



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL **SPECIAL MEETING**

December 16, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING: 1:00 p.m. - The purpose of the special meeting is for discussion and possible approval of the sale of Hancock Well.

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 by zoom meeting. 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, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, City Attorney Nathan Shultz, Economic Coordinator Marty Lee, Public Works Director Ricky Long and Luke James

Luke James gave Council information regarding the Hancock Well. Luke reported that the City has never used the Hancock Well and as a water system it will probably never be used. Luke informed Council that the property goes right up to a County Road so an easement would not be needed.

Public Works Director Rick Long informed Council that he had contacted the Applegate Company regarding this well and Applegate is of the opinion that this well is of no use to the City, cannot be used for augmentation and this water cannot be blended with the City water. Fire Chief Ray Gonzales informed Rick that the well does not have an adequate gallon per minute rating and could not be used by the Fire Department. The well permit does not allow for irrigation so farming would be out of the question. The permit allows for indoor use and livestock only. Rick Long suggested that Council put it up for bid and see who bids on it.

Some discussion was held. Councilmember Ruiz commented that he thinks the City should sell it for \$3000. Councilmember Corbin-Romero commented that if the City decides to sell, the amount asked should be that largest appraised amount. Councilmember Rich Geist commented that according to Brian Hancock, the well and property of that size is worth about \$20,000. Councilmember Grasmick commented that the City should do right by the citizens and put the property and well up for public bid. Councilmember Corbin-Romero agrees with Councilmember Grasmick and feels that it also should be advertised for bid.

Councilmember Grasmick moved to postpone this matter until it can be properly advertised for sale. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Corbin-Romero. Voting results were:

YES Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist

NO Rose, Ruiz, Jung

ABSENT None

Motion failed – tie vote

Councilmember Ruiz made a motion to advertise the well and property asking for bids with a seven day advertisement time. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Jung

NO Grasmick, Corbin-Romero

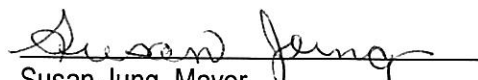
ABSENT None


Motion carried – 4-0

City Manager Shannon Wallace and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek will get the matter advertised in the local newspaper and on Facebook

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grasmick moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor


Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk