

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Randy Winkler.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Councilors Barbara Clifton, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Annick Pruett, Dana Wood, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

Councilor Clifton moved to excuse Councilor Elliott from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Wood.
Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Matt Sturgeon; Executive Assistant Danielle Hogan; City Attorney Jim Neu; Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Manager Michael Churchill; Police Chief John Dyer; Planning Director Nathan Lindquist; Utility Director Jim Miller; AmeriCorps Intern Cathleen Anthony; Rifle Police Department Citizen Advisory Board Members David Ling, Judy Hewitt, Carmen Gonzalez, Bill Noel and Jeanie Humble; Jon Haistad, Ryan Hoffman.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the November 4, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Consider Amending Rifle Municipal Code Regarding the Accumulation of Snow or Ice Upon Sidewalks - Ordinance No. 24, Series of 2015 – 2nd reading
- C. Proclamation Affirming Appreciation and Support for the Rifle Police Department
- D. Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (FMLD) grant agreement for Rifle Creek Trail Construction
- E. Application for a Department of Local Affairs Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant, as stated in Resolution No. 32, Series of 2015
- F. Accounts Payable

Councilor Clifton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, and F seconded by Councilor Hamilton.
Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments

PROCLAMATION AFFIRMING APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE RIFLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rifle Police Department Citizen Advisory Board members read and presented to the Rifle Police Department a proclamation declaring appreciation and support for the Rifle Police Department.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO TRUCKS FOR PARKS DEPARTMENT

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore presented the bids received for the purchase of two trucks. He also gave detailed comparison between the purchase of two gasoline trucks versus the purchase of two CNG vehicles including grant funds for the CNG vehicles. Staff recommends approval of the purchase of the two Dodge Ram pickups from the low bidder, Berthod Motors.

Councilor Clifton moved to approve the purchase of two trucks for Parks Department in an amount not to exceed \$55,000; seconded by Councilor Green.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, Winkler

CONSIDER ACCEPTING DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS ENERGY IMPACT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT TO UPGRADE TWO VEHICLES TO COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS AS FUELS

This agenda item was removed.

CONSIDER APPOINTING TIM BARNETT AS A REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist explained with the election of former Planning Commissioner Dana Wood to City Council, a regular seat on the Planning Commission has opened up. Tim Barnett has been serving as an alternate member and requests Council approval to become a full voting member. Staff recommends approval of this request.

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Councilor Pruett moved to Appointing Tim Barnett as a regular Planning Commission member; seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, Winkler

CONSIDER COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC.

Utility Director Jim Miller stated the City has been approached by Tri-State (formerly Co-Generation) regarding accepting hauled cooling tower wastewater for treatment and disposal at the Rifle Regional Water Reclamation Facility. Currently the acceptance of cooling tower water is prohibited in the Rifle Municipal Code. Consultant resources are necessary and desired to evaluate the risks, benefits, and costs associated with accommodating this waste in the time frame for Tri-State to make decisions. Staff recommends approving the Cost Reimbursement Agreement which would engage a consulting engineer hired and paid by the City on a cost recovery basis with Tri-State participating in and paying for the evaluation.

Councilor Green moved to approve Cost Reimbursement Agreement with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, Winkler

CONSIDER SUPPORTING HEAL CITIES AND TOWNS CAMPAIGN- RESOLUTION NO.33, SERIES OF 2015

Councilor Pruett moved to approve Resolution No. 33, Series of 2015; seconded by Councilor Clifton.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, Winkler

CONSIDER REPEAL OF ARTICLE XVII OF CHAPTER 16 REGIONAL DRAINAGE FEE - ORDINANCE NO. 25, SERIES OF 2015 – 1ST READING

Jim Neu explained the City enacted Article XVII of Chapter 16 in 2000 establishing a Regional Drainage Fee for properties in the Knollridge area of Rifle. Regional drainage facilities were constructed to allow the efficient development of several subdivisions approved during the oil shale boom but remained undeveloped with unfinished infrastructure. The fee of \$350.00 paid for the drainage improvements and the fee terminated on December 10, 2014. Ordinance No. 25, Series of 2015 repeals Article XVII of Chapter 16 from the City's Land Use Code now that the fee no longer applies.

Councilor Clifton moved to approve Ordinance No. 25, Series of 2015, on first reading as presented, and order the ordinance to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, Winkler

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET - SECOND BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Winkler opened the public hearing. City Manager Matt Sturgeon provided and overview of the proposed 2016 budget. No public comment was received. Mayor Winkler closed the public hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported on the following items: Joint Workshop with the BOCC on December 9, Home Town Holidays is December 4th through the 6th, additional workshops for Council on the Second Wednesday will begin starting in January, and Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen will be Acting City Manager in City Manager's absence.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Wood wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. She also gave a schedule for the lunch truck.

Councilor Pruett wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and invited everyone to the Turkey Trot.

Councilor Clifton mentioned the Senior Center serves breakfast the last Saturday of every month.

Councilor Green gave a brief update on the discussion of sage grouse during the Energy Advisory Board meeting he attended.

Councilor Hamilton thanked those involved implementing the lunch truck

Mayor Winkler gave a brief update on the meeting he attended with the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF REAL, PERSONAL, OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST UNDER CRS SECTION 26-6-402(4)(A) AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(E) Councilor Clifton moved to adjourn to executive session to receive legal advice, to discuss negotiations, and to discuss personnel matters; seconded Councilor Green.

Upon return to open session following conclusion of the executive session, meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Danielle Hogan
Danielle Hogan
Executive Assistant



Randy Winkler
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Mayor

