



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2023

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Larry Herrera, Nicholas Martinez and Sherry Cordova, along with City Manager Shannon Wallace and Public Works Director Rick Long met to discuss proposed ordinance #972 regarding storm drains

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Nicole Roberts and Robert Barron

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez and Sherry Cordova

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek and Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Robert Barron and Nicole Roberts

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None stated

Councilmember Gurule 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 will be meeting with the Fowler Police Department to discuss a possible partnership with Rocky Ford's Police Department. Shannon will also be discussing the same issue with the Otero County Sheriff's Department.
- Shannon sent information to Council regarding a municipal police consulting firm. Shannon asked Council to review the information to determine if that would be something they may be interested in. Much discussion was held.

- Shannon asked if Council would like her to attend the Action 22 Foundation Leadership Academy. The academy is scheduled for seven (7) months in Pueblo. Most of the academy will be held by remote attendance but there are a few days that must be in person attendance. Shannon will also apply for some financial assistance. It was the general consensus of Council for City Manager Shannon Wallace to attend.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung will be away on vacation and will be back for the next regular meeting.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Nothing for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule had no report for the Art's Commission. The Swim Pool Board will have a meeting on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Nothing for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Library Board held a meeting earlier in the evening. The month of January is slow for the library. Cordova gave information of some upcoming events at the library. Cordova was able to meet the new library employee.

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 addition of discussion regarding utility credits under discussion items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from December 13, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Catlin Canal Lease – Request from Mayhoffer Family Farms

City Clerk Rebecca Korinek informed Council that Mayhoffer Farms and Diamond A Farms had both submitted a request to lease the remaining shares of the Catlin Canal. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and authorize a lease between the City of Rocky Ford and Mayhoffer Family Farms for 55.76 shares at \$80.00 and a lease between the City of Rocky Ford and Phillip Chavez dba Diamond A Farms for the remaining 72.54 shares at \$80.00 per share. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Bids for Police Department and E.D. Building.

City Manager Shannon Wallace gave Council information on bids received for work needed at the Public Works Department and Police Department and also the roof at the E.D. Building. After much discussion, Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and authorize the bid from Marlow's Contracting to repair wall in the amount of \$1,550.88 and the bid from E & M Construction for roof replacement in the amount of \$26,656.32. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #1 – Series 2023 – A Resolution Modifying Municipal Late Fees for Service and Turn On/Turn Off Fees

It was moved by Councilmember Herrera and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve and adopt Resolution #1 – Series 2023. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Babcock Park Scoreboard

Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski informed Council that the scoreboard is one that is used the most at the ballfields and the parts for the existing scoreboard are obsolete. The estimate from Norcon is \$19,125. Milenski spoke with Dr. Kermit Snyder with the School District and Dr. J.C. Carrica with Southeast Mental Health and between both, they have agreed to pay \$10,000 towards the purchase and the remainder is eligible to come out of conservation trust funds (lottery). After some discussion, Councilmember Cordova moved to approve and authorize the bid from Norcon for the purchase of a new scoreboard with the knowledge that \$10,000 would be paid by the School and Southeast Mental Health. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Discussion Items:

Discussion was held regarding overpayment by residents because of the error made in rate increases. City Manager Wallace reported that she had received a handful of complaints and asked Council to determine what they would like to do. Much discussion was held and it was requested that City Manager Wallace get additional documentation regarding the figures for the overcharges and have a discussion during the next regular meeting.

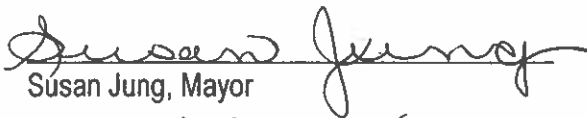
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

City Clerk Rebecca Korinek informed Council that a letter of interest for Ward I was received by Nicole Roberts. Roberts was present at the meeting and gave Council information about herself and why she would like to be part of Council.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Cordova and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

