

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 2, 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, and Mayor Randy Winkler.

Councilor Hamilton moved to excuse Councilor Dana Wood, from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Interim City Manager Kimberly Bullen, City Clerk Kristy Christensen, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Tovar, Chief of Police Thomas Klein, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Court Clerk Kathy Pototsky, Jim Miller, John Scalzo, Mike McCabe, Joseph Hernandez, Dan Carr, and Brent Buss.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting
- B. (*Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority*) Liquor License Renewals: WalMart Stores Inc. dba Walmart # 5232, Dillon Companies Inc. dba City Market # 43.
- C. Amending Municipal Enforcement of Driving Under Restraint – Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2017 – 2nd reading

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments were heard.

(ACTING AS LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY) PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR WESTERN SLOPE CHICKEN LLC. DBA WINGCHESTERS

Mayor Randy Winkler opened the Public Hearing. Joseph Hernandez representative of Western Slope Chicken LLC dba Wingchesters presented the application for a Hotel and Restaurant liquor license at 717 Taughenbaugh Blvd. City Clerk Kristy Christensen stated the application is complete, the fees for the application have been paid, the hearing was properly noticed in the newspaper and on the premises, a petition with signatures of Rifle residents in support of this application has been submitted. No other written petitions, complaints, or statements have been received by the deadline. Mayor Randy Winkler closed public hearing.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve the Hotel and Restaurant liquor license application for Western Slope Chicken LLC dba Winchester, seconded by Councilor Pruett.

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

CONSIDER OAK LEAF GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT AND OAK LEAF COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

Jim Neu explained Oak Leaf Solar lease agreement is for 10 acres on the City's Energy Innovation Center ("EIC") property adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to construct the community solar garden. Oak Leaf Solar Subscription Agreement with the City allows the City to purchase power from the proposed solar garden. The Ground Lease with Oak Leaf is a 20 year term with two options to extend for five years each. In the Community Solar Garden Subscription Agreement, the City is agreeing to purchase energy from Oak Leaf for 20 years starting at \$.0667/kWh which increases 1.35% per year. Oak Leaf has all obligations to operate and maintain the solar garden.

Michael McCabe, President of Oak Leaf Solar was present to answer Council's questions.

Jim Miller gave comments with regards to the current Waste Water Treatment Plant location and the property being leased to Oak Leaf Solar.

Councilor Clifton moved to approve the Oak Leaf Ground Lease Agreement and the Oak Leaf Community Solar Garden Subscription Agreement option #3 subject to consulting with the Utility Director and receiving approval that the lease to Oak Leaf does not impact the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the ability for future expansion, seconded by Councilor Green.

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

CONSIDER STREET CLOSURES FOR WESTERN ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist presented street closure plans for the Western Adventure Weekend on September 23rd.

Councilor Green moved to approve street closure plans for Western Adventure Weekend, seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

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

CONSIDER REVISIONS TO MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO OPEN BURNING OF FIRES IN THE CITY – ORDINANCE NO. 21, SERIES OF 2017 – 2ND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 10-10-40 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO OPEN BURNING ON CITY OWNED AND MAINTAINED PROPERTY.

Court Clerk Kathy Pototsky explained Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2017, amends Section 10-10-40 to better identify when and where open burning of fires may be conducted in the City and Rifle Mountain Park, plus includes emergency fire restrictions imposed by Garfield County.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2017 on second reading, as amended, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Pruett.

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

CONSIDER LICENSE TO ENCROACH IN THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR SIGN AT 2102 AIRPORT ROAD

Mayor Winkler recused himself from consideration of this matter because of a potential conflict of interest and he left the Council Chamber.

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist explained Dan Sullivan requests approval for a license to encroach at 2102 Airport Road. In order to have a monument sign that is visible to traffic Mr. Sullivan has requested placement of the sign in the Right of Way. In the case of Airport Road, the Right of Way is 100' wide while the street itself is only 38' wide. This leaves a 25' strip of ROW in front of 2102 Airport Road. Staff recommends Council approve a License to encroach for a monument sign at 2102 Airport Road.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve license to encroach in the Right of Way for sign at 2102 Airport Road encroachment, seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes – Clifton, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, and Winkler (Recused)

Mayor Winkler returned to the Council Chamber.

CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CITY HALL CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist explained Staff has received a quote from Cunningham Group Architecture, Inc. for the amount of \$5,000 to assist the City with space programming and a conceptual layout for the new City Hall. Before proceeding with the project, both the City and the developer need to further investigate the idea's functionality. Cunningham Group has extensive experience with designing City facilities. Sharing the same architect with Medici Communities should result in cost savings and efficiencies. Staff has confirmed with industry professionals that the amount of \$5,000 for this level of work is a good value for the price. Staff requests approval of a contract with Cunningham for \$5,000.

Councilor Clifton moved to award contract to Cunningham Group Architecture, Inc. for the new City Hall Conceptual Drawings, seconded by Councilor Elliott.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Clerk Kristy Christensen reported on the 2017 Municipal Elections.

Interim City Manager Kimberly Bullen reported on the following items: Student art project at Kum N Go Wall, August 18th Small business Center Services, CML and CIRSA meeting on August 24th, Street Construction, and IT Projects.

Nathan Lindquist stated there is a Planning and Zoning Commission seat open due to vacancy.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Comments were heard from: Councilor Elliott, Councilor Hamilton, Council Pruett, and Mayor Winkler.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.


Kristy Christensen
City Clerk




Randy Winkler
Mayor