



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 13, 2020

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Daryl Grasmick, City Manager Shannon Wallace and City Attorney Nathan Shultz met in Council Chambers with Rural Fire District Board members Bill Pattie, Kelcie Proctor, Scott Herman, Rick Weiss and Fire Chief Ray Gonzales. Discussion was held regarding volunteer firefighters. Rick Weiss informed Council of the need to establish a volunteer firefighters' pension board. Rick Weiss explained that there used to be such a board but it somehow went away. The board would set the benefit level for volunteer firefighters and oversee investment of funds or payments to retired volunteers. Rick Weiss suggested a five (5) person board with two representatives of the Rocky Ford Rural Fire District Board (RFRFD), two representatives from City Council and an at-large member. Rick Weiss informed Council that the RFRFD would be having a board meeting soon. Mayor Jung suggested that Councilmembers attend the meeting to discuss the setup of a volunteer firefighters' pension board. City Attorney Nathan Shultz will contact the RFRFD attorney and discuss the issue.

Others present: J.R. Thompson

REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 in Council Chambers. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz, Daryl Grasmick and Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, City Attorney Nathan Shultz and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: J.R. Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2020 council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

NO None

ABSENT Rose, Cordova

Motion carried 5-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

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

NO None

ABSENT Rose, Cordova

Motion carried 5-0

Consent items approved were:

1. POA to purchase a trash truck
2. Resolution #11, Series 2020 – A Resolution in support of the Rocky Ford School District's bond issue on the general election ballot

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace sent her report by email to Council at an earlier date. In addition to that report as follows:

- Fog seal project from Main Street and then from Chestnut to Sycamore, using HUTF funds and the funds from the City's 1% sales tax for street improvements, in the amount of \$37,036.89. Councilmember Grasmick suggested that the City look into chip sealing for next year. Some discussion was held on prior years chip seal projects. Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the Sole Source bid to do the fog seal project. Councilmember Corbin-Romero responded that she didn't feel that she has enough information about the fog seal project and would like to have more information. Councilmember Geist commented that he thought it was a lot of money and that a lot of potholes could be filled with that money. City Attorney Nathan Shultz reminded Council that there was a motion on the floor. There was no second to the motion. Motion died.

- City Manager Wallace asked Council to consider the purchase of two (2) trucks for the Public Works Department to be funded through the COVID Cares Act with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) approval. One is a white 2011 Ford F-150 and the other is a white 2014 Ford F-150. The City is not guaranteed 100% that DOLA will approve, but is pretty confident that they will. The Public Work's Department has been riding together in one vehicle for work needs and they should be socially distanced. If for some reason that the Cares Act will not reimburse the City for the costs, City Manager Wallace reports that between the three (3) enterprise funds there is 800,000, so she is confident that the City could pay for it if needed. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the purchase of the two Ford F-150 trucks. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

- City Manager Wallace reminded Council that the City needs to work on a master plan for the CDPHE. The Engineers reported that it will cost the City \$122,000 to get this done. Simon from Limon is almost finished with what he needed to get done. The \$122,000 will be paid out between five (5) and seven (7) months. They will bill the City monthly. Councilmember Corbin-Romero moved to approve and proceed with Simon from Limon to prepare the master plan. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

J. R. Thompson asked Council to consider the speed limits for residential areas such as Washington Street east to 12th Street. The speed limit is 30 mph, but should probably be set at 25 mph.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES - None

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS OR UPDATES

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that she attended a Tree Board meeting. There are four (4) members to date. She has another person in mind to appoint and she will ask Council to appoint him. Councilmember Corbin-Romero moved to appoint Dudley (last name no known) as a board member for the Tree Board. There was no second to the motion. Motion died. Councilmember Corbin-Romero will ask Council to appoint him when she can get his full name.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION


- Review City ordinances
- Review personnel policies
- Permits for Construction
- Crystal Lake
- Conduit

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grasmick moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.




Susan Jung, Mayor


Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk