

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

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, Joe Elliott, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Annick Pruett, Dana Wood, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Matt Sturgeon, City Clerk Kristy Christensen, City Attorney Jim Neu, Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Manager Michael Churchill, Chief of Police Thomas Klein, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Utilities Director Jim Miller, and Alex Zorn

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the March 1, 2017 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes from the March 15, 2017 Special Meeting
- C. (*Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority*) Liquor License Renewals: Rachael's Sculpted Nails Inc. dba Shear Intensity and Kum & Go LC dba Kum & Go # 4923

Councilor Pruett moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were heard from Max Hall encouraging the City to consider a pickle-ball court at the tennis courts in Metro Park.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PARKS AND RECREATION PORTABLE RESTROOM VENDORS FOR 2017 & 2018

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore explained staff has solicited bids for portable restroom services for City of Rifle Parks and Rifle Mountain Park for 2017 and 2018. With local preference considered, Mountain Waste and Recycling has the lowest price. Staff recommends that Council approve Mountain Waste and Recycling, Inc. for portable restroom service for 2017 and 2018.

Councilor Green moved to approve Mountain Waste and Recycling, Inc. as the vendor for parks and recreation portable restrooms; seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL VENDOR FOR 2017 AND 2018

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore noted that staff has solicited bids for landscape maintenance and snow removal services for the Rifle Civic Plaza and Rifle Creek Plaza for 2017 and 2018. All vendors who submitted bids were eligible for local preference of either in-City 5% or in-County 2.5%. The local preference did not change the outcome of the proposals. Staff recommends Council approve the contract to Gopher Irrigation and Landscape for landscape maintenance and snow removal services for 2017 and 2018.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Gopher Irrigation and Landscape for the landscape maintenance and snow removal for 2017 & 2018; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

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

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE

Chief of Police Thomas Klein stated the current K-9 unit is a 2008 Ford Explorer with approximately 89,000 miles. The cost of a replacement vehicle, without modifications such as markings and a dog cage, is \$32,967.00. This quote represents a negotiated state fleet price and it is not possible to obtain a lower quote. Assistant City Manager Kimberly Bullen has obtained a grant from the Garfield County

Mineral Lease District to pay for half of the purchase price. Staff recommends approval of the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer with a police package as a replacement for our existing K-9 vehicle.

Councilor Green moved to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer with a police package as a replacement for our existing K-9 vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$32,967; seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

CONSIDER AMENDING THE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL STORAGE STRUCTURES – ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES OF 2017 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING THE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR STORAGE AND ACCESSORY COMMERCIAL STORAGE STRUCTURES.

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist stated in reviewing this Code Section, staff determined that the present regulations are unnecessarily, burdensome, and unclear, leading to some confusion by the public and difficulty in implementation by staff. Ordinance No. 4 amends Section 16-3-430 to increase flexibility for businesses to meet their storage needs while preventing or limiting negative impacts to surrounding neighbors and the community as a whole by requiring minimum setback, location, design, and materials standards.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve the Ordinance No. 4 Series of 2017 on first reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Clifton.

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

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF 10,000 SQ. FT. LAND DONATION ADJACENT TO WHITERIVER AVENUE FROM L. ALICE COLLISTER DBA ACEE BCEE

City Manager Matt Sturgeon explained staff was contacted by L. Alice Collister, President of ACEE BCEE, who owned a parcel of land they would like to donate to the City. Staff recommends acceptance of the land donation.

Councilor Elliott moved to accept the land donation from ACEE BCEE /Alice Collister; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

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

NOTICE OF BROWNS HILL RETENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURNISHING INSTRUMENTATION, CONTROL SYSTEMS, AND ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATED WITH RIFLE REGIONAL WATER PLANT PROJECT

Utilities Director Jim Miller explained that Browns Hill Engineering & Controls, LLC will furnish instrumentation, control systems and specific electrical for the new Water Treatment Plant.

CONSIDER AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE FOR DANGEROUS BUILDING NUISANCE ABATEMENT – ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES OF 2017 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 7-2-140 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO CLARIFY THE CITY'S POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ABATE DANGEROUS STRUCTURES AS NUISANCES WITHIN THE CITY.

City Attorney Jim Neu explained there are several structures within the City that are unsafe, dangerous, or unfit for human habitation. In addressing these structures and working with the property owners, it came to Staff's attention that Section 7-2-140 of the Code includes a reference to the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, which no longer exists. The process for abating dangerous buildings is currently found in the International Building Code and International Existing Building Code, which have both been adopted by the City. Ordinance No. 3 revises Section 7-2-140 to reference the proper adopted codes for abating dangerous buildings.

Councilor Clifton moved to approve Ordinance No 3, Series of 2017 on first reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Pruett.
Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

CONSIDER RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH QUESTAR

City Attorney Jim Neu stated that Questar Pipeline recently gave a presentation to the City Council regarding its project to replace its 14-inch natural gas pipeline that runs through North Rifle. As part of the review of that project, City staff worked with Questar to identify areas where the pipeline is located with other City utilities which creates a crowded situation for ongoing maintenance and repair. Questar was willing to modify the placement of its relocated pipeline to create more room where needed; however, they need additional easement area to accommodate their requirements. In addition, the City identified areas where it may need to replace certain utilities and the existing pipeline that is being abandoned may cause difficulties for that future work. Questar is willing to remove the abandoned pipeline upon notice from the City when that work is done. The grant of easement will contain the same terms and conditions as the existing 1965 easement currently held by Questar so the entire pipeline right-of-way remains under the same terms.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve the New Pipeline; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.
Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood, and Winkler

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Manager Matt Sturgeon reported on the following items: Thanked Kimberly Bullen and Rifle Police Department staff.

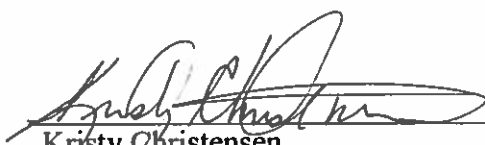
COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Comments were heard from: Councilor Clifton, Councilor Elliott, Councilor Green, Council Pruett, Councilor Wood and Mayor Winkler.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 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); AND TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF REAL, PERSONAL, OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST UNDER C.R.C. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(A);)

Councilor Elliott moved to go into executive session to discuss negotiations; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.
Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Wood and Winkler.

Upon return to Regular Meeting following conclusion of the executive session, meeting adjourned at 9:55p.m.


Kristy Christensen
City Clerk




Randy Winkler
Mayor

