



RIFLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 06, 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, Mayor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Michael Clancy, Councilor Chris Bornholdt, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Jonathan Rice, and Councilor Scott March.

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

No – None.

Others Present:

City Manager Patrick Waller, City Clerk Alexis Ramirez, City Attorney Jim Neu, Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew, Lieutenant Mike Kuper, Finance Director Scott Rust, Procurement & Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano, Community Development Director Zach Higgins, Senior Planner Geir Sverdrup, Community TV Manager Michael Churchill, Jillian Dernbach, and Jon Wilson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were heard from Jillian Dernbach and Jon Wilson.

CONSENT AGENDA – CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Consider Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Liquor License Renewal for Zunu Investments, LLC dba Black Bear Liquor
- C. Annexing to the City of Rifle as The Sherwin Williams Annexation – Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2026 (Second Reading)
- D. Zoning Sherwin Williams Annexation to Community Service Business (CS) Zone District – Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2026 (Second Reading)
- E. Consider Appointment of the Senior Advisory Board Members

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, Michael Clancy, Karen Roberts, Clint Hostettler, Chris Bornholdt, Scott Marsh, and Jonathan Rice.

No – None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Consider Correction to the 2025 Budget Supplemental Appropriation Resolutions (No. 18 & No. 27, Series of 2025) – Resolution No. 14, Series of 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 14, SERIES OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,
COLORADO, CORRECTING/AMENDING THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

Mayor Clint Hostettler opened the public hearing.

Public Notice was met.

Finance Director Scott Rust presented request to consider the correction to the 2025 Budget Supplemental Appropriation Resolutions (No. 18 & No. 27, Series of 2025). Each year, the City Council adopts the budget through a resolution and appropriation ordinance, authorizing expenditures at the fund level based on the detailed line-item budget. Budget amendments and

supplemental appropriations are approved as needed to address increased operational costs, new projects, or the carryforward of capital project funds from prior years. During a recent review conducted by staff, an error was identified in supplemental appropriation resolutions from previous budget years. Specifically, the referenced resolutions included incorrect adopted revenue amounts within the accompanying charts. The expenditure (appropriation) ordinances themselves were not affected by this issue. Staff recommends approval of resolution to correct clerical mistake to facilitate a clean year-end close, for transparency and formally resolve the discrepancy.

Comments heard from Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Jonathan Rice, City Attorney Jim Neu, and City Manager Patrick Waller.

Mayor Clint Hostettler closed the public hearing.

Councilor Scott Marsh moved to approve Resolution No. 14, Series of 2026 to correct the 2025 Supplemental Appropriation Resolutions No. 18 and No. 27, Series of 2025; seconded by Councilor Jonathan Rice.

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

No – None.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Vacating a Section of Fairway Ave Right-of-Way – Ordinance No. 7, Series of 2026 (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES OF 2026 (1st Reading)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING THE
VACATION OF A PORTION OF FAIRWAY AVENUE SOUTH OF SUMMIT
DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY.

Senior Planner Geir Sverdrup presented request to consider vacating a portion of Fairway Avenue right-of-way. Property legal description is Lot 4A, Block A - Reception No. 694489 with the Garfield County Clerk and Recorder with an address of 210 Fairway Avenue, Rifle Colorado 81650 and a Garfield County Assessor Parcel No. 217716220013 within the City. The proposed vacation refers to the abandonment of a left-over parcel that occurred during replating Fairway Avenue at the Corner of Summit and Fairway. The property has historically utilized a portion of the Fairway Avenue right-of-way that is not required for public access and terminates at the property. Staff recommends review of vacation action.

Comments heard from City Attorney Jim Neu, and Councilor Alicia Gresley.

Councilor Jonathan Rice moved to approve vacating a section of Fairway Ave Right-of-Way – Ordinance No. 7, Series of 2026 on first reading as presented and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Chris Bornholdt.

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

No – None.

Consider Purchase Order for Rifle Community Foundation Funding Request

City Manager Patrick Waller presented the request to consider the approval of purchase order for Rifle Community Foundation funding. The Rifle Community Foundation (RCF) is a nonprofit organization in Rifle, dedicated to supporting community service, human service, and educational organizations throughout the Colorado River Valley, from South Canyon to De Beque Canyon. RCF is governed by a nine-member board and operates through a significant portion of its funding from the City of Rifle and donations. The organization distributes grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations, government entities, and community programs that address local needs. The purpose of this request is for grants to be distributed to local nonprofits with direct benefit to citizens of Rifle in a total amount of \$80,000. This funding expense was included in the 2026 budget. The Rifle Community Foundation will deliver annual presentations to Council on the recipients of the distributed funds in the future.

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

Councilor Alicia Gresley moved to approve Purchase Order Request for the Rifle Community Foundation in the amount of \$80,000.00 with the condition that this funding is distributed to non-profits that have a direct benefit to citizens of Rifle; seconded by Councilor Karen Roberts.
Roll Call: Yes – Jonathan Rice, Karen Roberts, Scott Marsh, Michael Clancy, Chris Bornholdt, Alicia Gresley, and Clint Hostettler.
No – None.

Consider Adopting the 2027 Budget Preparation Calendar – Resolution No. 13, Series of 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 13, SERIES OF 2026
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE CALENDAR FOR THE 2027 BUDGET.

Finance Director Scott Rust presented the request to consider adopting the 2027 Budget Preparation Calendar- Resolution No. 13, Series of 2026. Pursuant to the City of Rifle Charter, Council is required to formally adopt an annual budget calendar. The adopted calendar will provide the framework and timeline for the development of the City's 2027 budget. Council workshops will initiate in July with additional workshops added for an early focus on capital planning and strategic priorities. The deadline for Council approval and adoption of the finalized 2027 budget is December 15, 2026, with the state submission deadline set for January 31, 2027. Staff anticipates completing the budget well ahead of both deadlines.
No comments were heard.

Councilor Michael Clancy moved to approve Resolution No. 13, Series of 2026 to adopt the 2027 Budget Preparation Calendar as presented; seconded by Councilor Scott Marsh.
Roll Call: Yes – Scott Marsh, Karen Roberts, Michael Clancy, Clint Hostettler, Alicia Gresley, Jonathan Rice, and Chris Bornholdt.
No – None.

Consider Awarding Parks and Facilities Weed Spray Project Bid to Mountain Side Services Inc.

Procurement and Grant Reporting Manager Iris Trevisano and Parks & Recreation Director Austin Rickstrew presented the request to consider awarding Parks and Facilities Weed Spray Project Bid to Mountain Side Service Inc. Weed spraying services are budgeted annually for parks, grounds, and facility maintenance. A request for proposal (RFP) was put out for a three-year contract for weed spraying at several locations. There was no pre-bid required for this RFP, the only requirement to be considered was to provide a proposal spreadsheet with values for 2026, 2027, and 2028. Only one submission from Mountain Side Services was received, meeting all the required criteria. The total cost for 2026 is \$38,975.00, which is under the budgeted amount of \$39,000.00 for the year. The total amount for the contract is \$119,155.00 with an option to renew each individual year following 2028. There are 26 locations that will be covered by this contract annually. Staff recommends approval of bid award to Mountain Side Services, Inc. for a three-year term (2026 – 2028).

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

Councilor Scott Marsh moved to award bid to Mountain Side Services Inc. for the Parks and Facilities Weed Spray Project for the City of Rifle for 2026, 2027, & 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$119,155.00; seconded by Councilor Alicia Gresley
Roll Call: Yes – Alicia Gresley, Michael Clancy, Chris Bornholdt, Scott Marsh, Jonathan Rice, Karen Roberts, and Clint Hostettler.
No – None.

Report to City Manager

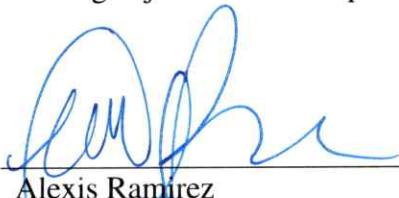
Comments were heard from City Manager Patrick Waller, Councilor Karen Roberts, Mayor Clint Hostettler, Councilor Alicia Gresley, and Councilor Scott Marsh.

Comments from Mayor and Council

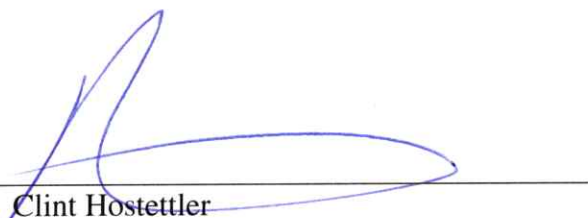
Comments were heard from Councilor Jonathan Rice, Councilor Karen Roberts, Councilor Alicia Gresley, Councilor Michael Clancy, Councilor Scott Marsh, and Mayor Clint Hostettler.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.


Alexis Ramirez
City Clerk




Clint Hostettler
Mayor