



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2020

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Jolly Rose, Rich Geist, Daryl Grasmick, Matthew Holland, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, City Manager Shannon Wallace, Public Works Director Rick Long and City Attorney Bart Mendenhall met for a City Council work session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. City Manager Shannon Wallace invited the following citizens to discuss a possible rental registry ordinance and a possible change to the existing backyard chicken ordinance: Steve Cordova, Lonnie Brummit, David Kline, Gary Reed, Jim Apodaca, Margarito Garcia, Mary Garcia, John West and Jeff Obermiller.

REGULAR MEETING:

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 in Council Chambers. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Rich Geist, Jolly Rose, Cuco Ruiz, Matthew Holland, Daryl Grasmick and Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero

Staff: City Attorney Bart Mendenhall, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, City Manager Shannon Wallace and Public Works Director Rick Long.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2020, council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Rose, Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION No emails were received

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the Agenda with one change, the addition of C under old business for the discussion of a possible property rental registry ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose

NO None

ABSENT None

ABSTAIN Jung

Motion carried 6-0, with one abstention

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Wallace reported on:

- Otero Cares Act Coalition received money for Otero County to be used for Covid-19 related issues. City Council will need to appoint City Manager Shannon Wallace to represent the City of Rocky Ford.

OLD BUSINESS – Tabled from previous meetings

Proposal for a Property Maintenance Code

Discussion was held regarding code enforcement, current code out of date, not up to State standards, permits and construction. There was general consensus of Council that more discussion is needed. This matter will be discussed again at the work session scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Proposal for Changing the Backyard Chicken Ordinance

Council has had several discussions on changing the current code regarding backyard chickens. After more discussion tonight, Councilmember Ruiz moved to leave the current ordinance as it is. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose.

Voting results were:

YES	Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Proposal for Rental Property Registry Ordinance

This matter has been discussed at several meetings and/or work sessions. Councilmember Rose made a motion to table this matter indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Holland
NO	Ruiz
ABSENT	None
ABSTAIN	Jung

Motion carried 5-1, with one abstention

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Consideration

Councilmember Rose moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #9, 2020 Series: A Resolution Setting Water Tap Fees and Sewer Tap Fees Pursuant to Ordinance #678** as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

YES	Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Appointment of Representative for the City of Rocky Ford – Otero Cares Act Coalition

Councilmember Corbin-Romero moved to appoint City Manager Shannon Wallace as the City of Rocky Ford’s representative for the Otero Cares Act Coalition. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

City Attorney Contract

City Attorney Bart Mendenhall informed Council that he and City Manager Shannon Wallace are still negotiating the contract and he asked Council to table this matter until an agreement can be reached. Councilmember Ruiz moved to table this matter until Council is informed of an agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland. Voting results were:

YES Rose, Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was general consensus of Council to vacate the executive session scheduled on the Agenda.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES - None

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS OR UPDATES

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that the Arts Commission is looking into re-opening the Grand Theater. The 2nd round of curbside popcorn went very well. The Arts Commission is considering an outdoor movie.

Councilmember Grasmick asked Council to consider renaming the Museum Carriage House to the William Hodges Carriage House. Councilmember Corbin Romero moved that Council add the renaming of the Carriage House to the next Council meeting agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Holland, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION

- Renaming of the Carriage House
- Property maintenance code discussion
- Trash tote deposit fee

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grasmick moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Susan Jung

Susan Jung, Mayor

Rebecca Korinek

Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk