



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 25, 2024

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Duane Gurulé, City Manager Stacey Milenski, Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Thomas Mullins, Public Works Director Rick Long and Mike Hager with Element Engineering met for a work session to discuss a proposed 50/50 sidewalk replacement program and, also, to discuss the City of Rocky Ford's CDPHE compliance schedule.

Others present: Gary Reed and J. R. Thompson

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Thomas Mullins

Staff: City Manager Stacey Milenski, Public Works Director Rick Long, Public Works Foreman Cuco Ruiz, Finance Director Kyle Crosswhite, and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Mary Garcia (zoom), Gary Reed, J. R. Thompson, Jeremiah Deleon and Garrett Stanley

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. R. Thompson gave Council information regarding open meetings under C.R.S. §23-5-121 (2) and Title 31 local government laws C.R.S. §31-4-212.

ANY CHANGES TO, OR REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gurulé explained the agenda and consent agenda to all. Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mullins. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for June 11, 2024
2. Application for Renewal of Retail Liquor License – **Rocky Ford Country Club, Golf Course, 91 Play Park Hill, Rocky Ford**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gurulé requested the addition, under new business, of 15.3 CDPHE to authorize the City Manager to move forward with CDPHE loan approval. It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve the meeting agenda with the requested addition. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Stacey Milenski had earlier provided her report to Council by email. Milenski added some information to her report.

Finance Director Kyle Crosswhite gave Council his recommendation to Council regarding the purchase of three (3) trucks.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Colorado Beer and Wine License filed by: ***Jeremiah Deleon and Garrett Stanley, dba Tiger Hunt, LLC, at 206 North Main Street, Rocky Ford***

Mayor Gurulé recessed the regular meeting at 7:23 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing. Gurulé explained to all the process and procedure of a public hearing. Jeremiah Deleon and Garrett Stanley approached Council and were sworn in by the City Clerk. Deleon and Stanley gave Council information regarding their application for a beer and wine license. Gurulé asked if any person wished to either speak for or against the application. None approached or spoke. Mayor Gurulé closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval/Disapproval of Pisgah Water Shares

Much discussion was held. It was moved by Councilmember Mullins and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to sell the City's shares of the Pisgah Reservoir. Voting results were:

YES	Roberts, Mullins, Herrera, Martinez
NO	Barron, Gurulé
ABSENT	Cordova

Motion carried 4-2

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval/Denial of Application for a Colorado Beer and Wine License filed by: *Jeremiah Deleon and Garrett Stanley, dba Tiger Hunt, LLC, at 206 North Main Street, Rocky Ford*

It was moved by Councilmember Herrera and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to authorize and approve the application submitted by Jeremiah Deleon and Garrett Stanley dba Tiger Hunt LLC for a Colorado beer and wine license. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce – Request for road closure for “Freedom Fest”

City Clerk Rebecca Korinek informed Council that approval of road closure was received from the Police Department and the Fire Department. It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Mullins to approve and allow the road closure, of Railroad Avenue from 9th Street to the Alley, on July 4th. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0, with one abstention

CDPHE - USDA loan approval

This matter was discussed at length during the earlier work session tonight. It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve and authorize the City Manager to move forward with the loan. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Will be gone on vacation starting on Wednesday. The golf course has new golf carts for rent and the Thursday men's league has been very busy.
- Herrera received two additional grant approvals from the Rocky Ford Elk's Club

Councilmember Barron reported the following:

- Barron reported on the history of the Grand Theater. The Theater is always in need of donations and the Theater is also available to rent for private functions. Barron encouraged residents to donate some of their time.
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Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Martinez reported that the Tree Board has not scheduled any meetings recently.
- Martinez encouraged residents to attend the Fire Side meetings.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts reported that the Chamber of Commerce has been very busy with projects and everyone is encouraged to attend the Freedom Fest and Annual Duck Race on July 4th.
- Roberts reported on the recent Colorado Municipal League (CML) conference that she attended.

Councilmember Mullins reported the following:

- Mullins reported on events at the Museum.

Mayor Gurulé reported the following:

- Gurulé reported that the summer youth program is under way.


- Gurulé reported on the CML conference programs that he attended.
- There will be a ground breaking ceremony on July 12 for the Osborn Apartments.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 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 8:48 p.m.



Mayor Duane Gurulé





City Clerk Rebecca Korinek Attest