



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**February 13, 2024**

### **WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Duane Gurulé, Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Finance Director Kyle Crosswhite met for a work session to discuss the following: City of Rocky Ford's 2024 fee schedule, City of Rocky Ford's proposed purchasing policy, a proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce and a proposed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club (Golf Course).

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Susan Jung and Patrice McGowan.

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

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova and Nicole Roberts

Staff: City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Police Chief Sean McDonagh, Public Works Foreman Cuco Ruiz, Public Works Director Rick Long, Dispatch Communications Director June Ferraro and Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski.

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Patrice McGowan, Alan and Peggy Frantz, Susan Jung, George Hanzas, Jane Vera, Del Ensor, Nathan & Amy Hoffmeyer, Tiffany French, Jennifer Stiles, Sarah Yutterman and Gurda (last name illegible)

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Barron read aloud the City of Rocky Ford's Mission Statement

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA**

None requested

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

Mayor Gurulé explained the agenda and consent agenda to all. Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve the agenda and consent agendas presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES                      Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Gurulé

NO None  
ABSENT Mullins  
ABSTAIN Herrera

Motion carried 5-0, with 1 abstention

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for January 23, 2024
2. Application for Renewal of Colorado Beer and Wine License – *Dawggg House, LLC, 606 Elm Avenue, RF*

## **PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS**

None

## **STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously submitted her report by email, but added the following:

- Possibility of getting some chrome books, from the School District, for \$25.00/each. The books don't have the capability of upgrading but can be used for Council documents. Some discussion was held. It was the general consensus of Council that City Manager Wallace proceed with the purchase of chrome books.
- Information was given out regarding BNSF. BNSF would like to do a study of railroad crossings, at their own expense, and then come back to Council with their recommendation(s). After some discussion, It was the general consensus of Council that City Manager Wallace make contact with BNSF to advise them that the City of Rocky Ford is not interested in moving forward.

Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski submitted a written report and gave a verbal report on the Parks and Recreation department's activities and plans.

Communications Director June Ferraro gave a verbal report of the dispatch department.

Museum Curator Rob Marshall submitted a written report.

Mike with Element Engineering gave Council an update on the sewer master plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Follow-up Discussion of Leak/Flooding at the Bathroom at Play Park Hill**

Public Works Director Rick Long reported that the landfill will accept the debris from the abatement of the bathroom. Long estimates the cost of \$400.00 to haul the debris to the landfill. The water department uses the bathroom to test water. Long is waiting to hear from CDPHE to see if they can change locations for the water testing. Long will update Council when he gets information from CDPHE.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; MUNICIPAL JUDGE CONTRACT

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to go into executive session. Voting results were:

YES Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Herrera, Barron, Gurulé  
NO None  
ABSENT Mullins

Motion carried 6-0

Those going into executive session will be City Manager Shannon Wallace, Mayor Duane Gurulé, Rodney Fouracre, Councilmembers Nicole Roberts, Sherry Cordova, Nic Martinez, Robert Barron and Larry Herrera. Mayor Gurulé recessed the regular meeting at 7:59 p.m. to go into executive session. Executive session ended at 8:13 p.m. Mayor Gurulé reported for the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session. Or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meeting Law, please state concerns for the record. There being none, the next agenda item is new business.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Municipal Court Judge Contract**

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to offer a contract to Rodney Fouracre.

Voting results were:

YES Roberts, Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Gurulé  
NO None  
ABSENT Mullins

Motion carried 6-0

### **Resolution #2 – Series 2024 – A Resolution Amending the City of Rocky Ford Fee Schedule for 2024**

Councilmember Martinez moved to approve and adopt Resolution #2 – series 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES Cordova, Roberts, Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Gurulé  
NO None  
ABSENT Mullins

Motion carried 6-0

### **Resolution #3 – Series 2024 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Rocky Ford to Change and Add Wording to §7.3.20 of the City of Rocky Ford's Municipal Code**

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve and adopt Resolution #3 – series 2024. Council would like to discuss and possibly make some additional changes to code 7.3.20. This matter will be discussed at the next scheduled work session. Voting results were:

YES Roberts, Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Gurulé  
NO None  
ABSENT Mullins

Motion carried 6-0

## **Agreement between the City of Rocky Ford Fire Department and SoCo Medical Direction, PLLC**

Some discussion was held for clarification. It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to approve the agreement between the City of Rocky Ford Fire Department and SoCo Medical Direction, PLLC.

Voting results were:

YES	Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Mullins

Motion carried 6-0

## **Discussion – Pisgah shares**

George Hanzas with Catlin Canal and Alan Frantz, President of Catlin Canal gave Council information regarding their options to either sell or retain the shares of the City of Rocky Ford's Pisgah shares.

After much discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Herrera and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to complete the survey, choosing option 2, to lease the City of Rocky Ford's 479.89 shares. Voting results were:

YES	Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Mullins

Motion carried 6-0

## **VFD drive – Quote for Zone 2 Pump Station by the Tanks on Play Park Hill**

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to accept the bid from SBT Electrical and Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$30,603.13 for the Yaskawa pump. Voting results were:

YES	Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Herrera, Barron, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Mullins

Motion carried 6-0

## **VFD drive – Quote for Golf Course and Babcock Park Pump House**

Nathan Hoffmeyer gave Council information on the pump at the golf course. After some discussion, Councilmember Roberts moved to accept the bid from 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Irrigation, LLC in the amount of \$18,407.81. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barron. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Roberts, Herrera, Barron, Martinez, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Mullins

Motion carried 6-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Del Ensor reported to Council that he has concerns about Cottonwood. Ensor would like to see Council approve some speed bumps. City Manager Wallace informed Ensor that a committee had already been formed to discuss Washington, Cottonwood and the surrounding areas. Ensor thanked everyone.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Herrera had nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Barron reported the following:

- Attended the Council and City staff retreat.
- Attended the non-profit round-table meeting.
- Attended the fireside chat.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.
- The Tree Board will have a meeting sometime before Mother's Day and they're preparing for their second annual seed sale.
- Hosted the fireside chat.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova reported that the Library Board hosted the "week of the young child" on February 6th.
- Leanna Chavez is waiting for a part to come in so that the furnace can be fixed.
- The next Library Board meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts reported that the Chamber of Commerce Board will have a meeting soon.
- Roberts attended, both, the business and non-profit round-table meetings.

Mayor Gurulé reported the following:

- Gurulé attended the Council and City staff retreat.
- Attended the business and non-profit round-table meetings.

## **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the regular meeting at 9:12 p.m.

  
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Mayor Duane Gurulé



  
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City Clerk Rebecca Korinek Attest