



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2021

WORK SESSION: 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Jung, Councilmembers Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Larry Herrera, Cuco Ruiz, Sherri Cordova, Daryl Grasmick, Rich Geist, City Manager Shannon Wallace and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee met for work session. Discussion was held regarding the lease agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Chamber of Commerce – Gobin Building. Council is going to continue to try to get Chamber Board members and City Council together to discuss issues. Council member Cordova offered to contact the Chamber Board Accountant Rocky Sanders to ask for updated reports.

Others present: Margarito Garcia, Maria Garcia

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Larry Herrera, Cuco Ruiz, Sherri Cordova, Rich Geist and Daryl Grasmick

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee, Police Chief Angelo Griego, Police Captain Carol Coates and new Patrol Officer Enrique Guzman

Others present: Margarito Garcia, Maria Garcia and Duane Gurule with Small Town Projects

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance and explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the addition of sewer at expo building under old business and addition of Ordinance #960 and the swearing in of new police officer under new business. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Items approved:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously emailed her report to Council. In addition, she reported on the following:

- IGA between the City of Rocky Ford and the Arkansas Valley Fair Board. Shannon discussed with Council different formats for the IGA and the content she would put in the agreement. Shannon will bring this matter back to Council.
- Public Safety Building completion bids from R C Reliant and ARC Valley Construction Inc. Shannon reported that the bids were received by companies that contacted the City on their own. Due to the fact that the City is not receiving any DOLA or USDA money, the City does not have to officially publish a request for bids. Much discussion was held regarding the bids and a possible loan from the First National Bank. This will be a lengthy process and will involve the City Auditors. Council gave City Manager Wallace the authority to continue to investigate the process with the bank and the City Auditors.
- Ordinance #906 – Business License – Shannon gave Council information on amendments made to the current ordinance. This matter is scheduled on the Agenda for this meeting.
- Shannon and Marty Lee met with DOLA representative Tara last week. She mentioned The American Response Act that is funded by the government. The City should be getting around \$820,000 with a long list of things that the money can be spent on.
- Gave Council an update on the Cinco de Mayo day at the Fairgrounds.
- Shannon received a letter from William Seamans, 620 S. Main Street. He is requesting a reduction on his sewer charges. He has an apartment building with four (4) units. The apartments have residents for only four or five months out of the year. Shannon will look into the dormant fee ordinance and do some additional investigation on the number of meters at the address. Shannon will bring this matter back to Council when she has more information.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Angelo Griego

Police Chief Angelo Griego addressed Council to give a short departmental update and to answer any questions that Council may have. Councilmember Corbin-Romero asked what the plans are for summer and the possibility of more people being in town. Chief Griego gave information on how the Police Department will make the transition for crime in the cooler months versus crime in the hotter months. Chief Griego will be introducing new patrolman Enrique Guzman later in the meeting. Mr. Guzman was part of a pilot program and the Police Department sponsored his training academy and paid for any gear that he needed. Mr. Guzman signed a contract to stay with the Police Department for a certain time and if he leaves then he will be responsible to reimburse the City for those costs. Chief Griego wants to resume community outreach programs like the picnic in the park, back to school parties and movie night at the Grand Theater. This week is National Police week.

Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee

Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee gave Council an update on some economic development projects and gave a progress report on the Music at the Junction scheduled in July. Duane Gurule with Small Town Projects showed Council what the new website for Economic Development will look like and navigated through some of its features. The website will be launched in the near future.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung thanked City Manager Shannon Wallace and Duane Gurule with Small Town Projects for their work and efforts helping with the Cinco de Mayo at the Fairground. Jung commented that people were able to get out and about. Councilmember Cordova also commented that she thought it was a success. The Colorado Municipal League (CML) in-person meetings will be held September 22nd – 24th, and the virtual meetings will be held September 30th to October 1st. CIRSA will

have their annual meeting on June 22nd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (virtual). The Pension Board met to, again, review the bylaws. There was not a quorum so they will have to meet again.

Councilmember Herrera gave some updated information regarding the Rocky Ford County Club Board. The Board is still working on the building and relying on volunteer work. Larry has been trying to find some kitchen equipment for them.

Councilmember Cordova informed Council that she had received a phone call from a concerned citizen that there is a water drainage issue on 2nd Street. City Manager Wallace commented that 2nd Street has always been an issue due to the fact that Mr. Smith waters his crops in that area and water from the fields drain out on 2nd Street. While Cordova was attending the Cinco de Mayo at the Fairgrounds, a lady told her that some people that are near her are burning weeds. City Manager Wallace informed Councilmember Cordova that no one should be burning in town. Inquiries regarding burning in the City should go to the fire department.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that Johnette Fuller with the Tree Board had submitted a verbal resignation. Corbin-Romero will be trying to reorganize the Tree Board. Corbin-Romero, Kevin Campbell and City Manager Wallace have gone around the City and identified trees that need to be cut down. The addresses were given to Kevin Campbell and he will be making arrangements with the residents. A portion of the cost to cut the trees down will be covered by the Tree Board grant.

OLD BUSINESS

Lease Agreement - Between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club, Inc.

City Manager Shannon Wallace presented Council with a written lease agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve and authorize Mayor Jung to sign the lease agreement dated May 11, 2021 between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Sewer at Fairground Expo Building

Mayor Jung gave Council an estimate for fixing the sewer at the expo building from DJ Service & Home Repair in the amount of \$4,000 to \$5,000. The difference between the \$4,000 and the \$5,000 will be determined during the digging on whether a lift station and electrical will be needed. Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve and accept the bid from DJ Service & Home Repair to fix the sewer at the expo building. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Oath of New Patrolman

New Patrolman Enrique Guzman came forward to take his oath of office. Oath was administered.

Public Safety Building Completion

Much discussion was held earlier during the Manager's report. It was the general consensus of Council to allow City Manager Wallace to talk to the bank and auditors about a possible loan in the amount of \$860.000 to finish the Police Department portion of the Public Safety Building. Discussion was held regarding asphalt compared to concrete in the back part of the building.

Ordinance #960 – An Ordinance Amending Article 1 of Chapter 6 of the City of Rocky Ford Municipal Code Concerning Business Licenses

City Manager Wallace presented Council with written Ordinance #960. Shannon made necessary changes to the municipal code as previously discussed with Council. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve and authorize **Ordinance #960 – An Ordinance Amending Article 1 of Chapter 6 of the City of Rocky Ford Municipal Code Concerning Business Licenses**, on first reading. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

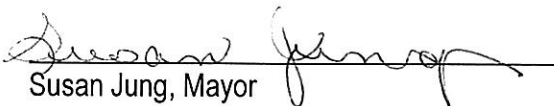
PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA OR WORK SESSION

IGA with Arkansas Valley Fair Board
City of Rocky Ford and Gobin Building agreement

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Grasmick and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned to meeting at 8:30 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk

