



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2020

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Jolly Rose, Rich Geist, Daryl Grasmick, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero and City Manager Shannon Wallace met for a City Council work session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Discussion was held regarding property issues and ideas for changing the current property maintenance code. There was also some discussion regarding a deposit fee for garbage totes.

REGULAR MEETING:

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 in Council Chambers. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

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

Staff: Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales and City Manager Shannon Wallace

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Rose moved to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020, council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

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

NO None

ABSENT Holland

Motion carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Rose moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of liquor license renewal for the 10th Hole Bar and Grill under consent items. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

NO None

ABSENT Holland

Motion carried 6-0

Consent items approved were:

1. Approval to renew the annual liquor license of the Fiesta Café
2. Approval to renew the annual liquor license of the 10th Hole Bar and Grill

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Wallace reported on:

- The Rocky Ford City Pool opened on Saturday
- Library is still not approved to fully open by the Otero County Health Department

- Shannon will be on vacation from June 27th through July 13th, 2020. Fire Chief Ray Gonzales and Finance Director Azucena Estrada will be in charge

OLD BUSINESS – Tabled from previous meetings

City Attorney Contract

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported to Council that City Attorney Bart Mendenhall had submitted his verbal resignation as Attorney for the City of Rocky Ford and that he will be submitting his formal letter of resignation at the next Council meeting. Discussion was held on a possible replacement. City Manager Shannon Wallace informed Council that she had been in contact with some potential replacements.

NEW BUSINESS

Renaming of the Museum Carriage House

Councilmember Grasmick moved to rename the Museum Carriage House to the William “Bill” Hodges Memorial Carriage House, in honor of his efforts in supporting and assisting the museum board for many years. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was general consensus of Council to vacate the executive session scheduled on the Agenda.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Founder of the Small Town Project Duane Gurule introduced himself to Council and informed them of the Project’s mission: to “enhance the social and economic position of Rocky Ford and to increase the quality of life of its citizens”. Mr. Gurule informed Council that the project has been working on sustainable food systems. Mr. Gurule asked Council to step up and make a difference and he thanked Council for their volunteering to be on Council.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

Fire Chief Gonzales gave Council an update of his department. He reported that the EMS took delivery of their new ambulance and he asked Council to consider, in the future, donating the retired ambulance to the Hasty/McClave Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Ray Gonzales informed Council of the implementation of the stage 1 fire ban and asked Council to adopt the stage 1 ban. It was moved by Councilmember Grasmick and seconded by Councilmember Rose to adopt the stage 1 ban. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS OR UPDATES

Councilmember Ruiz thanked Duane Gurule for helping the community to find resources. Ruiz reported that he is purchasing some property to use for a community garden and he will be supplying the water for that. Ruiz also reported that he will attend a library board meeting on Wednesday.

Councilmember Grasmick reported that he is still trying to contact the Department of Wildlife to work on a solution to reopen Crystal Lake.

Councilmember Geist gave a report on the Museum and their progress on cleanup.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero thanked all for their donations to the Grand Theater curbside popcorn event. The Arts Commission is hoping to open the Grand Theater in August with the proper social distancing and other required restrictions.

Mayor Jung reported that she will attend a Colorado Municipal League (CML) virtual meeting this week.


AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION

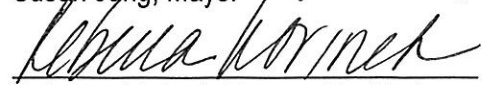
- Property maintenance code discussion
- Trash tote deposit fee
- Discussion or interviews for City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grasmick moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.




Susan Jung, Mayor


Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk