



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2021

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jung and Councilmembers: Rich Geist, Daryl Grasmick, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero and Sherry Cordova (Zoom), City Manager Shannon Wallace, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee met for a work session to have discussion regarding a proposed resolution for a City of Rocky Ford fee schedule. Discussion was also held regarding proposed bylaws for the Rocky Ford Volunteer Fire Department and the Rocky Ford Volunteer Fire Pension Board.

Others present: Gary Reed

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Rich Geist, Daryl Grasmick, Sherry Cordova (via Zoom)

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee, Water ORC Luke James and Museum Curator Rob Marshall

Others present: Gary Reed, Dee Hostettler with Clean Valley Recycling and Museum Board member Darla Marshall

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 Geist requested the removal of the consent agenda item regarding an application for modification of premise filed by Len's Tavern, 907 Railroad Avenue, and move it to new business on the agenda. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Herrera, Cordova (not able to vote - audio not working on Zoom)

Motion carried 4-0

Consent Items approved:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2021
2. Special Event Applications (4) – BPOE #1147 Elk's Club, 301 N. 9th Street, for August 20th, 2021 and August 21, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
3. Liquor License Renewal, ***Lobo's Curve Liquor, 1504 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford***

PUBLIC COMMENT - None
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported to Council on the following:

- Shannon gave Council additional information on the City's rental house with a list of what needs to be repaired.
- Shannon sent the agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Chamber of Commerce (Gobin Building) to Darren Garcia for review with the Chamber Board.
- Robert Penrod contacted Shannon and gave an estimate of \$30,000 to cut and trim trees on Highway 50.
- Shannon received a call from a man wondering if the City of Rocky Ford would be interested in buying shares of Fountain Creek water. Councilmember Grasmick requested that Shannon contact the City's Water Attorney to determine the fair market value of shares.
- Public Works Director Rick Long has about \$110,000 in his budget that was earmarked for certain things. He would like to reallocate that money and buy some other equipment. A detailed list of equipment and their prices will be given at the next meeting.
- A Sensus upgrade is required as the City's equipment is all outdated. The City has money (\$51,652.99) in the water fund or the ARPA money can be used for this upgrade. This upgrade will move the monthly meter read system to a drive-by meter read system. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve an upgrade to the meter read system to be completed by Kepner in the amount of \$51,652.99. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 4-0

STAFF REPORTS

Water Department ORC Luke James gave Council information about the hot tap and bypass. Public Works Director Rick Long will give more information about this at the next meeting.

Museum Curator Rob Marshall and **Museum Board Member Diane Marshall**. Diane reported that she has been going through bank statements and has found that money has been donated to the Rocky Ford Museum but the money was not received by the City. The funds were deposited in the Museum Friends account. Museum Board President Steve Carlile will be looking into this matter. There is also issues getting onto the Museum website and the Outlook email. The Museum Board would like to request a \$50.00 petty cash fund to allow Rob Marshall to make change. City Manager Shannon Wallace will contact Josh with Triad Computers to see if he can go look at the equipment.

Rob Marshall thanked Council for their support of him and he gave an updated departmental report. The museum had 73 visitors in July and four tours. The Board will have a display at the Fairgrounds.

Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee gave Council a report that Music at the Junction was a success and raised approximately \$3,000. The City has been awarded a new REDI grant in the amount of \$45,000 for job training programs. The \$45,000 will be added to matching funds from other sources to give the program \$90,000 to operate through June of 2023.

Economic Community Development has applied for two additional grants to upgrade sidewalks and ADA access to intersections on Highway 50.

The COLORES Latin festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Gobin Building Complex.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung commented that she will be attending events for the Arkansas Valley Fair during the next week.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that the student musical at the Grand Theater went well. The financial outcome of the musical was not complete yet. The Tree Board has been very busy cleaning the east-side of the City and the Board has asked for picnic tables. There was no Arbor Day celebration this year so the City does not qualify for the designation of a Tree City. The Tree Board will not have meetings in September as everyone has prior plans.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero also reported that she had been contacted about the restrooms at Babcock Park that are open but not in working order and also the restrooms at Play Park Hill. City Manager Wallace commented that she would ask Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski about the status of the park restrooms.

Councilmember Grasmick reported that Otero County Landfill, Inc. (OCLI) and Otero Partners, Inc. (OPI) will be meeting next week.

Councilmember Geist informed all that the Museum Board will be meeting on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 962 – An Ordinance Regarding the Registration of Vacant Buildings and Properties within the Limits of the City, on first reading.

Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve ***Ordinance #962 – An Ordinance Regarding the Registration of Vacant Buildings and Properties Within the Limits of the City***, on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera, Cordova (not able to vote - audio not working on Zoom)

Motion carried 4-0

Dee Hostettler – Clean Valley Recycling – Information on Upcoming Electronic Recycle

Dee Hostettler informed Council that the Clean Valley Recycling Center will be holding a recycle for electronics, tires and paint. All is free except for flatscreen televisions which will cost \$10 and CRT televisions will cost \$25. Tires must be for passenger cars or pick-ups, they must be taken to the recycle center in Swink and there is a limit of nine (9) tires per load.

Modification of Premise – Len’s Tavern, 907 Railroad Avenue, Rocky Ford

Discussion was held regarding the application for modification of premise to allow service on the sidewalk directly in front of the building. The application was submitted primarily for the COLORES festival that will be at the Gobin Complex on September 18, 2021 but they have requested the modification be approved from September 17, 2021 through the duration of their liquor license which expires on December 6, 2021. Councilmember Geist moved to approve the application for

modification of premise filed by Len's Tavern, 907 Railroad Avenue, Rocky Ford. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

YES	Geist, Grasmick, Jung
NO	Corbin-Romero
ABSENT	Herrera, Cordova (not able to vote - audio not working on Zoom)

Motion carried 3-1

Bylaws – Rocky Ford Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board

Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the bylaws of the Rocky Ford Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Geist, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera, Cordova (not able to vote - audio not working on Zoom)

Bylaws – Rocky Ford Volunteer Fire Department

Councilmember Geist moved to approve the bylaws of the Rocky Ford Volunteer Fire Department. Councilmember Corbin-Romero seconded the motion. Voting results were:

YES	Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera, Cordova (not able to vote - audio not working on Zoom)

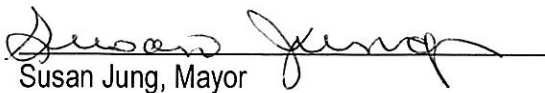
PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA OR WORK SESSION

Resolution for Fee Schedule

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Grasmick and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk

