



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**March 22, 2022**

**WORK SESSION: 5:00 p.m.**

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Sherry Cordova, Duane Gurule, Larry Herrera, Johnette Fuller and Norman Railton, City Manager Shannon Wallace, Public Works Director Rick Long, Water/Wastewater Director Luke James attended a training, Rural and Small Systems Sustainable Utility Management (SUM), given by David Diss with the Colorado Rural Water Association.

Others present: Gary Reed and Cuco Ruiz

**REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.**

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, and Norman Railton

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek and Cuco Ruiz

Others present: Gary Reed and Cuco Ruiz

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. City Manager Wallace asked to add an item to the agenda under new business the addition of the Rural Fire Board Intergovernmental Agreement and to delete the discussion with J.C. Carrica regarding a food pantry. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the added and deleted items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

YES Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Geist

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from March 8, 2022
2. Special Event Permit Application – **BPOE #1147 Elks Club for April 2, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. Fireman's Ball**
3. Application for Renewal of Retail Marijuana License – **Rocky Farms, LLC, 1709 Swink Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STAFF REPORT**

Public Works Department employee Cuco Ruiz shared information with Council regarding his own experience of being a city employee versus sitting on City Council and the challenges that all is faced with.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported the following:

- The owner of the old Fiesta building informed the city that she has a buyer for that building. The City will go ahead with plans to condemn the building.
- Contract negotiations will be discussed in executive session.
- Discussion will be held, later on the agenda, on a possible water purchase.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Jung reported that she will attend the Action 22 Housing Summit and Expo on April 29.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- The Country Club held a meeting a little earlier today. They are still in need of a 3-phase electrical box.
- Rod is still working. Some of the fencing has been fixed.
- The "mule" vehicle was ordered.
- The restaurant has a new pizza machine.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Duane gave Council information the food pantry that J.C. Carrica was going to talk about. Southeast Health Group established an advisory committee to identify mental and behavioral health needs. The committee realized there was a need for emergency access to food, internet, electricity and other needed resources. The food and resource pantry will be located 400 – 404 N. Main.

Councilmember Fuller reported the following:

- Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting on Saturday on Highway 50 and they will have another in the coming week.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Railton reported the following:

- The pension board discussed and reviewed the IGA that is on the agenda for tonight.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***Discussion – Possible Purchase of Water Fryingpan-Arkansas Project Water***

Much discussion was held regarding whether or not the city needs or wants to purchase water. Jared Dains of the Applegate Group recommends that the city request 500 acre-feet of water this year. Councilmember Gurule moved to purchase the 500 acre-feet of water. Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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|--------|---|
| YES    | Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Herrera, Jung |
| NO     | None  |
| ABSENT | Geist   |

Motion carried 6-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District - Intergovernmental Agreement***

Councilmember Railton moved to authorize Mayor Jung to sign the IGA with the Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Voting results were:

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|--------|---|
| YES    | Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Herrera, Gurule, Jung |
| NO     | None  |
| ABSENT | Geist   |

Motion carried 6-0

### ***EMS Professional Services Agreement***

Fire Chief Ray Gonzales gave Council information regarding the new Doctor that will be the new Medical Director and Ray also explained all the aspects of the agreement. Some discussion was held. Councilmember Gurule moved to authorize Mayor Jung to sign the EMS Professional Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Railton. Voting results were:

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|--------|---|
| YES    | Railton, Fuller, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Jung |
| NO     | None  |
| ABSENT | Geist   |

Motion carried 6-0

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Gurule moved to go into executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova.

Those going into executive session are Councilmember Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, Northan Railton, Mayor Susan Jung, City Manager Shannon Wallace and City Attorney Nathan Shultz.

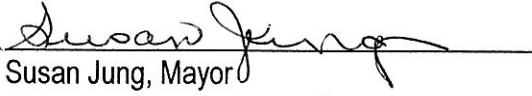
## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Reed asked about the City of Rocky Ford Tree Board and the dates that the committee meets.

Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. and went into executive session. Executive session ended at 7:50 p.m. no motions were made.

**ADJOURN – Regular meeting**

Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at meeting at 7:40 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 

City Clerk

