



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 12, 2021

WORK SESSION: 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Rich Geist, Jolly Rose, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Sherri Cordova and City Manager Shannon Wallace met, some in person and some by Zoom meeting. Discussion was held regarding the evaluation of City Manager Shannon Wallace. Some Councilmembers had questions of City Manager Wallace.

6:00 p.m.

SAM LITE – CIRSA – Presentation to Council – Seven Key Commitments for Success in Public Office

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in session some in person and some via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. 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 and Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero. Councilmember

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Finance/HR Director Azucena Estrada, Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales and Public Works Director Rick Long

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Cordova moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of consent item: Renewal of marijuana license for Rocky's Best. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Cordova, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Grasmick

Motion carried 6-0

Consent items approved were:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2020, special meeting minutes from December 16, 2020 and special meeting minutes from December 28, 2020.
2. Marijuana License Renewal for Mesa Organics III, 1315 Elm Ave., Rocky Ford
3. Marijuana License Renewal for Rocky's Best, 1701 Elm Ave., Rocky Ford

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously sent her report to Council by email. Council had no questions regarding her report.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported that the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee will have a virtual meeting on Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Councilmember Cordova reported that she has asked to speak to Peggy Meyer at the Chamber of Commerce but has not received a response from her.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance/HR Director Azucena Estrada gave a departmental report to Council regarding what she and her staff have been working on for year 2020.

Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro gave Council a report on the functions of her department and some future ideas for the Dispatch Center here in Rocky Ford.

ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve and adopt **Ordinance #956: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #901 known and Cited as “the Protection of Minors from Tobacco Act” and Enacting a New Ordinance to be Known and Cited as “the Protection of Persons Under Twenty-One Years of Age from Tobacco Act”**, on second reading. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

It was moved by Councilmember Ruiz and seconded by Councilmember Geist to approve and adopt **Ordinance #957: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance #902 Known and Cited as the “Non-Cigarette Tobacco Product Retail License for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado” and Enacting a New Ordinance to be Known and Cited as the “Tobacco Product Retail License for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado”**, on second reading. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

It was moved by Councilmember Ruiz and seconded by Councilmember Rose to approve and adopt **Ordinance #958: An Ordinance Amending the Imposition of Ordinance #931 a Six Percent (6%) Sales Tax Imposed on the Lawful Retail Sale of Marijuana and Marijuana Products Within the City of Rocky Ford Pursuant to Initiated Issue 2E**, on second reading. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

City Manager Shannon Wallace - Evaluation

Councilmember Cordova moved to give City Manager Shannon Wallace a three percent (3%) raise and renew her contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Corbin-Romero. Voting results were:

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

Hancock Well

Mayor Jung informed Council that some information that was previously given to Council regarding what the well was worth was not the correct information. Mayor Jung reported that the value of the well was significantly less than the \$20,000 that had been reported. Mayor Jung asked Council if they wanted to reconsider their previous vote. Councilmember Geist reported that the well can be used for irrigation of one acre. Councilmember Cordova moved to sell the well and property to J.C. Carrica for the \$4,000 that he previously bid. Councilmember Rose seconded the motion. Voting results were:

YES	Rose, Ruiz, Cordova, Jung
NO	Corbin-Romero, Geist
ABSENT	Grasmick

Motion carried 4-2

NEW BUSINESS

Brent Frazee – Southern Colorado Economic Development (SCEDD)

Brent Frazee introduced himself to Council and gave them information regarding SCEDD and their development strategy. He will be contacting the Rocky Ford Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee.

Review of Catlin Water Shares – Rick Long

Public Works Director Rick Long had previously submitted a report to Council informing them of the City of Rocky Ford's shares of the Catlin Canal. Mayor Jung commented that she was very much against the sale of any of the shares. There was much discussion on the Catlin water shares. David and Tami Mayhoffer have been leasing 179.3 shares from the City of Rocky Ford for the last several years. Phillip Chavez, local farmer, introduced himself to Council, gave a brief biography about his family and asked Council to put the Catlin water shares up for bid and give other people the opportunity to lease them. David Mayhoffer also spoke to Council regarding the shares and he informed Council that he also would be interested in re-bidding to lease the water shares. Councilmember Corbin-Romero moved to put the 179.3 Catlin water shares up for public "sealed bid" for a one year lease. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Proposal for Vac Truck – Public Works Director Rick Long

Rick Long had previously given Council a written proposal for a sewer vac truck. The current truck has reached its life expectancy. Rick Long and Finance Director Azucena Estrada gave Council information on 3 different financing options if Council approves the purchase. The City Auditors are in favor of the option that saves the City the most money. Much discussion was held on the pros and cons of a big purchase and the need for this purchase. Rick Long will keep the current vac truck instead of getting trade in value. Councilmember Cordova moved to approve the purchase of a vac truck in the amount of \$274,900 using the third option outlined by the Finance Director Azucena Estrada. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were.

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

Motion carried 6-0

RESOLUTION CONSIDERATION

Councilmember Corbin-Romero moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #1 – Series 2021, A Resolution Setting Regular Meeting Dates for the City of Rocky Ford City Council and Setting the Official Location of Posting Meeting Notices for the Year 2021**. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Proposal to Purchase of New Influent and Effluent Flow Meters – Public Works Director Rick Long

Rick Long asked Council for their approval to purchase new influent and effluent meters for the sewer lagoons. Some discussion was held. Councilmember Corbin-Romero moved to approve the purchase in the amount of \$5,524. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

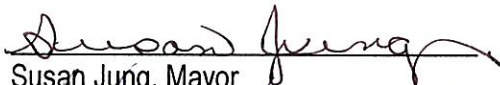
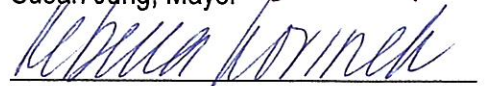
AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Cordova moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.




Susan Jung, Mayor

Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk