



ROCKY FORD CITY COUNCIL

May 14, 2019

Rocky Ford City Council met with City Manager Shannon Wallace in Council Chambers for a work session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Items on the work session agenda were discussion of Country Club lease agreement for golf course, ballot discussion on 1% sales tax and more discussion of health benefits with Mike Weber, advisor with CDPHE. Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Public Works Director Rick Long, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales and several members of the community also attended.

Following the work session, Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Thompson called meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: J. R. Thompson

Councilmembers: Susan Jung, Cuco Ruiz, Marty Lee, Dexter Buck, Rich Geist, Barbara Hunter

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Tom Martin, Gerri Clark, Jolly Rose, Laura Thompson and reporter from La Junta Tribune.

Mayor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Jung moved to approve the minutes from the regular **April 23, 2019** council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee. Voting results were:

YES	Jung, Ruiz, Lee, Buck, Geist, Hunter, Thompson
NO	None

Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Thompson suggested that bid for special security locks needed some explanation and discussion. Councilmember Jung recommended to Council that the request from property owner Henry Ongondi, Bahari Investments LLC, for City to vacate portion of right of way for his property in 1400 block of Chestnut could not be discussed and acted upon because City Attorney Mendenhall was not present with the paperwork. City Manager Wallace noted that Police Chief Griego was called out on an emergency so he would not be present to discuss loose dogs issue. Following discussion, Mayor Thompson removed item "B. Accept Bid from Home Sync for door locks on PSB" from the Consent Agenda and added it to New Business Items, deleted item 7 – Public Hearing for Ongondi request and also deleted item 9 - Discussion of dogs at large with Police Chief Griego. It was moved by Councilmember Jung and seconded by Councilmember Hunter to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Voting results were:

YES	Jung, Ruiz, Lee, Buck, Geist, Hunter, Thompson
NO	None

Motion carried 7-0.

Consent item approved was special event permit for beer garden at Railroad Park during Cruisin' Into Summer on June 1, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., sponsored by David Standbridge American Legion Post #8 of Rocky Ford, CO.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tom Martin approached Council regarding problem with water utilities for one of his tenants. He wanted to know why water had not been disconnected permanently, why the unpaid bill was sent to him and why police were not called.

BID FROM HOME SYNC FOR DOOR LOCKS ON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

City Manager Wallace advised Council that the City only received two bids for the door locks on the Public Safety Building: Home Sync from Denver for \$15,959.20 and Colorado State Safe and Lock of Colorado Springs for \$18,000.00. City Manager Wallace and Fire Chief Ray Gonzales both recommended Home Sync because they felt that the company had the better price and system. Funds for the door locks purchase were included in money earmarked to complete phase one of the building. Following discussion, Councilmember Lee moved to accept the bid from Home Sync. Councilmember Jung seconded motion. Voting results were:

YES	Jung, Ruiz, Lee, Buck, Geist, Hunter, Thompson
NO	None

Motion passed 7-0.

PURCHASE OF OTERO COUNTY ROAD GRADER

It was moved by Councilmember Jung and seconded by Councilmember Geist to approve the purchase of a used 2000 John Deere road grader, with relatively low number hours on engine, from Otero County for \$37,000.00; payments will be made in three installments of \$12,000 now, \$12,500 in 2020 and \$12,500 in 2021. Voting results were:

YES	Jung, Ruiz, Lee, Buck, Geist, Hunter, Thompson
NO	None

Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION OF ROAD GRADER PURCHASE

It was the general consensus to table the discussion of the purchase of a road grader from Otero County until the next meeting. The County Commissioners did not vote yet on selling of the road grader, so hopefully Councilmember Lee will have those details at the next meeting.

CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

The City Manager Employment Agreement was discussed earlier in the work session. It was noted that City Attorney Bart Mendenhall will revise three different items in the agreement. Councilmember Lee moved to approve the City Manager Employment Agreement with Shannon Wallace with the changes noted by Council during the work session. Councilmember Jung seconded motion. Voting results were:

YES	Jung, Ruiz, Lee, Geist, Hunter, Thompson
NO	None
ABSTAIN	Buck

Motion carried 6-0, with one abstaining.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported on the following item:

- She met with Cindy Abert, pool manager. Everything is on schedule and staff has been hired.
- Ms. Wallace will attend a CWLC Women's Conference in Denver on Monday, April 29, 2019.
- She will meet with the Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce May 2 to discuss the Gobin Building Complex lease.
- A rough draft of the country club lease agreement was prepared for their discussion in May.
- Timeline for completion of the public safety building is the end of May, first part of June.
- She met with Jessie Klein, Total Office Solutions, to discuss furnishings for the public safety building.
- City Attorney Bart Mendenhall and she will further review what needs to be done for the Ongondi request to either vacate a portion of street by his property in 1400 block of Chestnut or granting of a right of way.

MAYOR-CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES - None

PRESENTATION BY JESSIE KLEIN – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FURNISHINGS

Jessie Klein from Total Office Solutions gave a power point presentation of possible furnishings and options for the new public safety building.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Thomas Martin approached Council with his concerns regarding the fencing that was being erected next to his property at 415 N Main. City Manager Wallace and City Attorney Mendenhall will look into this.

Peggy Sue Romero still has concerns regarding city employees using and maintaining heavy equipment.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE AGENDA

- Rocky Ford Country Club Lease Agreement
- Chamber of Commerce Lease Agreement for Gobin Building Complex
- Joint work session with R2 School Board
- Review City Code
- Discussion and possible approval of purchase of Otero County road grader
- City property list for sale
- Department reports

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lee moved to adjourn. There being no further business, Mayor Thompson adjourned meeting at 8:40 p.m.

J. R. Thompson, Mayor

Cheryl Grasmick, City Clerk