



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 27, 2021

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jung, Councilmembers Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Larry Herrera, Cuco Ruiz, Sherri Cordova, Daryl Grasmick, Rich Geist, City Manager Shannon Wallace and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee (by Zoom) met for work session. Discussion was held regarding the lease agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club Board. Fred Grantham gave Council a report on the progress of the remodel at the golf course. Carola Hagenau informed Council that she had met with the golf board and had presented a plan to run a restaurant or possibly purchase the building. The golf board reported that they are nowhere near the ability to be able to rent the building out at this time as they are still in the process of cleaning. The Board's focus is the renovation and getting the clubhouse and pro shop open. Much discussion was held regarding the current contract and the need to have an updated contract prepared.

Others present: Margarito Garcia, Maria Garcia, Fred Grantham, Lenny Venegas and Carola Hagenau

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Larry Herrera, Cuco Ruiz, Sherri Cordova, Rich Geist and Daryl Grasmick

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee (by Zoom)

Others present: Margarito Garcia, Maria Garcia, Lenny Venegas and Carola Hagenau

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance and explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Herrera, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Items approved:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes from April 13, 2021
2. Retail Marijuana Renewal for Rocky Farms, 1709 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO
3. Special event permit for City of Rocky Ford at the Fairgrounds for May 8, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
4. Liquor license renewal – Mission Deli, 401 N. 14th Street, Rocky Ford, CO

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carola Hagenau gave Council additional information regarding her proposal to the Rocky Ford Country Club Board and asked Council if they would be interesting in selling the building if an agreement cannot be made with the Country Club.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously emailed her report to Council. In addition, she reported on the following:

- Library board had a meeting and the bylaws were changed to include no term limits for board members.
- Shannon suggested that Council consider an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Rocky Ford Fair Board.
- Chamber of Commerce has requested that the City replace a broken window. Shannon mentioned that maybe an invitation to the Chamber Board to attend a work session would be helpful.
- The new building on Willow was constructed with all the proper permits and has met code requirements.
- Shannon is trying to get UNCC boundaries for the City.
- Shannon and Azucena are working on the new ADG software conversion.
- Valley Wide Health Services would like to build on to their current building or build a completely new building. They would like to apply for a grant and have asked Council to allow them to use the City as a pass through for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

STAFF REPORTS - None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported that the new estimate to complete the three rooms at the Public Safety Building is now \$80,633.34. It was the general consensus of Council to pay the bill as long as it doesn't exceed the approved amount. The Colorado Municipal League is going to have an "in person" summer meeting in Westminster and Mayor Jung is not certain at this time what the costs will be to attend but she will provide further information at a later date. The Fire Pension Board met and they completed their bylaws and they've been sent to City Attorney Nathan Shultz for review.

Councilmember Herrera reported that since the clubhouse is not open yet, the golf course is using a box to place money in, on the honor system, to pay for playing golf.

Councilmember Grasmick commented that there is no water in Holbrook Lake and reminded everyone how important water conservation is to us all.

Councilmember Cordova reported that she will attend the Chamber of Commerce Board meeting on May 6, 2021

Councilmember Corbin-Romero informed everyone that she had received a call from David Kline. Mr. Kline wants to give the Tree Board a donation from the Rocky Ford Garden Club that has disbanded.

Councilmember Ruiz asked when the City would be activating the sprinklers. Councilmember Grasmick reported that there is a triangle at the end of Hopkins and Franklin Streets that needs to be mowed if it belongs to the City and also that the cemetery is not being watered properly as the sprinklers go around in a circle and the cemetery lawn is rectangular so all four corners are not getting water. Mayor Jung asked if the exterminator had been out to the cemetery to check on the gophers and she also reported that there is a U.S. flag at the cemetery that needs to be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION - Ordinance #959, An Ordinance Repealing and Reenacting Section 13.2.10 of the Rocky Ford Municipal Code Setting Forth Responsibility for Water Rents

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve **Ordinance #959, An Ordinance Repealing and Reenacting Section 13.2.10 of the Rocky Ford Municipal Code Setting Forth Responsibility for Water Rents**, on 2nd reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Herrera, Ruiz, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried, 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mutual Aid Agreement for Otero County

Mayor Jung explained to Council that the mutual aid agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and Otero County had previously been approved by Council but the agreement was never signed because there was some disagreement about some of the wording in the document. Both parties are now ready to sign so the Mayor asked Council to allow her to sign on behalf of the City. Councilmember Grasmick moved to allow Mayor Jung to sign the mutual aid agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and Otero County. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Herrera, Ruiz, Cordova, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Community Block Grant (CDBG) Pass Through – Valley Wide Health Service

City Manager Wallace informed Council that Valley Wide Health Service has requested that the City of Rocky Ford be a pass through for a Community Block Grant (CDBG) that they are applying for to fund an expansion of their current building or to build a new building. Some discussion was held. Councilmember Cordova moved to allow Valley Wide Health Service to use the City of Rocky Ford as a pass through for their grant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

YES	Corbin-Romero, Geist, Herrera, Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Resolution Consideration – Resolution #2-Series 2021 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Set the Municipal Judge's Compensation

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve and authorize **Resolution #2-Series 2021 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Council to Set the Municipal Judge's Compensation**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES	Geist, Herrera, Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero
NO	None
ABSENT	None
ABSTAIN	Jung

Motion carried 6-0, with one abstention

PUBLIC COMMENT

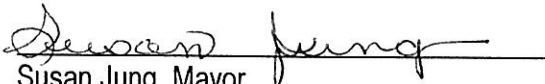
Margarito Garcia informed Council that he is disappointed in the progress being made by Council and he commented that he believes Council needs to be held accountable for their action or inaction.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA OR WORK SESSION

Golf Course contract
City of Rocky Ford and Gobin Building agreement

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Grasmick and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned to meeting at 7:58 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk

