

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 4, 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, 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) Michael Churchill, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Finance Director Michelle Duran, Court Administrator Kathy Pototsky, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Trudy Lowery, Brittany VanTeylingen, Heather Mullen, Rod Sours, Yolanda Sours, Natalie Bowman, William VanTeylingen, Kimberly Klein, John Kuersten, Alice Kuersten, Kalli Wilson, Ariel Arechiga, Kevin Kelley, Sara Brainard John Arledge and Mason Hohstadt.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments were heard.

Chief of Police Tommy Klein and Principal of Rifle High School John Arledge presented William VanTeylingen with a plaque and thanked him for his service as a School Resource Officer.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Consent Agenda – consider approving the following items:

- A. Minutes from the July 17, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor License Renewal for GMT Investments, LLC dba Black Bear Liquors
- C. Amending Liquor License Education Requirements – Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2019 – 2nd Reading

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

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REZONING OF SCALZO RANCH SUBDIVISION PROPERTIES – ORDINANCE NO. 14, SERIES OF 2019 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, REZONING SCALZO RANCH LOCATED NORTH OF EAST 10TH STREET AND BETWEEN WHITERIVER AVENUE AND MUNRO AVENUE TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (MDR).

Mayor Clifton opened the public hearing.

The applicant John Keursten requests approval of rezoning two parcels from Medium Density Residential – Planned Unit Development (MDR-PUD) and Low Density Residential (LDR) to Medium Density Residential (MDR).

Planning Director Nathan Lindquist stated that currently two parcels in the Scalzo Ranch Subdivision located north of East 10th Street and between Whiteriver Avenue and Munro Avenue are zoned as MDR-PUD (Medium Density Residential-Planned Unit Development) and LDR (Low Density Residential). The owner of these properties requests that both of these parcels be rezoned to Medium Density Residential (MDR), so the entire property would be zoned MDR. This zone permits both single-family and multi-family residences. Planning Commission approved the Sketch/Preliminary Plan to subdivide three (3) parcels into seven (7) lots during their August 27, 2019. Staff recommends approval the Scalzo Ranch Subdivision rezoning to Medium Density Residential (MDR).

Mayor Clifton closed the public hearing.

Councilor Hostettler moved to approve Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2019 on its first reading, as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode and Clifton

RECEIVE REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE RIFLE ANIMAL SHELTER TO WAIVE BUILDING FEES AND A DONATION

Mayor Clifton recused herself from consideration of this matter because of a potential conflict of interest. She left the Council Chamber and Councilor Hamilton presided over the meeting as Mayor Pro Tem.

Representatives of the Friends of the Rifle Animal Shelter (FRAS) Heather Mullen and Brittany VanTeylingen described the current services the Rifle Animal Shelter provides to the community and request additional funds from the City for a new facility. The City entered into a contract with FRAS to manage the Rifle Animal Shelter on January 15, 2012. The Rifle Animal Shelter is preparing to construct a new \$2.2 Million dollar facility called Journey Home Animal Care Center. FRAS is requesting the City make a donation in the amount of \$80,000 a year pledged over the next five years and waive building fees.

Council requested the opportunity to review the information presented before making a final decision.

Mayor Clifton returned to the Council Chambers.

CONSIDER OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE TRANSFER TRAIL MINE ABOVE GLENWOOD SPRINGS AND SUPPORTING COUNTY REGULATION OF THE MINE - RESOLUTION NO. 15, SERIES OF 2019

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE TRANSFER TRAIL MINE ABOVE GLENWOOD SPRINGS AND SUPPORTING COUNTY REGULATION OF THE MINE

City of Glenwood Springs gave a presentation at the last City Council meeting requesting support in opposition of the expansion of the Transfer Trail Mine which is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property. Council requested some language about local control be added to the original resolution provided by the City of Glenwood Springs.

Councilor Elliott moved to Resolution No. 15, Series of 2019; seconded by Councilor Hamilton. Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Hostettler, Strode and Clifton

CONSIDER PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MOVING THE TAUGHENBAUGH FIELD FENCE

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore presented a Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) decision to Council on citizen requests regarding moving the Taughenbaugh outfield fence. PRAB received a request to move the outfield fence in Taughenbaugh Field to a distance that would cause the field size to be reduced to a ladies softball field. The Parks Department currently installs a temporary collapsible fence for the Rifle High Scholl Lady Bears softball season and then removes it which allows the field to be a multi-use field. Permanently reducing the fence distance limits the variety of uses and various sports that can be played on that field. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reported that their current priority is the construction of the new pool project and the budget priorities do not include funding to move the Taughenbaugh outfield fence at this time.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve the Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommendations regarding moving the Taughenbaugh Field outfield fence; seconded by Councilor Strode. Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Green, Hamilton and Strode
No – Hostettler and Clifton

CONSIDER AMENDING RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE ON POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2019 – 1ST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VIII OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA.

City Attorney Jim Neu stated the Rifle Municipal Code is missing a definition for Possession of Marijuana. In 2000 and 2012, the State of Colorado approved the legalization of medical and recreational marijuana, which provides for the possession of certain amounts of marijuana. However, there are still situations when possession of marijuana is illegal that requires a definition in the Rifle Municipal Code. Staff recommends approving Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2019 which amends the RMC to include a definition for possession of marijuana.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2019 on its first reading, 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

RECEIVE SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Director Michelle Duran presented the Second Quarter Financial Reports. She reported that the Sales Taxes year to date are up over 4% overall while the year to date Excise Taxes are down. She also reported on the year to date expenditures, revenues and fund balances.

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION TO 2019 STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mayor Clifton opened the public hearing.

City Manager Scott Hahn explained the 2019 budget needed to be amended with a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$680,000 for the Street Improvement Fund. There were additional street improvements projects that were not initially included in the 2019 budget because they were not anticipated to occur this year and 3rd Street and Railroad Avenue Design Project had an increase in scope and budget, so it is necessary to amend the budget to reflect the changes and approve the supplemental appropriation for the 2019 budget.

Mayor Clifton closed the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 14, SERIES OF 2019 - APPROVING 2019 AMENDED BUDGET

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Resolution No. 14, Series of 2019; seconded by Councilor Carpenter.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2019 - APPROVING 2019 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE BUDGET YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2019, 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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were given by City Manager Scott Hahn, City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Attorney Jim Neu, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, Finance Director Michelle Duran, Civil Engineer Craig Spaulding, and Planning Director Nathan Lindquist.

Council gave consensus that on October 2, 2019 they would not hold a regular City Council meeting, but would have a longer workshop to discuss and review the 2020 budget.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



Kristy Doll
City Clerk





Barbara Clifton
Mayor

