



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2023

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr, along with City Manager Shannon Wallace and Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski met for discussion regarding creating a memorandum of understanding between the City of Rocky Ford and various boards, such as; Fairgrounds, Rocky Ford Country Club, Chamber of Commerce for the Gobin building and the Senior Citizens Center/Sage Services. City Manager Wallace will prepare some, "very," rough drafts for review.

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Cuco Ruiz, Carol Coates and June Ferraro

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski, Cuco Ruiz, Public Works Director Rick Long, Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro and Police Captain Carol Coates

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed and Justin Schneider

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Scott Kerr read aloud the City of Rocky Ford's Mission Statement

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously emailed her report to Council but added the following:

- City Manager Wallace asked if there was still an interest in a community garden. The city owns a lot across from the elementary school that may work for that.
- The process has begun to select a Chief of Police. Eight people are on the committee and six applicants have applied. Phone interviews will be held first and then any other interviews will be held in person. Some discussion was held regarding the selection process.

- The city is hiring for summer help.
- The auditors will start the audit the last week of April.
- Finance Director Kyle Crosswhite and Shannon are reviewing the procedures and reporting for ARPA money.
- Shannon is still waiting to hear any news on the USDA grant.
- We continue to wait for the time to expire on the FPPA pension money.

STAFF REPORTS

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung attended the “Week of the Young Child” celebration in front of City Hall and she attended the community baby shower at the Gobin Building.
- Mayor Jung will be having lunch with the new staff from Pioneer Nursing Center.
- Mayor Jung will sit on the committee regarding an award that will be presented to Sam Mammut with the Colorado Municipal League (CML).

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Herrera had nothing to report for the Country Club/Golf Course.
- Herrera is working on some possible grants, through the Elks Club, that could benefit the city.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule had nothing to report for the Art’s Commission, Swim Pool Board and OCLI/OPI.
- Gurule reported that the Arkansas Valley Fair and Crystal Lake Redesign Committee will be hosting a “block party” at Crystal Lake on Saturday, April 22nd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Gurule attended the 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Gurule thanked the Griego family for their efforts.
- Gurule reminded all that the Fireman’s Ball will be on Saturday, April 22nd at 8 p.m. at the Elks Club.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Martinez gave an update of upcoming Tree Board events and Arbor Day celebration scheduled for April 27, 2023.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova gave an update of upcoming summer events at the library.
- Washington School invited all to their upcoming Ice Cream Social on April 13th.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight’s meeting.

Councilmember Kerr reported the following:

- Kerr reported that the museum board has concerns regarding monetary donations made to the museum. Discussion was held regarding a 501C3.
- Kerr will be having lunch with Katie Carlson with Pioneer Nursing Home.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Wallace asked to add, under new business, a proclamation authorizing recognition of national public safety telecommunicators week.

Councilmember Herrera asked to add, under discussion items, a possible gazebo.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the additions requested. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES	Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Roberts, Kerr, Martinez, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from March 28, 2023.
2. Application for a Special Event Permit – ***BPOE #1147 Rocky Ford Elks Club – Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. at 301 N. 9th Street, Rocky Ford – Fireman’s Ball***

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #973 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #865, Amending Ordinance #793, and Modifying Utility Deposits

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve and adopt *Ordinance #973 – An ordinance amending ordinance #865, amending ordinance #793, and modifying utility deposits*, on final reading. Voting results were:

YES	Gurule, Cordova, Roberts, Kerr, Martinez, Herrera, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Walnut Project – Invitation to Bid, Bids, Sole Source Bid Proposal

Councilmember Herrera moved to authorize the Walnut project to accept the invitation to bid and bids received. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Much discussion was held regarding the proposed project. Public Works Director Rick Long reported that no other bids were received. Justin Schneider with Sole Source gave Council additional information regarding his bid. Voting results were:

YES	Martinez, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Roberts, Kerr, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Councilmember Herrera moved to authorize and accept the bid proposal from Justin's Paving for the Walnut project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Martinez, Roberts, Kerr, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

A Proclamation Authorizing Recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Councilmember Gurule gave Council information regarding National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Councilmember Gurule moved to authorize Mayor Jung to approve and sign the proclamation authorizing recognition of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week from April 9th – April 15th. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

YES Gurule, Cordova, Martinez, Roberts, Kerr, Herrera, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Rocky Ford Emergency Communication Center.

Discussion Items:

Discussion regarding a possible gazebo at the southwest corner of library park, between the library and the museum. Councilmember Herrera asked Council for permission to go forward with this project, with a grant for \$1,000. Council gave general consensus to Councilmember Herrera to proceed. Councilmember Herrera informed Council of another possible grant that will go toward the swim pool in the amount of \$4,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

