RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 2018

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 Barb Clifton.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Councilors Joe Elliott, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Clint Hostettler, Sean Strode and Mayor Barb Clifton.

Councilor Hamilton moved to excuse Councilor Carpenter from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Strode.
Roll Call: Yes - Joe Elliott, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Clint Hostettler, Sean Strode and Mayor Barb Clifton

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Scott Hahn, City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Tovar-Guzman, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, Finance Director Michelle Duran, and Celeste Tovar-Guzman.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
No Citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. Minutes from the October 3, 2018 Regular Meeting
B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Modification of Premises for Western Slope Chicken, LLC dba Wingchesters
C. Amendment to the Colorado River Cooperative Agreement regarding the Clinton Reservoir Dead Pool Storage

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B and C; seconded by Councilor Elliott.
Roll Call: Yes - Clifton, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler and Strode

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET
Mayor Barbara Clifton opened the public hearing. City Manager Scott Hahn provided an overview of the proposed 2019 budget. No public comment was received. Mayor Clifton closed the public hearing.

CONSIDER AMENDING THE LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES, AND A SPECIAL SALES TAX ON RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS – ORDINANCE NO. 18, SERIES 2018 – 2ND READING

> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING ARTICLES VII AND IX OF CHAPTER 4, AND ARTICLE VII CHAPTER 6 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE, PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES, AND PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL SALES TAX ON RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS.

City Attorney Jim Neu stated Ordinance No. 18 amends the Rifle Municipal Code to allow the licensing of retail marijuana stores with several restrictions on eligible applicants and locations allowed. The retail marijuana store licenses are only available to the current licensed medical marijuana centers with valid medical marijuana center licenses held on October 1, 2018. The Ordinance limits the marijuana business to three licensed stores and seven licensed cultivation facilities. The three licensed stores may hold one or more local licenses for the operation of a medical marijuana center and/or a retail marijuana store at that location, which would allow each store to have two licenses. The seven licensed cultivation facilities may hold one or more local licenses for the operation of a medical cultivation facility and/or a retail marijuana cultivation facility at that location, which would allow each store to have two licenses. Medical marijuana centers and/or retail marijuana stores are to be located south of I-70 in a Light Industrial Zone District, Light Industrial PUD Zone

Districts if general retail sales are allowed in the PUD, or Industrial Zone District. Cultivation facilities are required to obtain a conditional use permit from the Planning Commission and cultivation facilities are restricted to the Light Industrial Zone District or Industrial Zone District. As licenses become available, there will be a lottery system for issuing those licenses and the City Clerk is authorized to implement rules and regulations to administer the lottery process. There will be an additional sales tax in the amount of five percent (5%) of the purchase price upon the sale of retail marijuana and retail marijuana infused products from a retail marijuana store. The moratorium on new marijuana business licenses ends on December 10, 2018.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Ordinance No. 18, Series of 2018 on its second reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Hostetler.
Roll Call: Yes - Clifton, Elliott, Hamilton, and Hostettler
No – Green, Strode

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Administrative reports were given by City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Manager Scott Hahn, and Finance Director Michelle Duran

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Comments were heard from Councilors Theresa Hamilton, Sean Strode and Mayor Barb Clifton.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Kristy Doll
City Clerk

CITY OF RIFLE SEAL GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

Barbara Clifton
Mayor