



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**March 28, 2023**

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

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr, along with City Manager Shannon Wallace met to attend a presentation by Tara Marshall with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Sean McDonagh and Cuco Ruiz

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

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski, Cuco Ruiz, Public Works Director Rick Long and Fire Chief Ray Gonzales

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Sarah Dillon and Sean McDonagh

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

City Manager Wallace 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:

- City Manager Wallace reminded Council to give her a call, to schedule an appointment, if any of them would like to meet with her for questions, or concerns.
- Shannon and Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski attended the job fair earlier in the day.
- Shannon reminded Council that she would be out of the office next week for a scheduled surgery. Shannon plans to return on April 11.

- Some construction work will begin at the E.D. Building on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The city received a grant and offices will be made in the back part of the building.
- Shannon has eight (8) people on the Police Chief hiring committee.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Cuco Ruiz and Mia Herrera gave Council information regarding some major issues with water utility meters and Ruiz gave information regarding the roof at the Senior Citizens Center (Sage Center).

### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung reported that there will be a community baby shower hosted by the Child Development Service the Gobin building on Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mayor Jung was asked to sign a proclamation and is asking Council for general consensus to sign the proclamation on behalf of the City of Rocky Ford. Council gave general consensus to Mayor Jung.
- Mayor Jung will add the IGA between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rural Fire Protection Board to the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Herrera gave a report on the latest Country Club Golf Course meeting. Herrera reported the new rates for golfing.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule reported that he attended the OCLI/OPI meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>. They voted to appoint Gurule as the alternate.
- Arts Commission met on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Gurule reported on upcoming projects and improvements to the Grand Theater.
- Gurule was unable to attend the Swim Pool Board meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> but was able inform Council of new projects and planned improvements.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Kerr reported the following:

- Kerr reported that he plans to meet with Shannon regarding the museum.

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Jung had earlier requested the addition, under new business, of the IGA between the City and the Rural Fire Protection Board.

City Manager Wallace asked for the addition, under new business, of the Walnut Project.

## **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 requested by Mayor Jung. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from March 14, 2023.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ordinance #973** – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #865, Amending Ordinance #793, and Modifying Utility Deposits.

This matter was discussed at the last Council meeting. Some discussion was held. It was moved by Councilmember Gurule and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to approve and adopt *Ordinance #973 – An ordinance amending ordinance #865, amending ordinance #793, and modifying utility deposits*, on first reading. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Request from Tri-County Family Care Center to waive park permit and electricity fees for Cruisin' Into Fun Festival on June 3, 2023**

Sarah Dillon with Tri-County Family Care Center gave Council information regarding plans for the festival. Some discussion was held. Councilmember Gurule moved to waive park permit fees and electricity fees for the festival. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

**Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rural Fire Protection District**

This matter was discussed during Mayor Jung's report. Councilmember Roberts motioned to approve and adopt the IGA between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rural Fire Protection District with the requested changes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

## Walnut Project

This matter was discussed earlier in tonight's meeting. Councilmember Roberts moved to table this matter to a future meeting to allow time for additional information and clarification on bids received. Councilmember Roberts' motion died for lack of a second. Councilmember Kerr moved to table this matter to a future work session or meeting. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion. Much discussion was held. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

## Discussion Items:

Discussion was held on zoning permits, snow equipment and needed work at swim pool.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Herrera reported that the Week of the Young Child 2023 will be celebrated in front of City Hall at 10 a.m. on Monday and continue all week. Jane Gauna and Ginny Apodaca will be retiring and Emelia Camacho's life will be celebrated on May 13, 2023 at Jane's World Day Care Center.

## ADJOURN

Councilmember Gurule moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:   
Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

