



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 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 Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Jonathan Rice, Councilor Karen Roberts, Mayor Clint Hostettler, and Councilor Scott Marsh.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to excuse Councilor Michael Clancy from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Scott Marsh.

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

No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Jim Neu, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Keith Dawson, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Community Development Director Zach Higgins, Senior Planner Geir Sverdrup, Community TV Manager Michael Churchill, Senior Administrative Specialist Sarah Stubbs, Executive Assistant Angela Mills, Records & Evidence Manager Shelby Beitzel & Family, Evidence Technician Lyndsey Bogden & Family, Detective Kallie McCain, Sergeant Nick Flaten, Administrative Sergeant Mike Tyler, Corporal Jose Valadez, Corporal Josh Allison, Officer Mason Burris, Officer David Winters, Debra Funston, Graham Frontella, Jacob Butler, David McConaughy, Natalie Bowman, Sara Brainard, and Barb Asplund.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Declaring Decommissioned 1999 Ford E450 As Surplus
- C. Consider Approval of Excel Energy Easement Request for Birch Park Transformer
- D. Consider Approval of Purchase Order for the Annual Contribution to Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA)
- E. Consider Approval of Purchase Order to Garfield County Emergency Communications Authority for New World/Tyler User Agency Law Records and Law Mobile

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

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

No – None.

PRESENTATION

Recognition Plaque for Years of Service to Debra Funston, Chief of Police

City Manager Patrick Waller presented recognition to Debra Funston for her retirement following 37 years of distinguished service in law enforcement. He expressed appreciation for her integrity, leadership, and lasting impact on both the department and the community. A commemorative plaque was presented in honor of her service, and well wishes were extended for her retirement, with acknowledgment of her continued involvement with the City in her new role.

Comment was heard from Chief of Police Debra Funston.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Sherwin Williams Annexation and Rezone to Community Service Commercial

RESOLUTION NO. 11, SERIES OF 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, CONCERNING THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF RIFLE.

RESOLUTION NO. 12, SERIES OF 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING AN ANNEXATION PLAN FOR THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS ANNEXATION AS REQUIRED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED.

ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES OF 2026 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS ANNEXATION.

ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2026 (1st Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO ZONING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS ANNEXATION COMMUNITY SERVICE BUSINESS (CS) ZONE DISTRICT

Mayor Clint Hostettler opened the public hearing.

Public Notice was met.

Senior Planner Geir Sverdrup and Community Development Director Zach Higgins presented request to consider the Sherwin Williams Annexation and Rezoning to Community Service Commercial. The proposed Community Service (CS) zoning aligns with the Comprehensive Plan designation for regional commercial use. The site is within a Tier 1 development area with existing access to water and sewer services. The proposal includes a concept plan for a paint store, with consideration given to site access and truck circulation. Referral comments were addressed, and no significant concerns remained. Staff noted a reservation regarding annexing a small portion of a larger parcel but indicated this approach was appropriate given the lack of development plans for the remaining property. The Planning and Zoning Commission previously reviewed the request and recommended approval with standard conditions. Garfield & Hecht Lawyer David McConaughy and Applicant Jacob Butler were sworn in to answer questions and supported staff's recommendation. Council discussed future access and development of the remaining parcel, with staff indicating the proposed site would function independently and future access would be addressed separately.

No public comment was heard.

Comments heard from Councilor Jonathan Rice and Mayor Clint Hostettler.

Mayor Clint Hostettler closed the public hearing.

Comment heard from City Attorney Jim Neu.

Councilor Jonathan Rice moved to approve Resolution No. 11, Series of 2026, Resolution No. 12, Series 2026, Ordinance No. 10, Series 2026 and Ordinance No. 11, Series 2026 on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by charter; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

Roll Call: Yes – Scott Marsh, Chris Bornoldt, Karen Roberts, Clint Hostettler, and Jonathan Rice.
Recused – Alicia Gresley.

No – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider the Appointment of Sara Brainard & Barb Asplund to the Rifle Housing Authority Board

Executive Director of the Rifle Housing Authority, Natalie Bowman presented request to consider the appointment of Sara Brainard & Barb Asplund to the Rifle Housing Authority. Natalie provided brief explanation on existing vacancies and terms of new appointments. She noted both candidates bring valuable perspectives, experience, and recommended their appointments.

Comments heard from Councilor Alicia Gresley and Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve the appointment of Sara Brainard and Barb Asplund to the Rifle Housing Authority; seconded by Councilor Scott Marsh.

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

No – None.

Report to City Manager

Comments were heard from City Manager Patrick Waller and City Clerk Alexis Ramirez.

Comments from Mayor and Council

Comments were heard from Councilor Scott Marsh and Councilor Alicia Gresley.

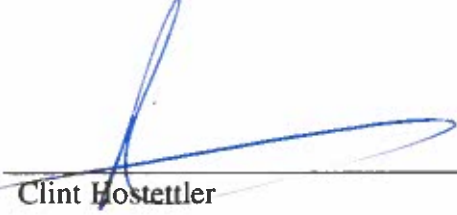
Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk





Clint Hostettler
Mayor