

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 5, 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 Carpenter, 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 Planning Director Nathan Lindquist.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- A. Minutes from the October 17, 2018 regular meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Change of Manager for Western Slope Chicken, LLC dba Wingchesters
- C. Cancel January 2, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting

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

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode, and Clifton

CONSIDER UTILITY EASEMENT FOR EXCEL ENERGY FOR SOLAR FARM

City Attorney Jim Neu stated last year the City leased 11 acres of the Energy Innovation Center property adjacent to the City's wastewater treatment plant to Oak Leaf Solar to construct and operate a solar farm. The lease contained a provision requiring the City to grant an easement to Xcel Energy once the solar array was constructed to connect the solar array to the grid. Staff recommends approving the utility easement for Excel Energy for the solar farm.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve the utility easement for Excel Energy for Oak Leaf Solar Farm; seconded by Councilor Strode.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode, and Clifton

CONSIDER ADOPTING THE 2019 BUDGET

A. RESOLUTION NO. 17, SERIES OF 2018 – ADOPT THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY
1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Resolution No. 17, Series of 2018; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode, and Clifton

B. ORDINANCE NO. 19, SERIES OF 2018 – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO SETTING FORTH THE
ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019
AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2018, as presented, and orders it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode, and Clifton

C. RESOLUTION NO. 18, SERIES OF 2018 – MILL LEVY CERTIFICATION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF RIFLE FOR THE 2019 BUDGET YEAR

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Resolution No. 18, Series of 2018; seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode, and Clifton

CONSIDER EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ANB BANK FOR POOL CONSTRUCTION - ORDINANCE NO. 20, SERIES OF 2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF DEBT AUTHORIZED BY CITY VOTERS AT THE ELECTION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2017, TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF A NEW PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX; SUCH DEBT CONSISTING OF A DIRECT LOAN AS PROVIDED IN A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ANB BANK AND EVIDENCED BY A NOTE DELIVERED TO THE BANK; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE DEBT FROM A PLEDGE OF THE REVENUES FROM THE DEDICATED SALES AND USE TAX DEPOSITED INTO THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Attorney Jim Neu stated after reviewing responses to request for proposals for financing the construction of the new swimming pool, staff negotiated a loan agreement with ANB Bank. The Loan Agreement with ANB Bank allows for construction draws to be made for two years up to \$5.8 million. The citizens approved an increase in debt up to \$6 million for constructing a new swimming pool complex. The Loan does not contain the maximum voter-approved amount of \$6 million because the TABOR Notice that was published as part of the ballot question last year restricted annual payments to \$400,000 which matched interest rates available at that time. Because interest rates have increased since then, the maximum loan amount had to be decreased to \$5.8 million to comply with the TABOR Notice.

During the two-year construction draw period, the City's payment obligation is interest only. After that, the Loan will be amortized over twenty years. The Loan is secured by the 1% sales and use tax dedicated to Parks and Recreation.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 20, Series of 2018 as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Elliott.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode, and Clifton

CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-5-120 AND APPENDIX A OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FEES – ORDINANCE NO. 21, SERIES OF 2018 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 6-5-120 AND APPENDIX A OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FEES.

City Clerk Kristy Doll noted Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2019, amends RMC Section 6-5-120 to provide clarification and consistency regarding the fees for special event liquor license permit applications. The application fee for a Special Event Liquor License is \$100 per event.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2018 on its first reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Strode.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode, and Clifton

CONSIDER AMENDING WATER AND SEWER RATES – ORDINANCE NO. 22, SERIES OF 2018 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING APPENDIX A TO THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER RATES.

City Manager Scott Hahn stated currently the RMC code requires an automatic 5% increase in the utility funds fees at the beginning of every year. Staff believes the water fund is in good shape this

year and does not need the 5% increase in fees but the sewer fund needs additional revenue beyond the 5% increase. Staff recommends a 10% increase for sewer rates and 0% for water.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2018 on its first reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Strode.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hostettler, Strode, and Clifton

No - Hamilton

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

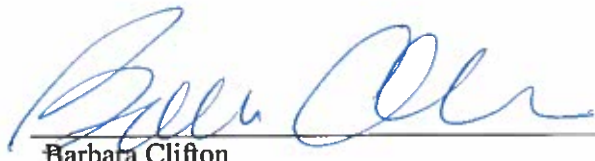
Administrative reports were given by City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Manager Scott Hahn, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Finance Director Michelle Duran, and Chief of Police Tommy Klein.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Comments were heard from Councilors Joe Carpenter, Joe Elliott, Ed Green, Theresa Hamilton, Clint Hostettler, Sean Strode, and Mayor Barb Clifton

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Kristy Doll
City Clerk

Barbara Clifton
Mayor

