

# RIFLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m. \* Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Rifle City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Keith Lambert.

**PRESENT ON ROLL CALL:** Councilors Jay Miller, Jonathan Rice, Jennifer Sanborn, Jeanette Thompson, and Mayor Keith Lambert.

Councilor Rice moved to excuse Councilors Beth Bascom and Alan Lambert; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Hier, City Manager; Matt Sturgeon, Assistant City Manager; Wanda Nelson, City Clerk; Jim Neu, Assistant City Attorney; Jim Bell, Cable 10; Michael Churchill, Cable 10; Charlie Stevens, Utility Director; Charles Kelty, Finance Director; Nancy Bayne; Nick Senn, SGM; Glenn Ault; Eric Rasmussen; Mike McKibbin; Mark Gould.

## CONSENT AGENDA

***MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2008, REGULAR MEETING; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE; LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: RIB CITY GRILL; KUM & GO; SPORTS CORNER; ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIQUORS; CITY MARKET***

Councilor Rice moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Councilor Sanborn. There were no objections to the motion; therefore, the motion passed unanimously.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS AND LIVE CALL-IN

### ***PUBLIC HEARING: ELKS LODGE SPECIAL EVENT***

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Nancy Bayne was sworn and noted their request is to set up a beer garden at the fairgrounds on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Bayne presented an amended map, and stated wrist bands will be given to patrons to help control the sale of beer to underage persons. Ms. Nelson stated the application is complete and the hearing was properly noticed. Councilor Miller moved to approve the Application; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

### ***PUBLIC HEARING: RIFLE AIRPARK PUD ANNEXATION AND ZONING***

### ***FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 15-08: ANNEXATION***

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ANNEXING TO  
THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN  
AS THE RIFLE AIRPARK ANNEXATION.

***FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 16-08: ZONING***

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, ZONING CERTAIN  
REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE RIFLE AIRPARK ANNEXATION WITH THE  
FOLLOWING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONE DISTRICTS:  
AIRPORT LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ("A-LI"), AIRPORT COMMERCIAL ("A-C"),  
AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL ("A-ID"), AIRPORT PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL ("A-PD"),  
AIRPORT SUPPORT ("A-S") AND OPEN SPACE ("OS") ZONE DISTRICTS

Mayor Lambert opened the public hearing. Mr. Neu stated this public hearing is for the Annexation only; the Zoning will be considered at a public hearing held August 20, 2008. Airport Land Partners (ALP) and Grand River Plaza Inc. (GRP) jointly request the City of Rifle annex lands owned by each entity and zone the subject property as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) called Rifle Airpark. The area being annexed comprises 628 acres. Applicants Bob Howard and Eric Rasmussen were sworn in and reviewed their project through a conceptual computer rendering of the project. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend the authorization of the annexation at their May 2008 meeting. Councilor Rice moved to continue the public hearing until the August 20 Council meeting; seconded by Council Sanborn.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

Councilor Miller moved to approve Ordinances 15-08 and 16-08 as presented and ordered them to be published by title as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Rice.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

***PROPOSED CLOSURE OF EASTBOUND I-70 RAMP AND SOUTH 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET FOR  
ROUNDAABOUT CONSTRUCTION***

Tim Laudick with Martinez Western and Nick Senn with SGM noted that the contractor for the Roundabout Project is requesting the closure of the Eastbound I-70 Ramp for five days, and the closure of 7<sup>th</sup> Street for four-five days. The completion time for the entire project and the cost for traffic control would be reduced. The traveling public would see fewer traffic switches, but may become frustrated due to the elimination of a traffic element i.e. access to I-70 East. Notification would be through the use of message boards, newspaper, TV, radio, signs, and the Rifle website. Pete Murdis with CDOT was present for this discussion and noted that a detour and PR plan would need to be included to consider this request. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the two requests to alter the traffic plans of Eastbound I-70 and 7<sup>th</sup>, and allow for their closure as previously outlined; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

## ***PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING***

### ***EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 14-08: LEASE-PURCHASE PARKS MAINTENANCE BUILDING***

Mr. Kelty explained that Ordinance 14-08 authorizes the City to proceed with the financing proposal submitted by SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corporation for the Parks Maintenance Building. SunTrust submitted the lowest bid, offering a 10-year interest rate of 4.34% on \$2,600,000. Annual payments of \$360,000 will be required. Mr. Neu stated that it is necessary to pass an emergency ordinance so that the terms of the financing can be secured in a timely manner. Councilor Miller moved to approve Emergency Ordinance 14-08 as amended with the authorization given to staff to negotiate a 15-year contract at an interest rate not to exceed 5% to keep the payments at a minimum, and ordered it to be published in full as required by Charter; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

### ***WATER LINE INSTALLATION FOR UNTREATED WATER IRRIGATION***

Mr. Whitmore noted this request is to extend raw water from the cemetery pump station to Macintosh Park and eventually Davidson Park. The planned utility improvements and subsequent re-paving of 7<sup>th</sup> Street is creating an opportunity for this to happen. At their July meeting, the Parks and Rec Advisory Board offered unanimous support of spending up to \$45,000 from the contingency fund for this project. Councilor Rice moved to authorize staff to negotiate a change order with the contractor for the water line installation in an amount not to exceed \$45,000; seconded by Councilor Sanborn.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

### ***INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AT CITY PARKS***

Mr. Briedis stated that vandalism has been occurring at City parks. Staff is requesting the purchase and installation of four solar powered, wireless cameras. A test camera has been in operation for the past three weeks at the Action Park. The camera is set to take flash pictures when motion is detected after the park closes. Approximate damages from vandalism this year are \$4000. Councilor Sanborn moved to approve the purchase of four cameras in an amount of \$12,778; seconded by Councilor Miller.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

### ***WATER TREATMENT PLANT***

At the previous Council meeting, Council authorized the acquisition of a Supplemental Water Treatment Facility that would augment the water being treated at the Graham plant. Water usage during peak times in the summer is 4.3 million gallons per day. The sand in the filters at the Graham plant needs to be replaced, and the inadequate filters keep the plant from running at 100%. The Supplemental Facility could produce 1 million gallons per day. Additional electrical work is needed to get the Supplemental Plant online. Councilor Rice moved to authorize additional costs for the Supplemental Water Treatment Plant for electrical work in an amount not to exceed \$48,103; seconded by Councilor Thompson.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Miller, Rice, Thompson, Sanborn, K. Lambert

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Hier reported on: Street projects; roundabout PR program; SGM's report on the Wamsley odor problem; employee evaluations are complete. Ms. Nelson thanked Frank Shaw for cooking the meal this evening. Mr. Sturgeon reported on: Downtown Redevelopment Agreement; affordable housing project; decrease in YTD building permits. Mr. Neu is working on an agreement regarding maintenance of the county roads adjacent to the Rifle Airpark. Mr. Stevens expressed his gratitude for the work completed on the UMTRA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). He also reported on: tank mixing systems; construction on the new Wastewater Plant; solar installation at the Rifle Pond site.

### **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

#### ***RECYCLING IN RIFLE***

Councilor Sanborn referenced a letter written to Council by a citizen regarding recycling in Rifle. This citizen was unaware Rifle had a program, and Councilor Sanborn suggested that Rifle market its recycling program better. Information can be repeated on Cable 10, the City's website, and future Utility bills.

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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Wanda Nelson  
City Clerk

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Keith Lambert  
Mayor