



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 26, 2020

WORK SESSION: Discussion was held regarding proposed ordinances for rental property license & registration, trash tote fees, water tap increase and vacant building registry/dilapidated buildings.

REGULAR MEETING:

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at the Public Safety Building. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Rich Geist, Jolly Rose, Cuco Ruiz, Matthew Holland, Daryl Grasmick and Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero

Staff: City Attorney Bart Mendenhall and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales. City Manager Shannon Wallace and Public Works Director Rick Long attended by phone.

By phone: Marty Lee and Duane Gurule

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the minutes, with one correction, from the May 12, 2020, council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

YES Rose, Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION No emails were received

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Wallace reported on:

- Sales tax revenues
- Enterprise Funds and General Fund revenues and comparison to 2019
- She has been working on a Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) report

OLD BUSINESS – Tabled from previous meetings

Proposal for a Property Maintenance Code

Proposal for Backyard Chicken Ordinance

Council has been discussing the implementation of these proposed ordinances. Council has concerns about the code enforcement for these proposals as code enforcement has temporarily been suspended as it is not considered an essential job by the state. Council's consensus is that more time is needed to discuss issues with Public Works Director Rick Long and the Otero County Health Department, as well as, to have time to review a template made by Duane Gurule. Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that she has had some citizens contact her that are opposed to allowing backyard chickens. Councilmember Geist reported that he had also heard from citizens that were in favor of allowing backyard chickens. Council requests that City Manager Shannon Wallace schedule these matters for a work session at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District

City Attorney Bart Mendenhall suggested that Council may want to go into executive session to discuss the letter and to discuss the intergovernmental agreement with the County of Otero. There was no motion made to go into executive session for this.

Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Otero

Councilmember Rose moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the County of Otero. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Museum Curator – Job Description

City Manager Shannon Wallace informed Council that the Museum Board will soon be looking for a Museum Curator and she had prepared a job description for that position. Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the Museum Curator job description.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Corbin-Romero. Voting results were:

YES	Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz Holland, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Wildfire Response Mutual Aid Agreement

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the Wildfire Response Mutual Agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and Otero County. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland. Voting results were:

YES	Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES - None

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS OR UPDATES

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that serving curbside popcorn at the Grand Theater was a huge success and she thanked all who may have gone or supported.

Councilmember Rose reported that the monthly Planning Commission meeting had no business to discuss so no meeting was held. She reported that she attended the Otero County Landfill, Inc. (OCLI) meeting, at which, there was no quorum. Councilmember Rose also attended the Otero Partners, Inc. (OPI) meeting.

Councilmember Ruiz asked if the swim pool would be able to open. City Manager Shannon Wallace commented that a letter had been sent to the Otero County Health Department to try to get information about summer recreation programs and swim pool usage.

Mayor Jung informed Council that she will attend the Colorado Municipal League (CML) board meeting by phone and asked for Council's approval to allow her to vote on behalf of the City of Rocky Ford. Councilmembers agreed.

Councilmember Grasmick asked Council to consider the possibility of reopening usage of Crystal Lake as a recreation area and suggested that the Colorado State Wildlife Department may be able to help in some way.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- Review City Ordinances
- Review Pool Ordinance
- Review Personnel Policies
- Construction/Building Permits

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Corbin-Romero moved to go into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. §24-6-402 (2)(f) and not involving any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; those going into executive session will be Councilmembers Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Matthew Holland, Daryl Grasmick, Jolly Rose, Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz, Mayor Jung, City Attorney Bart Mendenhall and City Manager Shannon Wallace. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

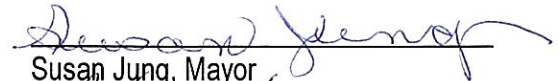
Motion carried 7-0

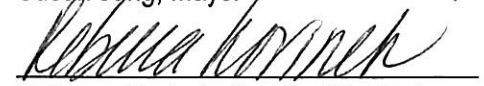
Council went into executive session. After adjournment of executive session no further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Geist moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.




Susan Jung, Mayor


Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk