, which caused indirect dewatering of the water table. As a result, riparian vegetation struggled to take root in the project reach, further limiting post-wildfire recovery efforts.

Previous efforts to stabilize the creek and protect Pack Creek Road relied on emergency placement of gabion baskets and riprap. While necessary at the time, these measures focused on localized bank hardening and did not address the broader restoration needs of the system. RiverRestoration was subsequently engaged to develop a more sustainable solution—one that would prevent further channel downcutting, retain sediment, raise the water table, and promote revegetation. Our team prioritized critical bank locations where continued erosion posed a direct threat to Pack Creek Road, while also identifying opportunities to implement more cost-effective and geographically appropriate solutions. In one such location, excavation of a side channel proved more economical than traditional riprap placement. The introduction of a side channel increased system sinuosity and, together with embedded rootwads, slowed velocities, captured sediment, and dissipated excess energy—resulting in improved channel stability and grade control.

The project was implemented as a Design-Build project to maximize project timeline efficiency and use of funds. RiverRestoration worked with Rim to Rim Restoration and Redoubt Restoration contractors to strategically phase and construct boulder grade control structures based on limited budget. After the first phase was completed in 2024, additional funding was attained from a combination of Non-Point Source (NPS), Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP), Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI), and USFS grants to complete placement of boulder structures and install native plantings all the way to downstream extent of the project.



*(top) Post-wildfire conditions, 2023*

*(middle) Post-project completion, 2025*

*(bottom) RRO staff presenting at the Utah DNR WRI Southeast Chapter summer field trips, 2025*

**Project Location:** Pack Creek, San Juan County, UT (38°26'07.78" N, 109°20'19.64" W)

**Project Dates:** 2023 - 2025

**Client:** Rim to Rim Restoration | **Owner:** US Forest Service

**Reference:** Bryce Rogers, RRR Project Coordinator | **Phone:** (505) 310-2150 | **Email:** bryce@revegetation.org





A sustained flood on the Weber River in 2011 caused a channel avulsion at the Serge Simmons Baseball Field, prompting Ogden City to backfill the cutoff channel, realign the main channel, and armor the exposed bank with concrete-filled mesh and compacted revetment. While these repairs addressed immediate damage, the overly constricted flow path left the reach vulnerable to future avulsion events. When another major flood occurred in spring 2023 and the channel began reverting toward its pre-repair path, the City turned to RiverRestoration to model hydraulic conditions and design a long-term stabilization solution to safeguard the bank and ballfield.

Recognizing the site's recreational potential, our team incorporated the bank stabilization with a durable river-access feature adjacent to the ballfield—creating both functional protection and a new community amenity. A terraced boulder bank was designed to encourage vegetation and visitor engagement, complemented by slabstone steps that provide safe, direct access to the river. To mitigate future avulsion risk, we introduced a high-flow channel to improve flood conveyance and reduce stress on the main channel.



# Serge Simmons Bank Repair and Access

**Project Location:** Weber River, Ogden, UT (41°13'14.61"N, 111°59'14.16"W)

**Project Dates:** 2022 - 2024

**Client/Owner:** Ogden City Engineering

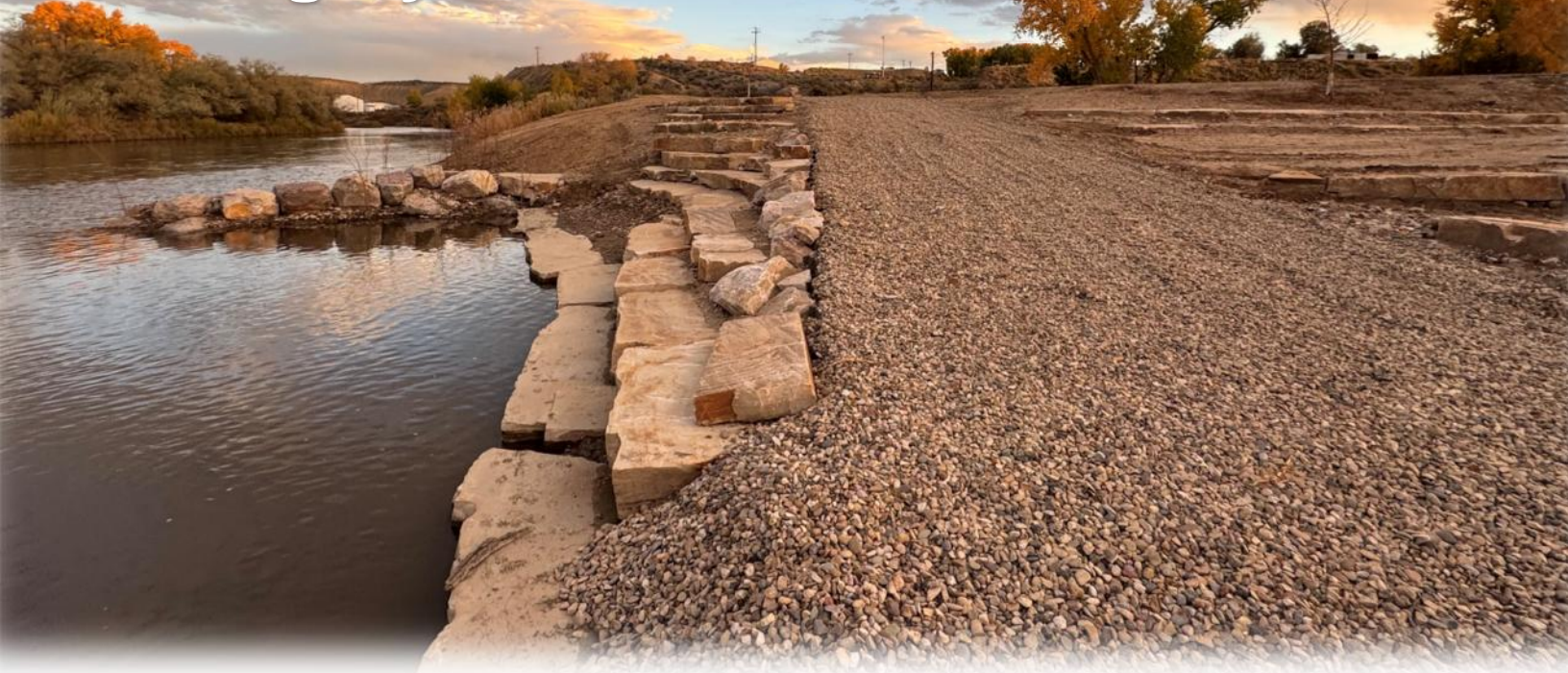
**Reference:** Phil Suiter, Ogden City Project Manager | **Phone:** (801) 540-4495 | **Email:** philsuiter@ogdencity.com





RiverRestoration was hired by the Town of Rangely to design a new unpaved boat ramp on the White River, located approximately 8.2 river miles downstream of Taylor Draw Dam. The site had previously offered only informal pedestrian access and had never been developed for recreational use. To further enhance access and elevate user experience, our team developed a comprehensive staging and parking area plan designed to accommodate vehicles and streamline circulation for boaters and other river enthusiasts. In the river, we strategically placed and sized a rock barb to create an eddy to provide calmer water for boat rigging and launching. Along the bank, terraced slabstone adds stability and creates inviting gathering spaces. Together, these improvements create a safe, convenient, and sustainable launch point, supporting outdoor recreation and community engagement along one of northern Colorado's most cherished waterways.

# Rangely River Access



**Project Location:** White River, Rangely, CO (40° 5'23.91"N, 108°47'12.17"W)

**Project Dates:** 2023 - 2025

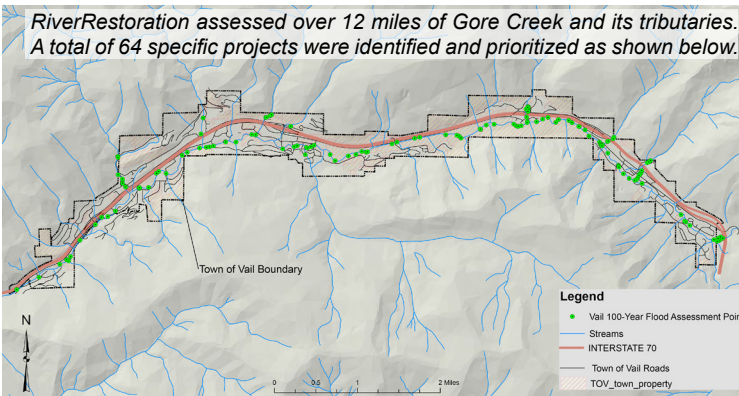
**Client/Owner:** Town of Rangely

**Reference:** Jocelyn Mullen, Town Engineer for Town of Rangely | **Phone:** (970) 675-8476 | **Email:** [jmullen@rangelyco.gov](mailto:jmullen@rangelyco.gov)





# TOWN OF VAIL FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIR



A significant flood event occurred within the Town of Vail in June of 2010. RiverRestoration calculated that flows, greater than the 100-year event occurred on the main channel and flows exceeded the 500-year event on a number of tributaries. This flooding significantly damaged property, infrastructure and the channel. Town of Vail requested a damage assessment and a prioritized river engineering and restoration plan. The Town is highly sensitive to the environment and aesthetics and requested a restoration plan that could enhance the natural function of the channel while stabilizing the urban infrastructure.

RiverRestoration identified, categorized and prioritized 64 projects for repair and restoration. Cost opinions and concepts

for sustainable designs were scoped. RiverRestoration designed and engineered four top priority projects guided them through construction within 6 months. Twenty Seven additional discrete projects have been designed by RiverRestoration and implemented since 2011. Improved flood conveyance, bank stability and infrastructure protection has been achieved at each project. These designs have accommodated habitat, morphology, and recreation while being aesthetically pleasing. As a part of this effort 12 parcels of Town stream tract have been reclaimed and restored with native riparian vegetation designed by RiverRestoration. The riverfront property values are a close second to the slopeside valuations as the Gold Medal fishing and world class kayaking are creating year round recreation demand in this mountain resort town.

Stephens Park Bank Stabilization and Access: Sixty feet of flood erosion at this river bank threatened collapse of 150 foot tall conifer trees and the capture of historic channels pictured here. RiverRestoration stabilized the eroding bank with a combination of stone terracing and dense riparian vegetation. The main channel was trained with a number of rock barbs. The toe of the banks supporting the conifers was stabilized with stone toe protection and significant revegetation of the understory. The project fronts the Stephen's Park dog park and is now the best place to cool off in Vail.



*Stephen's Park bank Stabilization and access*

Middle Creek Confluence Bank Bio-Stabilization: A live crib bank with native riparian species designed by RiverRestoration to stabilize an actively eroding bank and provide safe access to a popular overlook.



Upper Middle Creek Avulsion Repair: In the 2010 Flood Event Middle Creek cut a new channel and eroded 100 feet of bank. RiverRestoration designed a stable repair for the bank and realigned the channel with improved conveyance and 9 boulder step pool sequences.



Christopher Sewell Bridge Stabilization: Flood erosion of a river bank completely scoured the bridge abutment and the bridge was structurally unsound. The bank was rebuilt and trained and the abutment was stabilized in place to save the bridge and defer the more significant costs of replacing the bridge.



No. 7 Tee Bank Stabilization: The south bank of Gore Creek near the Number 7 tee box after 100-year flooding threatened collapse of the adjacent path. The bank was rebuilt to provide ample buffer between the path and top of the bank. Live willow staking and ample riparian restoration were installed to help stabilize the bank.



Aspen Court Bridge Channel Realignment: 100-year flooding caused 50 lateral feet of channel migration and the collapse of Aspen Court bridge. RiverRestoration realigned the river and stabilized the bank with a combination of stone toe protection and a live crib bank. The live crib design allowed for the mass of channel deposits to be cost effectively disposed onsite into the rebuilt bank. The floodway conveyance was restored with this project. Dense riparian vegetation was planted in the face of the crib as well on the overbank. The channel was designed for the continued transport of cobble materials and to accommodate potential future channel migration.



RiverRestoration hydraulically designed a bridge realignment and stabilized a channel head cut on Middle Creek behind the Vail Public Library.



Columbine Drive Culvert Replacement: A 500-year flood event passed 3 feet diameter boulders through a CMP culvert, tearing the bed of the culvert and creating piping of the road embankment and sink holes in the road grade. In addition a 10 feet vertical head cut formed downstream. RiverRestoration designed a 8'x5' concrete box culvert with groundwater cutoff collars and stabilized the head cut with a massive boulder waterfall on the downstream channel.



Booth Creek Avulsion Repair: Booth Creek experienced 500-year flood event in 2010. A culvert occluded with large cobble debris and the upstream creek avulsed creating a new channel and flooding. RiverRestoration modified the culvert for improved sediment transport, repaired the avulsion, designed stable grade control for USGS 09066200 gage and a new rating curve and redesigned native riparian restoration.



Bighorn Pond Avulsion Repair: 100 year flooding of Gore Creek captured a side channel flow through pond and initiated a head cut through the outlet. RiverRestoration designed a 7.3 feet vertical concrete cutoff wall to stabilize the head cut and control the pond level through a range of flows. In addition the inlet works to the pond were wiped out with 50 feet of bank erosion. RiverRestoration designed the realignment of the main channel, diversion head gate, crib bank and bio-stabilization structure, and a boulder vane in the channel for heading the diversion works.



Ford Park Amphitheater Bridge Stormwater Swale: The eroding stormwater outlet was designed by RiverRestoration to be rerouted through a constructed and vegetated swale and into the riparian buffer. The rerouting paths for the low flow were routed with large log and boulder structures with overflow channels. Native riparian vegetation was installed throughout the new swale.



## Procurement and Grant Reporting

### City of Rifle

202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 8165

970-665-6412

## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**CC:** Patrick Waller, City Manager and Austin  
Rickstrew Parks and Recreation Director

**FROM:** Iris Trevisano, Procurement and Grant Reporting

**DATE:** February 18, 2026

**SUBJECT:** **Recommendation RFP123025 – Centennial Park Restoration Design**

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### Background

Centennial Park Restoration Design proposal is requesting the design of the Centennial Park Channel Improvements to advance the goals of the Rifle Creek Restoration Implementation Plan. Which addresses the incised channel, invasive vegetation, excessive sediment loads, and flood risk through science based, shovel-ready restoration actions. By restoring channel and floodplain connectivity with step-pool features, removing invasive plants, and implementing revegetation, the project will improve water quality and delivery efficiency, enhance aquatic and riparian habitat, reduce flood risk, and community resilience. These improvements support agriculture, municipal water use, and recreation while delivering measurable, basin-wide benefits to the Colorado River Basin.

### Procurement

In accordance with our procurement code, we issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for these services, which was posted on the Rocky Mountain e-purchasing system- bidnet direct website. An mandatory pre-bid meeting was held that was attended by ten consultants. At the close of the submission period, we received five proposals. A selection committee was established to evaluate and score the proposals. Their proposals were assessed on several criteria, including qualifications, relevant experience, design approach, proposed timeline, and cost. A scoring rubric—outlined in the RFP—guided the evaluation, with emphasis on technical expertise, and previous experience on similar projects. Bell Consultants Inc and River Restoration Org, LLC received a Local Preference Code Sec. 4-3-210. Both received a discount for being located in Rifle and Garfield County.

Committee Member	Design Concepts   Landscape Architecture	Wright Water Engineers	Bell Consultants, Inc.	RiverRestoration. org, LLC	Confluence Consulting, Inc.
	\$ 59,925.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 43,400.00	\$ 47,411.00	\$ 59,975.00
1	87.50	85.75	78.50	90.75	81.05
2	87.00	84.00	78.00	90.50	85.00
3	89.29	88.26	81.60	93.11	82.32
4	83.00	86.00	90.00	92.50	84.00
<b>Total</b>	346.79	344.01	328.10	366.86	332.37
<b>Average</b>	86.70	86.00	82.03	91.72	83.09
<b>Local Discount</b>			<b>5.0%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	
			<b>86.12625</b>	<b>94.007875</b>	

**Recommendation**

After a careful evaluation process, the selection committee recommends that City Council approve River Restoration to provide design services not to exceed \$47,411. River Restoration stood out for its qualified team, strong experience with previous river projects.

Staff recommends awarding the contract for Centennial Park Restoration Design in the amount of \$47,411

Thank you,

Iris Trevisano  
Procurement and Grant Reporting Manger

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

202 Railroad Avenue, Rifle, CO 81650

Phone: 970-665-6570



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Iris Trevisano, Procurement & Grant Manager

**FROM:** Austin Rickstrew, Parks and Recreation Director

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to Award Centennial Park Restoration Design Contract

Following completion of the review committee's evaluation of the submitted proposals for the Centennial Park Restoration Design, I am writing to formally recommend that we move forward with awarding the contract to River Restoration.

The proposed Centennial Park channel improvements directly advance the goals outlined in the Rifle Creek Restoration Implementation Plan. Specifically, this project addresses key concerns, including the condition of the incised channel, invasive vegetation management, excessive sediment loads, and existing flood risks within the corridor. These improvements are critical to restoring ecological function, enhancing channel stability, and reducing long-term maintenance and infrastructure impacts.

By the conclusion of the design process, we anticipate receiving detailed concept renderings and cross-sections of the proposed improvements to Rifle Creek. The final deliverable will incorporate all recommendations into a comprehensive design document that will guide future implementation efforts.

Based on the review committee's scoring, qualifications assessment, and overall project approach, River Restoration is well-positioned to successfully deliver this project. We believe their experience and methodology align with the City's objectives.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or supporting documentation.

Respectfully,

*Austin Rickstrew*



**CITY OF RIFLE  
PURCHASE REQUEST**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	NEW: W-9 attached <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Vendor Address</b>

<b>3.</b>	<b>For the Purchase of (description)</b>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>Finance Director Verified Funds Avail.</b>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Dept. Name</b>	<b>General Ledger Acct #</b>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Type of Purchase</b>
Capital Construction	
Capital Construction – Change Order	
Capital Equipment	
Plant Equipment	
Materials, supplies, non-profession/technical services (includes computer/software maint.)	
Professional Services	
Utilities (includes equipment installation and ongoing contracts)	
Land, easements, ROW	

<b>7.</b>	<b>Purchasing Process Required (Rifle Municipal Code sections for guidance)</b>		
Cooperative Purchasing:		Sec 4-3-50	
Emergency Procurement		Sec. 4-3-235	
Small Purchases		Sec. 4-3-225	
Request for Proposal:		Sec. 4-3-220(b)	(attach bid tab)
Competitive Sealed Bid:		Sec.4-3-215	(attach bid tab & advertisement)
Miscellaneous Exemptions		Sec. 4-2-230	(attach memo)

<b>8.</b>	<b>Authorization Required</b>		
City Manager			
City Council			

<b>9.</b>	<b>Signatures</b>		
	<b>Position</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Department Director			
City Manager			
City Council Approval (meeting date)			

<b>10.</b>	<b>Purchase Order # assigned by Finance</b>

TABLE 1 - IS A PURCHASE ORDER NECESSARY

<u>Amount of Purchase</u>	<u>Is Purchase Order Needed</u>	<u>Method of Source Selection</u>
\$0.01 - \$10,000	No – Dept Head Approval	No special sourcing
\$10,000.01 - \$25,000	Yes – City Manager Approval	Yes – see table 2 below
\$25,000.01 or Greater	Yes – Council Approval	Yes – see table 2 below

TABLE 2 - METHODS OF SOURCE SELECTION

<u>Methods of source selection</u>	<u>Contract limits</u>
Competitive sealed bidding	Greater than \$50,000.00
**Competitive sealed proposals	Greater than \$10,000.00 and less than \$50,000.00**.
**Greater than \$50,000 allowed for Construction Manager/General Contractor proposals, or similar type proposal.	
Small purchases	Less than \$10,000.00 - DEPARTMENT HEAD DISCRETION

TABLE 3 - LOCAL VENDOR PREFERENCE

Contract Amount	Primary Preference In City Limits	Secondary Preference In County Out of City
Less than \$1,000	10% discount	5% discount
\$1,001 to \$5,000	8% discount	4% discount
\$5,001 to \$25,000	6% discount	3% discount
\$25,001 to \$100,000	5% discount	2% discount
\$100,000 to \$200,000	4% discount	2.5% discount
\$200,001 to \$500,000	3% discount	1.5% discount
\$500,000 or greater	2% discount	1% discount



**Agenda Item #9.c.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Liquor License Report of Changes for City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Events Center

**Presenter:**

Tami Sours, Senior & Event Center Director

**Item Description:**

Staff is updating Ute Theater and Events Center staff information and requesting a premise modification for potential outdoor uses of the venue by expanding the liquor license area onto 4th Street from May 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

This annual request requires City Council's approval before State Liquor License approval.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve the Liquor License Report of Changes application for the City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Event Center.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This modification of premise will allow greater opportunities for outdoor activities related to the Ute Theater during the summer and potentially increase revenue.

**Operational Impact:**

Staff time for planning, set-up and clean-up will increase.

**Prior Board Motions:**

This is an annual request.

**Background Information:**

City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Events Center located at 132 East 4th Street, Rifle CO has submitted a Report of Changes application.

The following criteria have been met by the applicant:

- \* The application is complete
- \* The fees have been paid

Staff recommends approval of the Report of Changes application for City of Rifle dba Ute Theater and Events Center.

**Executive Summary:**

Licensed Area will remain the same on select dates in 2026.

**Notification Requirements:**

None

**Prepared By:**

Alexis Ramirez, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1. 2026 Ute Theater Modify Premises

# Instruction Sheet for Permit Application and Report of Changes

For All Sections, Complete Questions on Page 2

**Section A**

To Register or Change Managers, check the appropriate box in section A and complete question 10 on page 6. Proceed to the Oath of Applicant for signature. Submit to State Licensing Authority for approval.

**Section B**

For a Duplicate license, be sure to include the liquor license number in section B on page 1 and proceed to page 8 for Oath of Applicant signature.

**Section C**

Check the appropriate box in section C and proceed below.

**For a Retail Warehouse Storage Permit**, go to page 4 complete questions in the section (be sure to check the appropriate box). Submit the necessary information and proceed to page 8 for Oath of Applicant signature. Submit to the State Licensing Authority for approval.

**For a Wholesale Branch House Permit**, go to page 4 and complete questions in the section (be sure to check the appropriate box). Submit the necessary information and proceed to page 8 for Oath of Applicant signature. Submit to the State Licensing Authority for approval.

**To Change Trade Name or Corporation Name**, go to page 4 and complete questions in the section (be sure to check the appropriate box). Submit the necessary information and proceed to page 8 for Oath of Applicant signature. Retail Liquor License submit to the Local Liquor Licensing Authority (City or County). Manufacturer, Wholesaler and Importer's Liquor Licenses submit to the State Liquor Licensing Authority.

**To modify Premises, or add Sidewalk Service Area**, go to page 7 and complete all questions. Submit the necessary information and proceed to page 8 for Oath of Applicant signature. Retail Liquor License submit to the Local Liquor Licensing Authority (City or County). Manufacturer, Wholesaler and Importer's Liquor Licenses submit to the State Liquor Licensing Authority.

**For Optional Premises** go to page 7 and complete all questions. Submit the necessary information and proceed to page 8 for Oath of Applicant signature. Retail Liquor License submit to the Local Liquor Licensing Authority (City or County).

**To Change Location**, go to page 5 and complete questions in the section. Submit the necessary information and proceed to page 8 for Oath of Applicant signature. Retail Liquor License submit permit application or report of change to the Local Liquor Licensing Authority (City or County). Manufacturer, Wholesaler and Importer's Liquor Licenses submit to the State Liquor Licensing Authority.

**Noncontiguous or Primary Manufacturing Location Change**, go to page 6, and complete questions in the section. Use this section to make a current Noncontiguous Manufacturing Location into a Primary Manufacturing Location, or a Primary Manufacturing Location into a Noncontiguous Manufacturing Location. To be eligible for a Noncontiguous or Primary Manufacturing Location Change, you must be a Colorado state licensed manufacturer pursuant to section 44-3-402 or 44-3-403, C.R.S.

**Campus Liquor Complex Designation**, go to page 8 and complete questions in the section. Submit the necessary information and proceed to page 8 for Oath of Applicant signature.

**To add another Related Facility** to an existing Resort or Campus Liquor Complex, go to page 8 and complete questions in the section.

## Permit Application and Report of Changes

**All Answers Must Be Printed in Black Ink or Typewritten**

**Applicant is a**      Corporation     Individual     Partnership     Limited Liability Company

License Number

03-10555
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Name of Licensee

City of Rifle
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Trade Name of Establishment (DBA)

Ute Theater and Events Center
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Address of Premises (specify exact location of premises)

134 East 4th Street
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City	County	State	ZIP Code
Rifle	Garfield	CO	81650

Business Email Address

pduprey@rifleco.org
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Business Phone Number

970-665-6569
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**Select the Appropriate Section Below and Reference the Instructions on Page 1.**

### Section A – Manager

- Manager's Registration (Hotel & Restaurant)..... \$30.00
- Manager's Registration (Tavern)..... \$30.00
- Manager's Registration (Lodging Facility)..... \$30.00
- Manager's Registration (Entertainment Facility)..... \$30.00
- Change of Manager (Other Licenses pursuant to section 44-3-301(8), C.R.S.)..... No Fee

Please note that Manager's Registration for Hotel & Restaurant, Lodging Facility, Entertainment Facility, and Tavern licenses requires a local fee with submission to the local licensing authority as well. Please reach out to local licensing authorities directly regarding local processing and fees.

### Section B – Duplicate License

- Duplicate License ..... \$50.00

**Section C**

- Retail Warehouse Storage Permit (each)..... \$100.00
- Wholesale Branch House Permit (each)..... \$100.00
- Change Corporation or Trade Name Permit (each)..... \$50.00
- Change Location Permit (each)..... \$150.00
- Noncontiguous or Primary Manufacturing Location Change..... \$150.00
- Change, Alter or Modify Premises..... \$150.00 x  Total Fee:
- Addition of Optional Premises to Existing Hotel/Restaurant..... \$100.00 x  Total Fee:
- Addition of Related Facility to an Existing Resort or Campus Liquor Complex..... \$160.00 x  Total Fee:
- Campus Liquor Complex Designation..... No Fee
- Sidewalk Service Area..... \$75.00

**Do Not Write in This Space – For Department of Revenue Use Only**

Date License Issued	License Account Number	Period

The State may convert your check to a one time electronic banking transaction. Your bank account may be debited as early as the same day received by the State. If converted, your check will not be returned. If your check is rejected due to insufficient or uncollected funds, the Department of Revenue may collect the payment amount directly from your bank account electronically.

**Total Amount Due**..... \$  .

## Storage Permit

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### Retail Warehouse Storage Permit or a Wholesalers Branch House Permit

- Retail Warehouse Permit for:**
- On-Premises Licensee (Taverns, Restaurants etc.)
  - Off-Premises Licensee (Liquor stores)
- Wholesalers Branch House Permit**

Address of Storage Premises

City

County

ZIP Code

Attach a deed/lease or rental agreement for the storage premises.

Attach a detailed diagram of the storage premises.

### Change Trade Name or Corporate Name

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- Change of Trade Name/DBA only
- Corporate Name Change (Attach the following supporting documents)
1. Certificate of Amendment filed with the Secretary of State, or
  2. Statement of Change filed with the Secretary of State, and
  3. Minutes of Corporate meeting, Limited Liability Members meeting, Partnership agreement.

Old Trade Name

New Trade Name

Old Corporate Name

New Corporate Name

## Change of Location

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**Note to Retail Licensees:** An application to change location has a local application fee of \$750 payable to your local licensing authority. You may only change location within the same jurisdiction as the original license that was issued. Pursuant to 44-3-311(1) C.R.S. Your application must be on file with the local authority thirty (30) days before a public hearing can be held.

Date filed with Local Authority

Date of Hearing

### Address of current premises.

Address

City

County

ZIP Code

### Address of proposed New Premises

(Attach copy of the deed or lease that establishes possession of the premises by the licensee)

Address

City

County

ZIP Code

### New mailing address if applicable.

Address

City

County

State

ZIP Code

**Attach detailed diagram of the premises showing where the alcohol beverages will be stored, served, possessed or consumed. Include kitchen area(s) for hotel and restaurants.**

**Noncontiguous or Primary Manufacturing Location Change**

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Select the option that applies to your situation:

- Make a current Primary Manufacturing Location (Location 1) into a Noncontiguous Location (Location 2); or
- Make a current Noncontiguous Manufacturing Location (Location 1) into a Primary Manufacturing Location (Location 2).

**Address of Location 1:**

Address

City

County

ZIP Code

**Address of Location 2:**

Address

City

County

ZIP Code

**Change of Manager**

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**Change of Manager** or to **Register the Manager** of a Tavern, Hotel and Restaurant, Lodging Facility and Entertainment Facility liquor license or licenses pursuant to section 44-3-301(8), C.R.S.

**Change of Manager**

Former Manager's Name

New Manager's Name

**Date of Employment**

Has manager ever managed a liquor licensed establishment?.....  Yes  No

Does manager have a financial interest in any other liquor licensed establishment?.....  Yes  No

If yes, give name and location of establishment

**Modify Premises or Addition of Optional Premises, Related Facility, or Sidewalk Service Area**

**Note:** Licensees may not modify or add to their licensed premises until approved by state and local authorities.

**(a) Describe change proposed**

Add 72' x 138' to existing premises in front of the patio area to facilitate weekly outdoor concert series.

**(b) If the modification is temporary, when will the proposed change:**

Start (month/day/year)

05/01/2026

End (month/day/year)

12/31/2026

**Note: The total state fee for temporary modification is \$300.00**

**(c) Will the proposed change result in the licensed premises now being located within 500 feet of any public or private school that meets compulsory education requirements of Colorado law, or the principal campus of any college, university or seminary?.....**  Yes  No

(If yes, explain in detail and describe any exemptions that apply)

**(d) Is the proposed change in compliance with local building and zoning laws?.....**  Yes  No

**(e) If this modification is for an additional Hotel and Restaurant Optional Premises has the local authority authorized by resolution or ordinance the issuance of optional premises?.....**  Yes  No

**(f) Attach a diagram of the current licensed premises and a diagram of the proposed changes for the licensed premises.**

**(g) Attach any existing lease that is revised due to the modification.**

**(h) For the addition of a Sidewalk Service Area per Regulation 47-302(A)(4), 1 C.C.R. 203-2, include documentation received from the local governing body authorizing use of the sidewalk. Documentation may include but is not limited to a statement of use, permit, easement, or other legal permissions.**

**Campus Liquor Complex Designation**

An institution of higher education or a person who contracts with the institution to provide food services I wish to designate my existing:

Liquor License Type	Liquor License Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

to a Campus Liquor Complex.....  Yes  No

**Additional Related Facility**

To add a Related Facility to an existing Resort or Campus Liquor Complex, include the name of the Related Facility and include the address and an outlined drawing of the Related Facility Premises.

**Address of Related Facility**

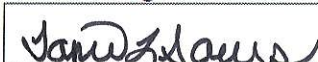
Address

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City	State	ZIP Code	
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Outlined diagram provided.....  Yes  No

**Oath of Applicant**

I declare under penalty of perjury in the second degree that I have read the foregoing application and all attachments thereto, and that all information therein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name	Title
Tami Sours	Senior and Event Center Director
Electronic signature is not accepted, physical signature is required.	Date (MM/DD/YY)
	02/09/2026

**Report and Approval of Local Licensing Authority (City / County)**

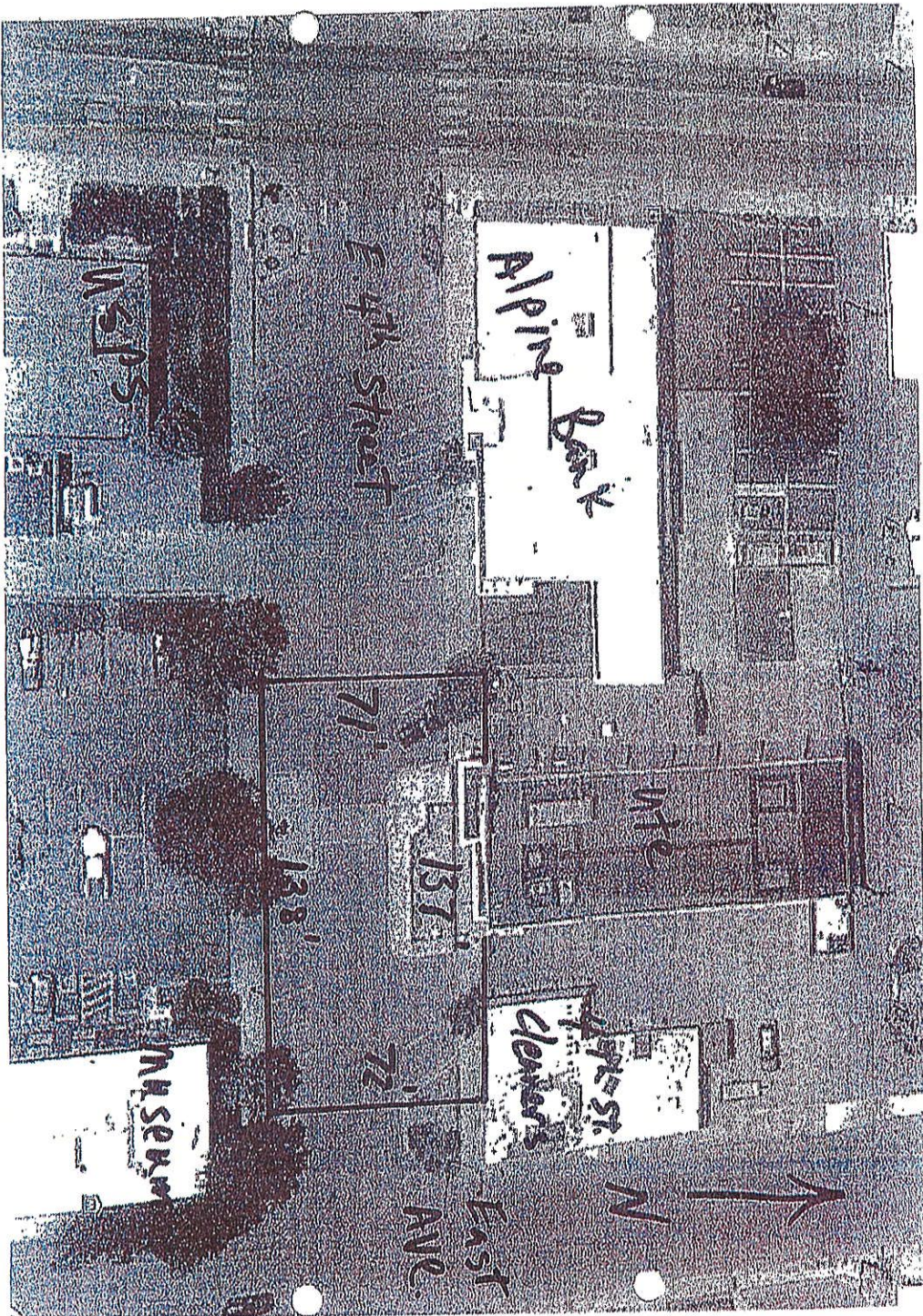
The foregoing application has been examined and the premises, business conducted and character of the applicant is satisfactory, and we do report that such permit, if granted, will comply with the applicable provisions of Title 44, Articles 4 and 3, C.R.S., as amended. Therefore, This Application is Approved.

Local Licensing Authority (City or County)	Date filed with Local Authority	
City of Rifle	<input type="text"/>	
Signature	Title	Date (MM/DD/YY)
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**Report of State Licensing Authority**

The foregoing has been examined and complies with the filing requirements of Title 44, Article 3, C.R.S., as amended.

Electronic signature is not accepted, physical signature is required.	Title	Date (MM/DD/YY)
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Add

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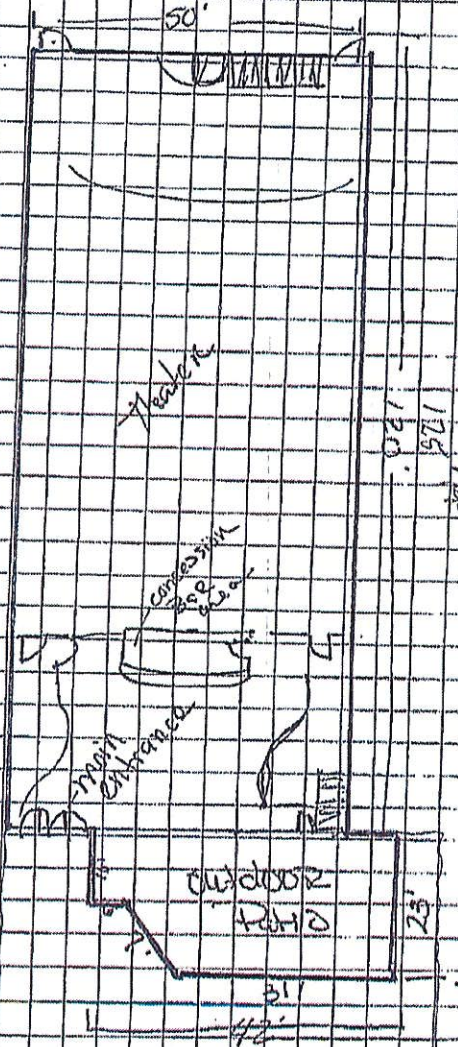
Special

FRONT OF

WFE including

Sidewalks &

East UT Street



Main Level

DIAGRAM OF PREMISES

Wm. Reed, of the County of Jefferson and State of Colorado, of the first part, and Concepcion Amador and Juan Amador of the County of Jefferson and State of Colorado, of the second part.

That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars Dollars, to the said part of the first part, for the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, to the said part of the first part, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said part of the second part, all the right, title and interest, together with the appurtenances, of the following described lot, to-wit:

*Lot 27th and 28th (1st) and 28th (2d), Block "G" in the Town of Pueblo, Colorado*

*W. Reed*

Together with all and singular the covenants and appurtenances thereto in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and severalty, remainder and profits thereof, with all the rents, yields, profits, claims and demands whatsoever, of the said part of the first part, either in law or equity, in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereinafter and appurtenances, to have and to hold the said premises above bargained and described, with the appurtenances, unto the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said

part of the first part, for the said part of the second part, do hereby covenant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said part of the second part, that at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, the said part of the first part, do hereby covenant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said part of the second part, all the right, title and interest, together with the appurtenances, of the following described lot, to-wit:

and the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceful possession of the said part of the second part, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim the same, and the said part of the first part, do hereby warrant and forever defend the same unto the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said part of the first part, do hereby covenant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said part of the second part, all the right, title and interest, together with the appurtenances, of the following described lot, to-wit:

Witness my hand and seal, this 1st day of August, A. D. 1914.

STATE OF COLORADO, County of Jefferson, ss. I, John M. Reed, Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of August, A. D. 1914, by Wm. Reed and Concepcion Amador.

Witness my hand and seal, this 1st day of August, A. D. 1914.

Notary Public

Filed for record this 1st day of August, A. D. 1914, at Pueblo, in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.  
By John M. Reed Notary Public.  
Deputy



**Agenda Item #9.d.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Authorizing Submission of the Garfield County FMLD Mini-Grant Application for a Detective Vehicle - Resolution No. 6, Series of 2026

**Presenter:**

Iris Trevisano, Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager

**Item Description:**

Consider Approving Resolution No. 6, Series of 2026 - Garfield County FMLD Mini Grant for the purchase of Detective Vehicle

**Recommended Action:**

Move to allow staff to submit the Mini-grant application to GCFMLD for the purchase of a Detective Vehicle, City Manager to sign the grant agreement and to expend the funds necessary to meet the terms of the grant not to exceed \$30,000 - Resolution No. 6, Series of 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This is a no-match grant and if fully funded, the City can fund the additional match of approximately \$18,200. Two Patrol vehicles and upfits are budgeted for 2026. This grant will allow us to purchase a third vehicle to replace an aging Detective vehicle.

**Operational Impact:**

This detective's vehicle will be replacing the current vehicle, which is a 2012 Ford Escape with 128,000 miles.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

The Rifle Police Department purchased the aging detective vehicle, used from Columbine Ford. Adding a detective vehicle will support the Rifle Police Department with its aging fleet. The 2012 Ford Escape has approximately 128,000 miles and is requiring repairs more frequently and is overdue to retire a detective vehicle that are no longer economical to maintain.

**Executive Summary:**

We recently replaced an aging detective vehicle with a Ford Bronco Sport, and it has worked out very well. Our detectives work not only their designated shifts but are also responsible for 24/7 coverage to support the patrol division and respond to major crimes. Because detectives often respond from their residences, they keep basic crime scene processing equipment in their vehicles, making a smaller SUV the best option. Vehicles assigned to detectives typically have a significantly longer service life. They are driven by a single officer, have greatly reduced idle time, and accrue significantly fewer annual miles than patrol vehicles.

**Notification Requirements:**

None

**Prepared By:**

Iris Trevisano, Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution No 6 GCFMLD Mini-Spring 2026 2.11

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 6  
SERIES OF 2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,  
COLORADO, SUPPORTING A MINI GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT FOR A RIFLE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE VEHICLE.

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and therefore an eligible applicant for a grant awarded by the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (GCFMLD); and

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle is submitting a Grant Application requesting a total award of \$30,000 for purchase and upfit of a Rifle Police Department Detective Vehicle (the “Project” ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle supports the completion of the Project if a grant is awarded by GCFMLD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE THAT:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the City of Rifle.
2. The City Council strongly supports, and the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit the Grant Application for a mini grant with the GCFMLD for the Project.
3. The Project will be owned by the City of Rifle for the next 25 years or its reasonable useful life. The City of Rifle will continue to maintain the Project in a high-quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance.
4. If a grant is awarded, the City of Rifle hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign a Grant Agreement with the GCFMLD and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the Grant Agreement.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Rifle City Council at a regular meeting held this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026 and is effective immediately.

ATTEST:

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

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City Clerk

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Mayor



**Agenda Item #9.e.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Consider Electing Not to Participate in the Requirements of House Bill 24-1173 Regarding Electrical Vehicle Charging Station Permitting Processes and Standards - Resolution No. 8, Series of 2026

**Presenter:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Item Description:**

There are new requirements from the State in HB 24-1173 Electric Vehicle Charging Systems Permits Law, which focuses on local land use permitting for EV charging projects. The law requires municipalities with 10,000 or more people and counties with 20,000 or more people to take one of the following actions by December 31, 2025:

- Adopt the permitting process and standards from the EV Charging Model Land Use Code
- Adopt the permitting processes and standards prescribed by HB24-1173
- Adopt an ordinance or resolution stating the local government does not wish to change its existing land use codes and opts out of revising its codes.

Staff presented options to the City Council in a workshop on November 5, 2025 where City Council provided general direction to opt out of revising Rifle Municipal Code.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve Electing Not to Participate in the Requirements of House Bill 24-1173 Regarding Electrical Vehicle Charging Station Permitting Processes and Standards - Resolution No.8, Series of 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Operational Impact:**

This resolution opts the City out of amending our current process for review of EV Charging Station permitting.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

The 2023 Colorado EV Plan estimates that Colorado needs about 7,500 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports by 2025 to achieve its EV goals. To enable this charging network, local governments may need to adjust their permitting processes to facilitate this new type of land use. To support local governments in this work, the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) held a series of meetings with local governments and charging developers in 2023 to discuss permitting challenges and solutions and published the findings in a study.

In 2024, Colorado passed the Electric Vehicle Charging System Permits law (HB24-1173) in 2024. This law encourages local governments to adopt land use permitting processes and standards for public charging projects to foster more streamlined, transparent, and consistent permitting processes.

Municipalities with 10,000 or more people and counties with 20,000 or more people as of the 2020 Federal Census are required to take at least one of the following compliance actions by December 31, 2025:

- Adopt the permitting processes and standards from the EV Charging Model Land Use Code developed by CEO;
  - Adopt the permitting processes and standards prescribed by HB24-1173;
  - Adopt an ordinance or resolution stating that the local government does not wish to change its existing land use codes and opts out of revising its codes.
- Subject jurisdictions are also required to submit two reports to the Colorado Energy Office.

**Compliance Report:** By March 1, 2026, a report that confirms the compliance action completed (i.e. which of the three compliance options outlined above the jurisdiction has implemented).

**Outcomes Report:** By January 31, 2027, a report that outlines the permitting durations and final decision for each EV charging development application received between December 31, 2025 and December 1, 2026.

**Executive Summary:**

Resolution No. 8 Series of 2026 opts the City out of adopting any additional requirements. This resolution meets the State's requirements and allows the City to continue with the current process utilized for reviewing these types of applications. The City's process has been viewed as efficient and effective and can be amended in the future if needed.

**Notification Requirements:**

N/A

**Prepared By:**

Zach Higgins, Community Development Director

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution No. 08- Opt Out of EV Charger Model Code

**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 08  
SERIES OF 2026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,  
COLORADO, ELECTING TO OPT OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
HOUSE BILL 24-1173 REGARDING ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING  
STATION PERMITTING PROCESSES AND STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2024, the Governor of Colorado signed HB 24-1173, An Act Concerning Streamlining the Process for Permitting Electric Motor Vehicle Charging Systems; and

WHEREAS, HB 24-1173 purports to adopt a uniform permitting process for electric vehicle (“EV”) charging stations in conformity with an Electric Vehicle Charger Permitting Model Code to be developed by the Colorado Energy Office; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle (the “City”), a home rule municipality organized pursuant to Article XX, Section 6 of the Colorado Constitution, regulates the construction, removal, repair, alteration, reconstruction, and use of buildings through its building and zoning ordinances;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 30-28-213(2)(a)(III) provides that the City may adopt a resolution opting out of the permitting process established by HB 24-1173 and providing that the City will continue to use its existing permitting review process for EV charger permit applications; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has an established and effective permitting process for the review and installation of EV charging systems, which adequately meets the needs of applicants and the public while protecting public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, City Council for the City of Rifle (the “Council”) finds that the existing permitting process aligns with the intent of House Bill 24-1173 for EV charging systems; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to assist the Colorado Energy Office by indicating its intent to follow its existing permitting review process for EV charging system applications in response to C.R.S. § 31-23-316(2), without admitting that the requirements of that statute are lawful or mandatory, and to continue administering its own local permitting process for EV charging systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO THAT:

1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. **Findings.** The ordinances of the City of Rifle provide sufficient and reasonable standards and processes for the review and permitting of applications for EV charging systems.

- 3. Intent to Use Local Processes.** The City of Rifle will continue to use its existing permitting processes to review applications for EV charging systems and, as a result, does not intend to adopt the EV Charger Permitting Model Code or other standards and processes provided by C.R.S. § 31-23-316.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Rifle City Council at a regular meeting held on this 18th day of February, 2026.

CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



**Agenda Item #10.a.**

**Agenda Item Name:**

Report to City Manager

**Presenter:**

Patrick Waller, City Manager

**Item Description:**

Staff report on notable tasks completed within the individual departments.

**Recommended Action:**

No action necessary

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Operational Impact:**

None

**Prior Board Motions:**

None

**Background Information:**

None

**Executive Summary:**

Work Report to City Manager as of 02/13/2026.

January's Social Media Report viewable through the Online Portfolio  
@ <https://online.fliphtml5.com/qwkpl/2026-Social-Report-Jan/>

**Notification Requirements:**

None

**Prepared By:**

Alexis Ramirez, City Clerk

**Attachments:**

1. 2.18.2026 Report to City Manager
2. Report to City Manager Feb 18

# WORK REPORT TO CITY MANAGER

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02.18.2026

## PIO

- Attended Effective Communication for the Public Good presented by InnovateUS. It was a good discussion featuring former Congressman Brian Baird and Jill Abrahamson. They had really great advise on connecting with citizens. “Listen win, talk lose”.
- Attended Explaining Public Service: Strategies for Clear, Credible Communication put on by InnovateUS.

## COURT

- The court handled 22 adult cases on the January 21 court date and 81 adult cases and 10 juvenile cases on the February 4 court date. We also held 04 telephone hearings with inmates in custody.
- Monitoring potential legislation regarding livestreaming municipal court proceedings which looks as though it will resurface this year. We object on the basis that not only do we not have the equipment (unfunded mandate), but we don't have the personnel to make sure that nothing inappropriate pops up as happened last year with county courts across the state. Further, there don't appear to be adequate protections for victims and juveniles.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Public Works Administration Projects

- Revision of Rifle Standard Specifications Manual: standard figure revisions in progress. Working through review comments of the Specifications – 60% complete; Figure revisions: 20% complete.
- Consideration of developing a lighting standard for development with a local lighting consultant.
- Working with PD & CIRSA on collisions and damage to public property

### Fleet

- Normal fleet maintenance operations.
- Fleet Administrator drafting shop SOP's
- Repair of Unit 1006: hydraulic pump rebuild
- Unit 1671 (2024 Ford F350) upfit completion

### Operations & Maintenance

- Casting concrete sidewalk to connect HC ramps at Deerfield Park: 80% complete; Concrete along east side of parking lot - complete.
- Addition of yard lighting at the O&M shop: 85% complete; waiting on electrician.

- Winter street maintenance operations, to include pothole repair
- Traffic control for knocked down pedestrian light pole at 5<sup>th</sup> and Railroad Ave.
- Repair of bollards knocked down because of vandalism

### Two-week Look Ahead

- Ongoing work to revise City of Rifle Standard Specifications
- Hydraulic hose replacement program on motor grader – Winter project
- Winter snow removal operations, as required

## **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### South Rifle Master Planning

DHM Design presented the project findings to PRAB at their Feb 10 regular meeting. This process will wrap up in April, and the final document will be shared with Council when it is available.

### 2025 Social Media Annual Report

Kyle prepared and presented the 2025 Parks and Recreation social media report. You can view the report by following this link: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/qwkpl/eotp/>

### Operations

As we transition into spring, staff across departments are gearing up for seasonal activities and maintenance efforts to ensure our facilities, parks, and infrastructure are ready for increased community use. Parks and Recreation staff are preparing athletic fields, park amenities, and restrooms for reopening. This includes turf management, playground inspections, and general cleanup of landscaped areas. We are coordinating spring programming and community events, with registration and scheduling already underway. Facilities staff are completing HVAC servicing, exterior building inspections, and preventative maintenance to ensure city buildings remain safe and operational.

### Staffing

We are actively preparing for the upcoming summer season and have begun the hiring process for all seasonal employee positions. Positions have been posted, applications are being reviewed, and interviews are being scheduled to ensure staff are in place before peak operations.

After 28 years of dedicated service to the City of Rifle, Ronnie Chick will be retiring on April 8th. Ronnie's long-standing commitment, institutional knowledge, and contributions to our department and community have been invaluable. We are extremely appreciative of his service and wish him the very best in his retirement.

**WORK REPORT TO CITY MANAGER**  
**(02-18-2026)**

**POLICE**

- RPD officers issued a total of 168 citations in January. Of those citations, officers initiated 191 traffic contacts yielding 79 traffic citations.
- Officers responded to 1130 calls for service in January, yielding 51 cases requiring follow-up and additional investigation.
- Officers made 35 arrests in January.

<b>Comparison</b>					
<b>Activity</b>	<b>26-Jan</b>	<b>25-Dec</b>	<b>Diff.</b>	<b>25-Jan</b>	<b>Diff.</b>
Cases	51	43	8	68	-17
Incidents	1130	1120	10	1148	-18
Tickets	168	158	10	146	22
Traffic Stops	191	260	-69	149	42
Traffic Violations	79	113	-34	64	15
Arrests	35	24	11	49	-14

**Evidence**

What are some types of evidence we are processing?

Body Worn Camera: Cameras worn by police officers to capture interactions/incidents/contacts with the public.

Fleet Camera: in-car cameras, one front and one interior in each patrol officer’s vehicle

Community Request: Link sent to citizen to send us their relevant photos/videos relating to an incident or case

Capture: Axon app on officer’s phone, so they can take photos, audio, etc. and it’s uploaded directly to Axon

User Upload: Officer uploaded media to Axon, not through Capture application

Other: Clips/Extractions created by Records from original videos

<b>EVIDENCE</b>			
<b>Source</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>File Type</b>	<b>Count</b>
Body-Worn Camera	1533	Video	2400
Fleet Camera	755	Audio	15
Community Request	147	Document	6
Capture	836	Image	1095
User Upload	247	Other	2
Other	0	<b>Total</b>	<b>3518</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3518</b>		

Who is requesting records?

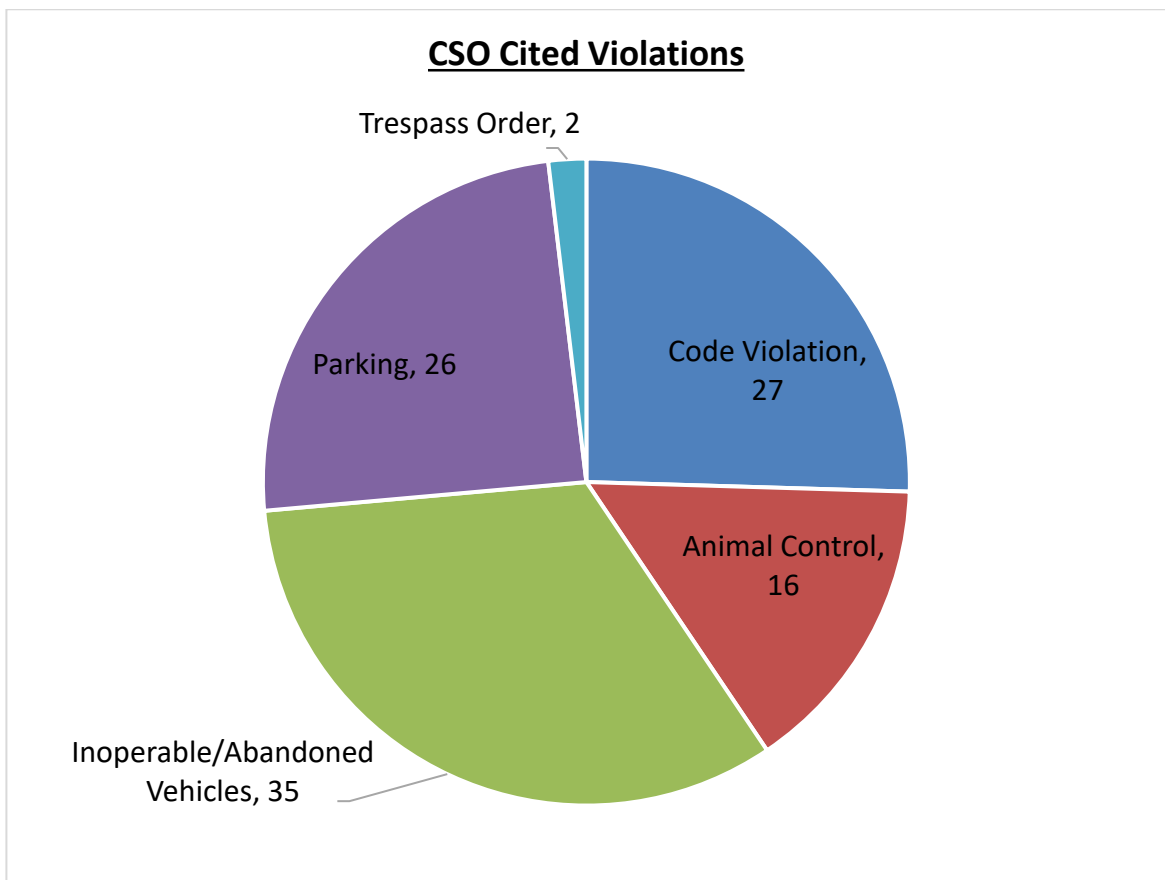


RECORDS	
Requestor	Count
DA's Office	39
City Prosecutor	2
Citizen	21
Other LE Agency	6
DHS/ Youth Zone	0
CBI/FBI	2
Insurance	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

### Code Enforcement

Our Code Enforcement Officers continue to work hard to provide great services to the City of Rifle. These are code enforcement statistics for January.

- CSOs responded to 170 calls for service and wrote 71 citations (106 violations) in January.



These are the types of calls our CSOs issued citations for in January:

CSO, Cited Offenses	Count
Abandonment of Vehicles Prohibited - (1st Offense within 12 months)	1
Accumulation of Tires	5
Accumulation to Constitute Nuisances	9
Animals Running At Large (failed to physically restrain)	3
Care and Treatment (Cruelty to animals)	2
Disturbance (allow animal to disturb)	4
Dumping on Property	1
Expired License Plates	19
Inoperable Vehicles Prohibited (leave on any public property...1st violation w/in 12 months)	7
Inoperable Vehicles Prohibited (permit to remain on property over 30 days...1st violation w/in 12 months)	8
Parking at Curb or Edge of Roadway (2-way road - wrong side or within 12 inches)	1
Parking in excess of 72 hrs (vehicle, unattached trailer, recreational vehicle)	12
Prohibited by Sign	1
Prohibitions - (weeds in excess of 8 inches in height)	5
Prohibitions (Undesirable Weeds and Brush)	1
Removal of Animal Excrement; damage to property (fail to promptly remove; properly dispose of)	2
Removal of Cut Plants Required	2
Restrictions on Sale and Possession of Animals (generally unlawful possession, etc)	3
Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited - On Sidewalk	1
Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited (Prohibited by sign any street, alley, parking lot, any place in city)	11
Streets, Streams and Water Supply	1
Unlawful Acts (Pet Animal Care)	1
Unlawful Deposit of Trash-Blown by the Wind	3
Vicious Animals & Potentially Dangerous Animals Prohibited (unlawful possession - potentially dangerous)	1
Trespass Order	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>106</b>

**SPEAR (Special Problem Enforcement And Response) Task Force**

**Update for January**

Statistics for SPEAR for January 2026

SPEAR			
Activity	Count	Seized Property	Count
Incidents	32	Recovered Vehicles	-
New Cases	7	Seized Guns	-
Arrests	6	Fentanyl Pills	12
		Fentanyl Powder	-
		Methamphetamine	30.17 g
		Cocaine	1.9 g
		Crack Cocaine	-

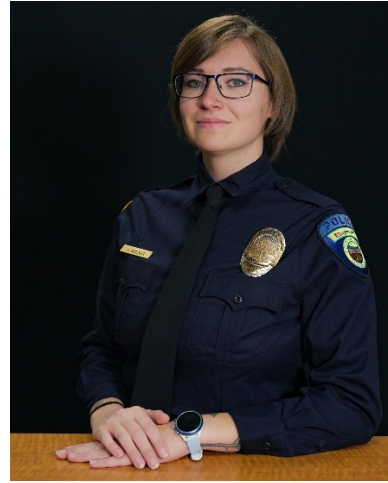


Big Congratulations to Officers Haley Crow and Josh Allison for their recent promotion to Corporal!

There will be a pinning ceremony at the February 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.



**Corporal Josh Allison**



**Corporal Haley Crow**