



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 28, 2023

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr, along with City Manager Shannon Wallace and Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro met for discussion on a proposed infant in the work place program. Later on, discussion was held regarding solar panels.

Others present: J.R. Thompson and Gary Reed

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Police Captain Carol Coates and Police Officer Tim Moore

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed and Diana Marshall

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Martinez 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:

- Shannon gave Council information on Southern Colorado Economic Development District (SCEDD) regarding broadband.
- Shannon gave Council an update on the E.D. building roof repair. Snow has delayed the progress and the contractor will begin work on March 8th.
- Shannon gave Council a copy of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rural Fire Department. This agreement needs to be reviewed and renewed.

- The master plan USDA grant is progressing.
- The memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Rocky Ford and the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Gobin Building needs to be finalized.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) policy committee meeting by video.
- Mayor Jung attended the meeting for the CML executive board meeting on Friday.
- Mayor Jung asked for Council's general consensus to prepare certificates of appreciation for all city employees on behalf of Council. There was general consensus of Council to allow Mayor Jung to prepare the certificates.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule reported that he attended the SCEDD meeting earlier today. The meeting was very informative.
- Gurule attended a webinar regarding proposition 123 regarding funding for affordable housing.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Chairman of the Tree Board Diana Marshall gave an update of upcoming projects.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Kerr reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

STAFF REPORTS

None

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Wallace asked to add, under old business, the appointment of Councilmember Roberts to the FPPA board and to add, under new business 7.3 Ordinance #972 – *An ordinance for the reduction of clear water in the sanitary sewer system, 2nd reading.*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from February 14, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

New Council Committee Appointments

Discussion was previously held regarding city committees and vacancies. Councilmember Roberts moved to approve and appoint the following to city committees: Larry Herrera to the County Club (Golf Course Board and Rocky Ford Planning Commission. Duane Gurule to the Arts Commission, Swim Pool Board and as an alternate for the OCLI/OPI committees. Nicole Roberts to the Chamber of Commerce board and the FPPA pension board. Nicholas Martinez to the Tree Board, Sherri Cordova to the Library Board and Fairground MOU coordinator and Scott Kerr to the Museum Board. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Ordinance #972 – An Ordinance for the Reduction of Clear Water in the Sanitary Sewer System, on 2nd reading

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve and adopt *Ordinance #972 – An ordinance for the reduction of clear water in the sanitary sewer system*, on 2nd reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Infant in the Work Place Policy

This matter was discussed previously. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Roberts moved to approve and adopt the infant in the work place program to the city policy book. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule.

Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Job Description of Deputy Police Chief

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to approve the job description of Deputy Chief of Police. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Discussion Items:


None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Councilmember Martinez moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

