



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2022

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jung, Councilmember Rich Geist, Councilmember Sherry Cordova, Councilmember Duane Gurule and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee met with Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski to discuss some recommended changes to the cemetery rules and regulations handbook.

Mayor Jung gave information about upcoming legislation and the effects to the City of Rocky Ford.

Others present: Gary Reed

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Rich Geist, Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule and Sherry Cordova

Staff: City Clerk Rebecca Korinek and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee via Zoom

Others present: Gary Reed

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Mayor Jung asked to delete items B and C from the agenda. Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested deletions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Railton and Fuller

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from February 8, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace gave a written report on the following:

- All parties that had a Catlin Canal Lease for 2021 have been contacted to inquire if they would like to renew their lease for 2022
- Letter of intent was submitted for the planning part of the GOCO grant
- The closing and inspection on the Odd Fellows Hall will be in a few weeks
- The CCMA conference has been rescheduled to April
- City Council and Staff retreat is on Saturday, February 26th starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building
- All Council was given a copy of the unhoused count report. Contact City Manager Shannon Wallace or Councilmember Duane Gurule with any questions
- There will be a cornhole tournament on February 26th sponsored by the Melon Valley Baggers

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) legislative meeting. Mayor Jung requested that Council authorize City Manager Wallace to prepare and send a letter to legislators advising them that the City of Rocky Ford would like local control over collective bargaining issues. It was the general consensus of Council to authorize the letter.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Country Club will hire Shane as new part-time Superintendent
- Water in canal is open for business on April 15th to water the grounds
- Fence posts need to be repaired going up to Play Park Hill
- A volunteer will mow the greens
- A three-phase electrical box is needed and the Country Club is waiting for a vehicle for golf course
- Financials are looking good. The Country Club will host a disc golf tournament on March 26th and 27th

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- The final Cafecito meeting was held earlier in the day and the CSU Extension is interested in setting up a civic engagement program
- Gurule asked Council to submit a letter supporting his application for a free scholarship to attend the CML conference. It was the general consensus of Council to authorize the City Manager to draft a letter of support

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova attended the tree board meeting
- There will be an Arbor Day celebration with the 5th grade classes on April 21st and a tree will be planted
- The tree board plans to plant flowers in the planters on Main Street

Councilmember Geist reported the following:

- The museum board met and all are busy cleaning and organizing displays
- On February 16th the museum hosted Alice McDonald and she gave a presentation on the "Dry Community"

STAFF REPORTS

Library Director Leanna Chavez gave a departmental report. Leanna informed Council that the library is open on Saturdays but there has been no business. The library board is considering closing on Saturday in the winter months and reopen on Saturdays in the warmer months.

Chavez received a \$4,000 grant from the State of Colorado for the summer reading program which runs in the month of June. Chavez will be conducting an inventory of the library's collection.

PUBLIC HEARING

Fermented Malt Beverage License Application – Rocky Ford Food Market, LLC, 800 Chestnut Avenue, Rocky Ford

Mayor Jung recessed the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing regarding a fermented malt beverage liquor license application at 7:26 p.m. Mayor Susan Jung served as the presiding officer for the hearing and those attending were Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Sherry Cordova and Rich Geist and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek.

City Clerk Rebecca Korinek informed Council that all necessary paperwork was in order and that at least thirty (30) days has passed since the filing of the application.

Tim and Lauren Jones were in attendance to give testimony. Tim Jones gave Council information on what his plans are for expanding their business. The west entrance door of the store will go directly to the fermented malt beverages.

Mayor Jung asked if anyone in the audience had anything to say, pro or con. The only person in the audience, Gary Reed, commented that he didn't have anything against the plan.

There being no other questions or comments. Mayor Jung closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Councilmember Geist moved to approve the fermented malt beverage license application submitted by the Rocky Ford Food Market, LLC, 800 Chestnut Ave., Rocky Ford, CO. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES	Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Railton and Fuller

Motion carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

This matter had previously been discussed during the work session. Mayor Jung asked Council to consider Bent County as being considered in the local area with Crowley and Otero Counties. Councilmember Geist moved to authorize the requested

changes to the City of Rocky Ford Cemetery Rules and Regulations booklet. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

YES	Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Railton and Fuller

Motion carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Colorado Municipal League (CML) Conference

Mayor Jung asked Council to authorize her to enroll and attend the CML conference at City expense. Councilmember Herrera moved to authorize the payment and enrollment of Mayor Jung to attend the CML conference. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Railton and Fuller

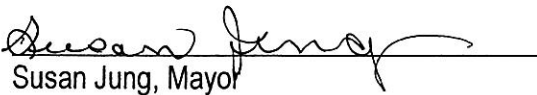
Motion carried 5-0


PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Reed informed Council that District Judge Schifferl, with Otero Courts, has a program in place for juveniles.

ADJOURN

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


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:  City Clerk

