

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 1, 2019

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, Clint Hostettler, Sean Strode and Mayor Barb Clifton.

Councilor Elliott moved to excuse Councilor Hamilton from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Strode.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Scott Hahn, City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Attorney Jim Neu, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Tovar-Guzman, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Craig Spalding, Court Clerk Kathy Pototsky, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, Kacey Nispel, Kathy Runia, Kevin Runia, Dianna Senechal, Marna Hainer, Lois Scriptor, Raquel Mendizabal, Joyce Wizer, Janice Day, George Pearson, Kyle Mills, Roger Day and Garfield County Fair representatives.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were heard from Kyle Mills of the Glenwood Post Independent newspaper.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Consent Agenda – consider approving the following items:

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM MIDDLE COLORADO WATERSHED COUNCIL ON VISITOR CENTER

Donna Gray, representative from the Middle Colorado Watershed Council, gave a presentation on the preliminary plans for the Interpretive Center and the exhibits that are planned in the building formerly known as the Visitor Information Center. The building is currently leased to the Middle Colorado Watershed Council by the City of Rifle.

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM RIFLE HERITAGE CENTER ON NEW VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

Kathy Runia, President and George Pearson, Representative from the Rifle Heritage Center gave a presentation on their idea to establish a new Visitors Information Center for the City of Rifle, which would be housed and operated in conjunction with the Rifle Heritage Center Museum at 337 East Ave. The Rifle Heritage Center is proposing that the City install a new heating system in the existing building; continue to pay utilities, and funding to provide one full-time Director and one half-time staff person. Total estimated cost for the payroll the first year is \$146,100.00. They are requesting a five-year agreement with the City to fund this program.

(ACTING AS LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY) PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT FOR WESTERN SLOPE VETERANS COALITION (WSVC) FOR THE GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR

Mayor Clifton opened the public hearing. John Pettit presented the application of Western Slope Veterans Coalition (WSVC) for a Special Event Liquor Permit for the Garfield County Fair. City Clerk Kristy Doll stated the hearing was properly noticed, the application is complete, and the fees have been paid. Staff recommends approval with conditions that the WSVC provide a complete list of the volunteers for the event as well as ensure that there will be three TIPS trained servers at each bar station.

Garfield County Fair Coordinator Cassidy Evans spoke on the decision to award this applicant contract to WSVC.

Mayor Clifton closed the public hearing.

Councilor Elliot moved to approve Western Slope Veteran's Coalition's application for a Special

Event Liquor Permit with conditions that the WSVC will provide a list of 40 volunteers and three TIPS trained people at each bar station reported to the City Clerk by July 17th; seconded by Councilor Hostettler.

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

CONSIDER APPOINTING JAY RICKSTREW, RANDY WINKLER AND ED ARNOLD TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) BOARD

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board currently has three vacancies on the board. The Downtown Development Authority Board recommended the reappointment of Jay Rickstrew, Randy Winkler and Ed Arnold to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a four-year term.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve the reappointment of Jay Rickstrew, Randy Winkler and Ed Arnold the DDA Board; seconded by Councilor Green.

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

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO NEW POLICE VEHICLES OUTFITTED WITH EMERGENCY VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

Chief of Police Tommy Klein requested bids from three emergency vehicle equipment companies for the cost of outfitting two new police vehicles. Purchase of two new Ford Explorers will be at a cost of \$68,446.00. If approved, the vehicles will be ordered from Columbine Ford and shipped to Englewood, CO. The vehicles will be outfitted with emergency vehicle equipment at a cost of approximately \$14,000.00 each at L.A.W.S.

The expense to purchase one police vehicle was included in the 2019 budget, but since the request is now for two vehicles, a supplemental budget in the amount of approximately \$48,446.00 will be necessary. Staff recommends Council approve this purchase in an amount not to exceed \$96,446.00.

Councilor Hostettler moved to approve the purchase of two new police vehicles outfitted with emergency vehicle equipment in an amount not to exceed \$96,446.00; seconded by Councilor Carpenter.

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

CONSIDER AMENDING RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MAXIMUM CRIMINAL PENALTY - ORDINANCE NO. 8, SERIES OF 2019 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE IV AND CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1 OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONFORM PENALTY PROVISIONS WITH STATE LAW.

City Attorney Jim Neu stated the Colorado General Assembly passed HB19-1148 this last legislative session that reduced the maximum penalty permitted for the violation of a municipal ordinance to 364 days. The Rifle Municipal Code currently states the maximum penalty is one year and Ordinance No. 8, Series of 2019 amends the Code to comply with state law.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Ordinance No. 8, Series of 2019 on its first reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Strode.

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

No - Carpenter

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were given by City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Manager Scott Hahn, City Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding and Chief of Police Tommy Klein.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.


Kristy Doll
City Clerk




Barbara Clifton
Mayor