



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2020

### ***WORK SESSION:***

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Jolly Rose, Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Attorney Bart Mendenhall and Nathan Shultz met for a City Council work session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Nathan Shultz introduced himself to Council. Council asked him several questions regarding a possible offer of a contract for the City Attorney position that will become available due to the retirement of the Bart Mendenhall of August 1, 2020. Some discussion was held regarding Chapter 7 Municipal Code.

### ***REGULAR MEETING:***

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 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 and Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero

Staff: Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, City Attorney Bart Mendenhall and City Manager Shannon Wallace

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2020, council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

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

NO                        None

ABSENT                Holland and Grasmick

Motion carried 5-0

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Jack Pequete, 610 S. 12<sup>th</sup>, addressed Council to advise them that he is having issues with the water ways and gutters by his home on the corner of Pine Street. His yard and garage, as well as the neighbors, is being flooded every time there is rain.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

NO                        None

ABSENT                Holland and Grasmick

Motion carried 5-0

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Wallace reported on:

- The Arkansas Valley Fair will have limited events this year
- Transition from Metlife to GoldLeaf is moving along

## **OLD BUSINESS – Tabled from previous meetings**

### ***Resignation of City Attorney H. Barton Mendenhall***

Mayor Jung read aloud the letter of resignation received from Bart Mendenhall. Councilmember Rose moved to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

### ***City Attorney Contract***

After much discussion, regarding the interview with Nathan Shultz during the work session, Councilmember Rose moved to allow City Manager Wallace to work up a contract, for the term of 6 months to 1 year, with Nathan Shultz. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

### ***Second Tote fee***

This matter has been discussed at several previous meetings. City Manager Wallace recommended that Council amend the current Resolution to include a one-time, non-refundable fee of \$25.00 for customers that request a second tote. Customers will also continue to pay a \$10.00 fee each month. Councilmember Ruiz moved to change the Resolution to include the \$25.00 fee. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** - None

**STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES** - None

## **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS OR UPDATES**

Councilmember Rose reported that she will attend the OPI/OCLI meeting next week.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero informed Council that the curbside popcorn continues to be successful.

Councilmember Geist reported that the Museum Board is conducting interviews for the Curator.

Councilmember Ruiz reported that he attended a Library Board meeting and they are discussing the school lunches and gift baskets. Due to Covid-19, there is no summer reading program this summer.

Mayor Jung reported that she had received a letter of resignation for Councilmember Matthew Holland. Mayor Jung read the letter aloud. It was moved by Councilmember Ruiz and seconded by Councilmember Corbin-Romero to accept his letter of resignation. Voting results were:

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

Mayor Jung also reported that a letter was received from Michael Bethel's attorney reporting that a lawsuit is still ongoing and additional inspections may be needed in the future. Mayor Jung reported that the new ambulance has passed all inspections. Mayor Jung thanked Councilmember Corbin-Romero for her volunteering at the curbside popcorn event and she also thanked Councilmember Ruiz for volunteering to run the mosquito sprayer.

Mayor Jung reported that she would like to attend some Colorado Municipal League (CML) virtual training. Councilmember Rose moved to allow Mayor Jung and anyone else that would like to enroll in some CML virtual training classes. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

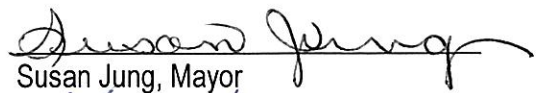
#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION**


- Review City ordinances
- Review personnel policies
- Permits for Construction
- Crystal Lake
- New City Attorney contract

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



  
Susan Jung, Mayor

  
Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk