RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 1, 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 Barbara Clifton.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Councilors Joe Carpenter, Joe Elliott, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Annick Pruett, Sean Strode, and Mayor Barbara Clifton.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
No citizen comments were heard.

OTHERS PRESENT: Interim City Manager Davis Farrar, City Clerk Kristy Christensen, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Assistant Salvador Tovar, Chief of Police Thomas Klein, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Public Works Director Rick Barth, Finance Director Michelle Duran, John Scalzo, Natalie Bowman, Joel Carpenter, Kyle Stoner, Cheryl Chandler, Ryan Gilbert, Alex Zorn.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. Minutes from the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting
B. Minutes from the September 18, 2017 Organizational Meeting
C. (*Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority*) Liquor License Renewals: J&L, Inc. DBA Shanghai Garden
D. Consider purchase request for two variable message board signs
E. Consider purchase request for a Top Kick Replacement Dump Bed

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D and E; seconded by Councilor Pruett.
Roll Call: Yes — Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Strode and Clifton

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
Mayor Clifton opened the public hearing. Interim City Manager Davis Farrar provided an overview of the proposed 2018 budget. No public comment was received. Mayor Clifton closed the public hearing.

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM AEI TO WAIVE DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR PROMONTORY FILING 4
Kyle Stoner, the potential developer of Promontory Filing 4, requests City Council waive development fees which include tap fees, street impact fees, and parkland dedication fees for the development of residential units at Promontory Filing 4. The site is located on Graham Mesa between 17th Street and Bookcliffs Arts Center.

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist stated development fees are critical to ensuring that growth in Rifle and they prevent residential development from having a negative fiscal impact on the City and current residents. Staff has communicated the City's policy of considering incentives for projects that are exceptional in meeting the City's goals such as affordable housing. The applicant did not provide a proposal for Staff to review.

Council recommended the potential developers provide a proposal for affordable housing/workforce housing to review.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE CONTINUED DESIGN WORK FOR THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX
Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore stated the Schematic Design phase for the swimming pool project is near completion and in order to keep the project moving forward on our preferred schedule, authorization to proceed with Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative is required at this time. Staff recommends authorization to proceed with Design Development, Construction Documents, and Construction Administration with Ohlson Lavoie Collaborative on the swimming pool complex.

Councilor Elliot moved to approve authorization to proceed with the continued design work for the swimming pool complex after review of fees and hours by independent contractor, Phil Vaughn, and fees and hours are determined to be reasonable; seconded by Councilor Pruett.
Roll Call: Yes — Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Strode and Clifton

CONSIDER SUPPORTING BALLOT MEASURE 4A TO FUND GRAND RIVER HOSPITAL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS – RESOLUTION NO. 24, SERIES OF 2017

Councilor Pruett recused herself due to conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers.

Keep Care Local representative Natalie Bowman, Joel Carpenter, and Lee Martens requested Council consider supporting Ballot Measure 4A to fund Grand River Hospital District Improvements.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Resolution No. 24, Series of 2017; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.
Roll Call: Yes — Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, and Clifton
No – Strode

Councilor Pruett returned to the Council Chambers.

CONSIDER APPROVING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CITY MANAGER WITH JAMES NICHOLS
City Attorney Jim Neu reported the City has reached an employment agreement for City Manager with James Nichols. James Nichols start date will be November 30, 2017.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve the employment agreement for City Manager with James Nichols; seconded by Councilor Pruett.
Roll Call: Yes — Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Strode and Clifton

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Administrative reports were received from Interim City Manager Davis Farrar and Public Works Director Rick Barth.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Comments were heard from Councilors Joe Carpenter, Joe Elliott, Theresa Hamilton, Annick Pruett, Joe Carpenter and Sean Strode.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Kristy Christensen
City Clerk

Barbara Clifton
Mayor