



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**July 26, 2022**

**WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Johnette Fuller, Norman Railton, Duane Gurule and Sherry Cordova and City Manager Shannon Wallace had discussion on water and sewer increases and standing water on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street,

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Alex Reed and Sally Cope

**REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.**

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 26, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova and Norman Railton

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Human Resource Director Shelly Valdez and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Gary Reed, J.R. Thompson, Alex Reed and Sally Cope

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. City Manager Wallace asked to add one item under new business – Elegant Concrete Estimate. Councilmember Fuller moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested addition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Railton. Voting results were:

YES Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Herrera and Geist

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from July 12, 2022
2. Application for (4) Special Event Permits – **Arkansas Valley Fair & Exposition Association – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, Pavilion Beer Garden, 800 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford on August 17 and August 18 from 11:00 a.m. to Midnight and August 19 and August 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.**
3. Application for (4) Special Event Permits – **Arkansas Valley Fair & Exposition Association – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, Grandstand Beer Garden, 800 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford on August 17 and August 18 from 11:00 a.m. to Midnight and August 19 and August 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.**
4. Application for Renewal of Medical Marijuana License, **Rocky Ford Station, LLC, 1701 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford**
5. Application for Renewal of Retail or Fermented Malt Beverage License – **The Barista Company, LLC, dba Pitch and Chips, 91 Play Park Hill, Rocky Ford, CO**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sally Cope with the Arkansas Valley Fair & Exposition Board gave Council information about the upcoming 145<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Valley Fair and recent repairs that have been done.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported the following:

- Manager's report was previously emailed to Council but the following items were added.
- Dog pound needs to have the floors and walls resurfaced and epoxy coated. Shannon received a quote from Elegant Concrete. It is on the agenda for tonight's meeting.
- Shannon gave Council an update on rottweiler dogs that were discussed at the last meeting. There were two different incidents and these will be decided on in municipal court.
- Discussion had been held previously on Earl Berray's property.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung attended the Chamber of Commerce meet and greet.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule also attended the Chamber of Commerce meet and greet and met the new president of the Community Bank.
- Gurule attended the Melon Valley BBQ cook-off at the fairgrounds.
- Rocky Ford Police Department will host their 7<sup>th</sup> annual movie night at the Grand Theater.

Councilmember Fuller reported the following:

- Fuller attended the Chamber of Commerce meet and greet.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova attended the Chamber of Commerce meet and greet.

Councilmember Railton reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Human Resource Director Shelly Valdez gave Council information about the manager's boot camp that she and City Manager Shannon Wallace attended. Valdez reported that she received a lot of really good information and had great discussion with other managers.

Valdez reported that many city governments are waiting to hire for vacancies and, instead, are contracting the position first to allow more time to find a good candidate. Valdez reported that she had discussion with a company that does polls and they may be able to help the city with getting surveys to help with the GOCO grant for the Fairground and Crystal Lake.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Street Sweeper***

Discussion was held. Councilmember Gurule made a recommendation that if the city buys a street sweeper, then he prefers that it be American made. Councilmember Gurule moved to postpone this matter to the next regular meeting to allow the City Manager time to talk to some banks about possible financing. Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

### ***Card Reader for Swim Pool and Grand Theater***

City Manager Wallace gave Council information on card readers and terminals. Wallace recommended that the swim pool not be included at this time since it will be closing for the season very soon. Some discussion was held. No further action was taken.

### ***Discussion – Code Enforcement Protocol***

Some discussion was held. City Manager Wallace will have a discussion with the Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz. Wallace will get additional information for a meeting in the future. Much discussion was held.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Anita Potter – Arkansas Valley Hospice New Director***

Anita Potter introduced herself to Council and audience and explained the programs they have and how the Arkansas Valley Hospice can help people.

### ***Approval of Job Descriptions for Recreation Coordinator, Facility Manager and PIO/Administrative Assistance***

It was moved by Councilmember Cordova and seconded by Councilmember Fuller to approve the job descriptions of Recreation Coordinator, Facility Manager and PIO/Administrative Assistant. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

***Elegant Concrete***

This matter was discussed during the Manager Report. Councilmember Railton moved to authorize the payment of \$6,200 to Elegant Concrete, LLC for the resurfacing and epoxy coating of the dog pound kennel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Railton moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:  City Clerk

