

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 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 Pro Tem Theresa Hamilton.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Councilors Joe Carpenter, Joe Elliott, Theresa Hamilton, and Sean Strode.

Councilor Elliott moved to excuse Mayor Barb Clifton, Councilor Ed Green, and Councilor Brian Condie from tonight's meeting; seconded by Councilor Strode.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Hamilton, and Strode

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Kristy Doll, City Attorney Richard Peterson-Cremer, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Guzman-Tovar, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Leslie Robinson and Jayne Wize.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizen comments were heard from Leslie Robinson who expressed her concerns about speeding especially on West 3rd Street and other hill streets in town.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Consent Agenda – consider approving the following items:

- A. Minutes from the August 7, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. Amending Rifle Municipal Code on Possession of Marijuana – Ordinance No. 13, Series of 2019 – 2nd Reading
- C. Approval of Rezoning of Scalzo Ranch Subdivision Properties – Ordinance No. 14, Series of 2019 – 2nd Reading

Councilor Strode moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B and C; seconded by Councilor Elliott. Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Hamilton, and Strode

CONSIDER WATER RIGHTS LEASE WITH RIFLE GAP LAND COMPANY

City Attorney Richard Peterson-Cremer stated in 1989 the City entered into a 20 lease agreement with the Rifle Gap Land Company who operates the Rifle Creek Golf course for the use of the City's water rights on the golf course. In 2009, the First Amendment to Golf Course Water Rights Lease was renewed for ten years with an automatic extension of an additional ten-year term unless notice is given 60 days in advance of the lease expiring. The City sent a notice to the Rifle Gap Land Company that the City was terminating the existing Lease Agreement effective August 8, 2019 so it can enter into a new lease that contained some updated provisions regarding prolonged drought and the potential of a Colorado River Compact Call. These issues are complex and will take some time discuss with the Rifle Gap Land Company and draft a new long-term water rights lease agreement. In the meantime, this one-year Water Lease Agreement with the same terms as the existing Lease Agreement will provide the Rifle Creel Golf Course water rights through the 2020 season.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve Water Rights Lease with Rifle Gap Land Company; seconded by Councilor Carpenter.

Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Elliott, Hamilton, and Strode

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were given by, City Clerk Kristy Doll and Planning Director Nathan Lindquist.

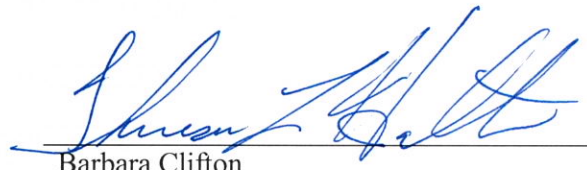
COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Comments were heard from Councilors Joe Carpenter, Joe Elliott, Theresa Hamilton, and Sean Strode.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


Kristy Doll
City Clerk




Barbara Clifton
Mayor