RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING

5:15 p.m. * Council Chambers

The special meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Barbara Clifton.

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Kristy Christensen, City Attorney Jim Neu, Chief of Police Tommy Klien, and Planning Director Nathan Lindquist..

EXECUTIVE SESSION: EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(B)

Councilor Hamilton moved to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(B); seconded by Councilor Pruett.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Strode and Clifton

Upon return to Special Meeting following conclusion of the Executive Session, meeting resumed at 6:15 p.m.

CONSIDER APPROVING SEPARATION AGREEMENT WITH JIM NICHOLS
City Attorney Jim Neu stated City Manager Jim Nichols separated employment from the City last Wednesday, March 7th. A separation agreement between the City of Rifle and Jim Nichols has been prepared and needs approval from City Council.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve the separation agreement with Jim Nichols; seconded by Councilor Green.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Strode and Clifton

CONSIDER APPROVING INTERIM CITY MANAGER CONTRACT
City Attorney Jim Neu explained the City is currently without a City Manager and the City would like to approve a contract with Davis Farrar as Interim City Manager. Davis Farrar served as Interim City Manager previously and Council believes hiring Davis again as an Interim City Manager would be a good solution. Davis Farrar is planning to begin work for the City next week.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve the Interim City Manager contract with Davis Farrar; seconded by Councilor Strode.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Strode and Clifton

Councilor Hamilton expressed concern that Davis was only going to be available to work for the City three days a week and she believed there was a need for a clear point of contact and someone to assist Davis when he is not here. Mayor Clifton recommended the appointment of Nathan Lindquist as Interim Assistant City Manager until a City Manager is hired, possibly three to four months.

Councilor Hamilton moved to appoint Nathan Lindquist as Interim Assistant City Manager until a City Manager is hired; seconded by Councilor Strode.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Green, Hamilton, Pruett, Strode and Clifton

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Comments were heard from: Councilors Joe Carpenter, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Annick Pruett, Sean Strode and Mayor Barbara Clifton.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Kristy Christensen, City Clerk

CITY OF RIFLE SEAL GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

Barbara Clifton, Mayor