

RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. * Council Chambers

A regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Barb Clifton.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Scott Hahn, City Attorney Jim Neu, City Clerk Kristy Doll, Rifle Community Television (RCTV) Salvador Guzman-Tovar, Chief of Police Tommy Klein, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Finance Director Michelle Duran, Human Resource Manager Danielle Hogan, Court Administrator Kathy Pototsky, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Recreation Coordinator Austin Rickstrew, Aquatics Coordinator Jessica Wilson, Jeanne Golay, and Helen Rogers.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Consent Agenda – consider approving the following items:

- A. Minutes from the October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. (Acting as Liquor Licensing Authority) Liquor License Renewal for BPOE Lodge dba Rifle Lodge #2195 and Kum & Go LC dba Kum & Go #922

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

RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM LOVA TRAILS

Lower Valley Trail's representative Jeanne Golay and Helen Rogers gave a presentation of the future LoVA Trails project for non-motorized vehicles called Meet Me in the Middle located in South Canyon. The total project budget required a one million dollar grant in order for it to be completed as proposed and the FMLD awarded a grant in the amount of \$700,000, leaving a \$300,000 shortfall. LoVA requests Rifle City Council sign a letter of support to Garfield County requesting additional contribution to make up the funding shortfall.

Councilor Elliott moved to approve a letter of support to LoVA Trails and Support of Regional Trails seconded by Councilor Hamilton.

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

CONSIDER MILL LEVY CERTIFICATION - RESOLUTION NO. 18, SERIES OF 2019

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 2020 BUDGET YEAR

Finance Director Michelle Duran stated the Mill Levy from the County must be certified and submitted by December 15, 2019. This is an annual requirement. The Garfield County Assessor certified the 2019 net assessed valuation for the City of Rifle is \$118,772,910. For the purpose of meeting the City's general operating expenses during the 2020 fiscal year there is levied a tax of 5.261 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the City.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Resolution No. 18, Series of 2019; seconded by Councilor Elliott.

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

CONSIDER ADOPTING THE COMPENSATION PLAN – RESOLUTION NO. 17, SERIES OF 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,
COLORADO, APPROVING THE MARKET-BASED PAY POLICIES AND
PRACTICES RECOMMENDED PURSUANT TO THE 2020 COMPENSATION
PLAN.

Mayor Clifton pulled this item from the agenda and requested further discussion at a future City Council Workshop.

**CONSIDER ADOPTING THE 2020 MODEL TRAFFIC CODE – ORDINANCE NO. 22,
SERIES OF 2019 – 1ST READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO REPEALING AND
REENACTING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I OF THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO
ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2020 EDITION OF THE MODEL TRAFFIC CODE
FOR COLORADO; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RIFLE,
COLORADO, IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATION THEREOF.

City Attorney Jim Neu explained Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2019, adopts the 2020 Edition of Model Traffic Code (MTC) by Reference. The Model Traffic Code relates to a comprehensive traffic control regulations and provides a system of traffic regulations consistent with State law and generally conforming to similar regulations throughout the state and the nation. The City currently operates under the 2018 Model Traffic Code and there are not any major policy changes to the 2018 Model Traffic Code. Staff recommends adopting the 2020 Model Traffic Code – Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2019.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Ordinance No. 22, Series of 2019, on first reading as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Elliott.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Condie, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Strode and Clifton

RECIEVE REPORT ON POOL PROGRAMMING AND FEES

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Recreation Coordinator Austin Rickstrew, and Aquatics Coordinator Jessica Wilson presented the proposed 2020 programming details and program fees for the new swimming pool.

RECIEVE REPORT ON RECREATION PROGRAM FEES

Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore, Recreation Coordinator Austin Rickstrew, and Aquatics Coordinator Jessica Wilson presented the new 2020 Recreation Department program fees.

**CONSIDER AMENDING APPENDIX A REGARDING REFUSE COLLECTION AND
WATER RATES - ORDINANCE NO. 23, SERIES 2019 – 1ST READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, AMENDING
APPENDIX A TO THE RIFLE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REFUSE
COLLECTION AND WATER RATES

City Manager Scott Hahn noted the City's sanitation fund is experiencing increased costs associated with providing refuse collection services requiring an increase in fees to adequately meet the City's current and future needs. The City's water fund fees can remain at 2019 rates to help offset the increased refuse collection fees. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 23, Series of 2019.

Councilor Hamilton moved to approve Ordinance No. 23, Series of 2019, on first reading as presented, and order it to be published as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Carpenter.
Roll Call: Yes – Carpenter, Condie, Elliott, Green, Hamilton, Strode and Clifton

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Comments were heard form City Manager Scott Hahn, Planning Director Nathan Lindquist, Finance Director Michelle Duran, and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Whitmore.

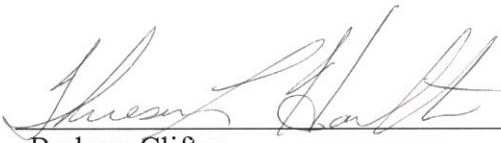
COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Comments were heard from Councilors Joe Carpenter, Brian Condie, Joe Elliott, Theresa Hamilton, and Mayor Barb Clifton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.


Kristy Doll
City Clerk




Barbara Clifton
Mayor