



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 28, 2020

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Jolly Rose, Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Daryl Grasmick, City Manager Shannon Wallace, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek and City Attorney Bart Mendenhall met in Council Chambers for a reception, in honor of retiring City Attorney H. Barton Mendenhall, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

REGULAR MEETING:

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 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, City Attorney Bart Mendenhall and City Manager Shannon Wallace

Others present: Margarito and Maria Garcia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2020 council meeting with one typo correction. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

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

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 6-0

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the Agenda, with the deletion of the City Auditors, as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

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

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 6-0

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Wallace reported on:

- Reported that the City exterminator needs to be changed. City Manager Wallace gave Council information on Pestinator, LLC. There will be approximately \$15 additional costs per month. Councilmember Rose moved to

authorize City Manager Wallace to contract with Pestinator, LLC. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

- Discussed with Council the need for a City Uniform Policy and distributed a policy that she had prepared. Some discussion was held. Councilmember Ruiz moved to adopt the City Uniform Policy. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

- One America transition is scheduled for August 1, 2020. All issues with Metlife have been settled.
- Fire Chief Ray Gonzales would like permission from the Council to donate their old fire truck to the McClave/Hasty Fire District. Councilmember Grasmick moved to allow Fire Chief Ray Gonzales to donate the old fire truck to McClave/Hasty Fire District. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

- Reported that the Syntex Company will be working on the fire compression system at the Senior Citizen's Center (Sage). Sage has been closed down temporarily until repairs can be made which should be by the end of the week.
- Fire ban was lifted last week

RESOLUTION CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Rose moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #10, 2020 Series: A Resolution Concerning Garbage Collections Rates** as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal for City Attorney

City Manager Shannon Wallace asked Council if they all had received the proposal regarding Nathan Shultz in their email. Council responded that they had. Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the contract between the City of Rocky Ford and Nathan Shultz to provide legal counsel for the City of Rocky Ford. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

YES Rose, Ruiz, Grasmick, Romero Geist, Jung
NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 6-0

Appointment of Ward I Council Seat

Council has received one letter of interest for the vacant seat. Council has sixty (60) days to fill the vacant seat. It was the general consensus of Council to wait for the meeting scheduled for either Tuesday, August 11, 2020 or Tuesday, August 25, 2020 to fill the vacant seat.

Rent Increase at 1101 Lincoln

City Manager Shannon Wallace informed Council that the City currently rents this property to Jack Barker of Innovative Water Technologies and the monthly rent is \$300 which includes utilities. City Manager Shannon Wallace asked Council to consider raising the rent to \$600 per month to be effective January 1, 2021. Discussion was held regarding utilities. Council would like City Manager Shannon Wallace to provide them with more information regarding the average cost of power and gas for this rental house. City Manager Shannon Wallace will provide them with more information. No other action was taken.

Fowler Police Department Intergovernmental Agreement

City Manager Shannon Wallace informed Council that the City of Fowler would like the City of Rocky Ford to once again dispatch for them. Fowler was using the services of the Otero County Sheriff, but Otero County wants to get out of dispatching. City Manager Shannon Wallace asked Council to re-implement the previous Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Fowler with the same cost of 23,000 per year and the same conditions. Some discussion was held. Councilmember Ruiz asked for a copy of the IGA prior to voting on it. Councilmember Rose moved to approve the IGA with Fowler without review. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

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

Motion failed

National Health Center Week – 2020-Proclamation

Mayor Jung asked Council to proclaim the week of August 9 through August 15, 2020 as National Health Center Week and encouraged Council to celebrate the important partnership between Valley-Wide Health System, Inc. and the communities it serves. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the proclamation and authorize the Mayor to sign it. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Corbin-Romero. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Watermelon Day Recognition

Mayor Jung informed Council that August 3rd is National Watermelon Day and State Representative Bri Buentello will be at Knapp's Farm Market in Rocky Ford to present the City of Rocky Ford with a watermelon and a plaque to commemorate the event.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Margarito Garcia wanted to take the opportunity to thank Public Works Director Rick Long and Councilmember Cuco Ruiz for cleaning up around the trailer court on N. 14th Street and Chestnut Street.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES - None

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS OR UPDATES

Councilmember Rose reported that she attended an Otero County Partner’s Inc. (OPI) and Otero County Landfill, Inc. (OCLI) meeting. OPI approved a loan for a new business in Trinidad. Councilmember Rose reported that OCLI landfill has been very busy lately and the excavator is broken down and needs repairs. Discussion was held regarding out of town persons dumping shingles at the landfill and whether or not the landfill charges for that. Councilmember Rose commented that she will inquire about that at the next meeting. Councilmember Rose asked City Manager Shannon Wallace if the Liberty School would qualify for EPA. City Manager Wallace reported that she has looked into that and is waiting for a response. Councilmember Rose also asked if Otero Junior College (OJC) will be having academy this year. City Manager Wallace reported that the next enforcement academy is full and the one after that is full with a waiting list.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that the Curbside Popcorn event continues to be successful and the Grand Theater had curbside popcorn the night of the fairground drive-in movie. The next curbside popcorn will be on July 31st.

Mayor Jung informed Council that she had received notice from the Colorado Municipal League (CML) that they would like to honor and recognize her for her participation with CML and reaching the CML Leadership level in CML’s education program. CML awarded Mayor Jung with a \$25 certificate. Councilmembers gave Mayor Jung their congratulations. Mayor Jung also thanked City Manager Shannon Wallace for her efforts as City Manager. Mayor Jung reported that there are three (3) employees out with COVID-19 quarantine. Shifts are being covered with firefighters from around the state and local area.

Councilmember Grasmick reported that the road is very bad and in need of repairs from Hopkins Street and east to Highway 71.

Councilmember Ruiz reported that the Library Board will meet next week. Councilmember Ruiz thanked the Public Work’s crew and reported that they have been working really hard.

City Manager Shannon Wallace printed and distributed copies of the IGA with Fowler to the Council. After Council had time to review the agreement, Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the City of Fowler to provide dispatch services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Corbin-Romero.

Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION

- Review City ordinances at the next work session
- Review personnel policies
- Permits for Construction
- Crystal Lake
- New City Attorney contract

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grasmick moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.



Susan Jung

Susan Jung, Mayor

Rebecca Korinek

Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk