



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 24, 2020

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Rich Geist, Jolly Rose, Cuco Ruiz, Sherri Cordova, Daryl Grasmick, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, City Manager Shannon Wallace and Fire Chief Rick Long met by Zoom meeting. Discussion was held regarding the Code Enforcement Officer position. Some discussion was held regarding the police academy training and the training needed for Code Enforcement. Councilmember Ruiz asked if the City could re-post the position and ask for someone that is already certified.

Discussion was held on the vacant building registry proposal. Council would like City Attorney Nathan Shultz to go ahead and draft an ordinance.

Councilmember Cordova reported that she and Duane Gurule found that there may be a grant application that could help the Grand Theater, applications are due very soon and Sherri would like to meet with Bruce Carle, the President of the Grand Theater Board, to discuss this opportunity. Discussion was held on whether or not the City of Rocky Ford can apply for the grant without going through the Grand Theater Board.

Mayor Jung mentioned that Fire Chief Ray Gonzalez needs to be appointed to the Rocky Ford Rural Fire District (RFRFPD) Board, so Councilmember Cordova will be put on the Gobin Building Board instead of the RFRFPD Board.

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in session via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 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, Sherri Cordova, Daryl Grasmick and Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Marty Lee

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda with the deletion of the Tobacco ordinance and adding the Rural Fire Board and FPPA issue in its place. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Romero, Geist, Rose, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

Consent items approved were:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace sent her report by email to Council at an earlier date. In addition to that report as follows:

- Rick Long was scheduled to give his departmental report but he has been feeling ill and won't be reporting this evening. Police Chief Angelo Griego is still not feeling well and is out of work.
- The tobacco ordinance will be reviewed by City Attorney Nathan Schultz and he is also not feeling well. This issue will be addressed in December.
- Electronic water meter ordinance was sent by email. Council would like City Attorney Nathan Schultz to prepare an ordinance for that.
- The Hancock Well is owned by the City but more information is needed to go ahead with this issue. Some discussion was held. The well is on .193 acres. Councilmember Cordova will try to find out more information from the Otero County Assessor Ken Hood. Councilmember Grasmick moved to table this matter until more information can be gathered. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

STAFF REPORTS / MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported that Otero County was moved to the "red" level of Covid-19. Mayor Jung urged everyone to wear their mask and practice social distancing and she also wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Rose reported that she attended an Otero Partners Inc. (OPI) meeting. The Board dealt with some Care's Act funds and OPI will be a pass through for those funds. Rose also attended an Otero County Landfill, Inc.) OCLI meeting and the only business was to approve the bills.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that she attended a Grand Theater Board meeting. The Grand Theater has been closed down again with the new level "red" restrictions.

Fire Chief Ray Gonzales informed Council that the Rocky Ford Rural Fire District (RFRFD) Board would like to help fund, by no more than \$50,000, the completion of three (3) rooms at the Public Safety Building. The rooms to be completed would be the conference room, fitness center room and the firefighter's bunk room. Ray did reach out and got a few bids for the work. One bid was from Stafford Customer Carpentry, LLC in the amount of \$62,025.65 and Arc Valley Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$98,567.00. Fire Chief Gonzales reported that the Public Safety Fund has approximately 72,000 that can be used for the City's portion. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve and award the bid from Stafford Custom Carpentry, LLC to complete three (3) rooms at the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$62,025.65, with the RFRFPD covering one-half of the total cost. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Fire Chief Gonzales also reported that, through a private donor, they had received a donation to pay for the fitness equipment that will be provided in the fitness center.

OLD BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce / Gobin Building Board Appointment

Councilmember Grasmick and Councilmember Cordova both volunteered to be appointed to this Board. Councilmember Rose moved to appoint Councilmember Daryl Grasmick and Councilmember Sherri Cordova to the Chamber of Commerce Gobin Building Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Electronic Water Meter – Proposal for Ordinance

Councilmember Ruiz moved to allow City Attorney Nathan Shultz to go ahead with an electronic water meter ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING – 2021 BUDGET

Mayor Jung recessed the regular Council meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m. regarding the 2021 Budget. City Mayor Jung asked if there were any audience in attendance that wished to comment. Mayor Jung closed the Public Hearing on the Budget at 7:43 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER TO J & M LIQUOR STORE, 1200 ELM AVE, ROCKY FORD

Mayor Jung opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m. regarding the liquor license transfer for J & M Liquor Store, 1200 Elm Avenue. Mayor Jung asked if Marilyn Jackson with J & M Liquor was in attendance. City Manager Shannon Wallace reported that Marilyn Jackson was in attendance by Facebook. Due to some earlier technical difficulties the meeting ID changed it was probably not possible for Marilyn Jackson to join the meeting and Council was unable to speak with Marilyn Jackson in person. No objections have been received by any person and no further comments either for or against. Mayor Jung closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. and reconvened the regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Rose moved to approve the liquor license transfer to Marilyn Jackson d/b/a J & M Liquor Store, 1200 Elm Ave., Rocky Ford. Councilmember Grasmick seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve and adopt **Ordinance #953: An Ordinance Levying General Property Taxes for the Year 2020 to Help Defray the Costs of Government for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado for the 2021 Budget Year, and for the Mill Levy on each Dollar's Worth of Property as Per the Assessed Value Thereon, as Shown by the Assessor of Otero County for the Year 2020, as fixed by the Board of Equalization, on first reading.** Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

It was moved by Councilmember Grasmick and seconded by Councilmember Geist to approve and adopt **Ordinance #954: An Ordinance Appropriating Sums of Money to the Various Funds in the Amount and for the Purpose as Set Forth below, for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado, for the Year 2021 Budget Year**, on first reading. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

It was moved by Councilmember Rose and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve and adopt **Ordinance #955: An Ordinance Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues for Each Fund and Adopting a Budget for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January, 2021, and ending on the Last Day of December, 2021**, on first reading. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Cancellation of regular Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Councilmember Grasmick moved to cancel the scheduled City Council meeting for Tuesday, December 22, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

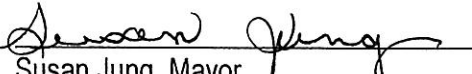
AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION

- Review City ordinances
- Review personnel policies
- Permits for Construction
- Crystal Lake
- Conduit

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grasmick moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.




Susan Jung, Mayor
