



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**February 8, 2022**

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

Mayor Jung, with Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, Rich Geist and Norman Railton met with Samuel Light, CIRSA General Counsel.

Others present: Nick Martinez and Nick Martinez, Jr.

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

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, Rich Geist and Norman Railton

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace via Zoom, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski, Police Captain Carol Coates, Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz, Police Sargent Moore and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee via Zoom

Others present: Nicholas Martinez, Nicholas Martinez II, Gary Reed, Virginia Martinez. Sally Cope and Dave Mendenhall with the Arkansas Valley Fair Board, Diana Marshall, Darren Garcia, Derek Carroll. Javier Martinez and Joe Aldrich with Valley Wide Health Systems, Inc.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Mayor Jung asked to add two items to the agenda, the first is to add Resolution #10 and the second to add Art's Commission appointments under new business. Councilmember Geist moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

YES Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from January 25, 2022

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported the following:

- Shannon reminded Council that they need to make a decision on the Catlin Canal water shares.
- A resident at 204 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street will soon be cited with eighteen (18) violations. The resident called Shannon and asked if the City would be interested in buying the property for \$2,000. Much discussion was held. No other action was taken. There was also discussion regarding property at 200 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street. This resident did not get a zoning/building permit to add an addition to that property. It was the general consensus of Council to have the City Manager get someone to inspect the property first and report back later.
- A meeting was held with the Ark Valley Fair Board regarding the GOCO grant.
- Shannon gave Council an update on the Odd Fellows Building and possible purchase. City Attorney Nathan Shultz has examined the contract. It was the general consensus of Council to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Jung asked Council for permission to attend the Colorado Municipal League (CML) executive board meeting and open house at the cost of \$110. It was the general consensus of Council to allow Mayor Jung to attend the meeting.

Mayor Jung asked Council to review an article that she would like to publish in the newspaper regarding procedures to file complaints.

Councilmember Herrera reported that the Planning Commission had not met recently. Herrera reported that he attended the meeting of the Rocky Ford Country Club. The board is looking for employees and they're busy doing maintenance on equipment. Herrera reported that the fencing is damaged going up to the golf course.

Councilmember Gurule asked Council appoint Johnette Fuller to the Chamber of Commerce Board since she is already on that Board. Councilmember Fuller volunteered. Councilmember Gurule moved to appoint Councilmember Johnette Fuller to the Chamber Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Gurule reported that there was discussion on cemetery rules at the last Cafecito meeting.

Councilmember Fuller reported kitchen floors in the Gobin building were recently sanded to prepare for upcoming events.

Councilmember Cordova reported that picnic tables were going to be placed at Library Park. Cordova reported that an inventory at the library will take place on a Saturday. Cordova reported that the Library Director Leanna Chavez is looking for some additional monies to buy books. Cordova will attend her first Tree Board meeting on Monday.

Councilmember Geist reported that the Museum Board will be meeting on Thursday.

Councilmember Railton had nothing to report.

## STAFF REPORTS

None

## OLD BUSINESS

### *Catlin Canal Water Shares*

Some discussion was held regarding the Catlin water shares. City Manager Wallace recommended that Council re-offer the shares to the same persons that held a lease last year. Councilmember Herrera moved to offer a one-year lease to the same persons that held a water share lease last year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Voting results were:

YES Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

## NEW BUSINESS

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### ***Citizen Participation Plan – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Valley Wide Health Systems, Inc.***

Mayor Jung adjourned the regular Council meeting at 7:40 p.m. and opened a public hearing at 7:41 p.m. Members attending the public hearing: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, Rich Geist, Norman Railton and Mayor Susan Jung

Javier Martinez and Joe Aldrich with Valley Wide Health Systems, Inc. gave Council information regarding their plans for the remodel of their current facility. Valley Wide Health Systems, Inc. asked Council to allow the city to be a pass-through for the CDBG grant. All work and paperwork will be completed by Valley Wide and no money will be required of the city. Much discussion was held.

Mayor Jung adjourned the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting. Council had previously voted in favor of the City being the pass-through for Valley Wide Health Systems, Inc.

### ***Resolution #7 – Series 2022 – a Resolution Changing Commercial Sewer Rate to a Flat Rate Instead of a Usage Rate***

City Manager Wallace reported to Council that the new software for utility billing will not calculate tiered usage rates. Wallace recommended that Council determine a flat rate fee for commercial usage over 6000 gallons of usage and recommended an additional \$10 for a flat rate. Much discussion was held regarding current usage. Councilmember Cordova moved to approve and adopt **Resolution #7 – Series 2022 – A Resolution Changing Commercial Sewer Rate to a Flat Rate Instead of a Usage Rate in the amount of \$55.60**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Railton, Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Jung



NO None  
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

### ***Resolution #8 – Series 2022 – A Resolution Adding a Non-refundable Deposit of \$75 Per Trash Bin for Commercial Use Only***

Discussion was held. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and adopt ***Resolution #8 – Series 2022 – A Resolution Adding a Non-refundable Deposit of \$75 Per Trash Bin for Commercial Use Only***, Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. Voting results were:

YES Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Jung  
NO None  
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

### ***New Project for GOCO Grant – Sammy George, Stacey Milenski, Sally Cope and Dave Mendenhall***

Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski asked Council to recall an earlier discussion regarding a possible grant application to do upgrades at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds. Milenski reported that a variety of parties got together to brainstorm about some other recreational projects. An idea was hatched to blend several projects together for a better funding opportunity. Sammy George with GOCO gave Council information about the grant application process and reported that GOCO funding is very competitive. Sally Cope and Dave Mendenhall with Arkansas Valley Fair Board spoke to Council about the upgrades needed at the Fairgrounds. Much discussion was held.

Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and adopt ***Resolution #9 – Series 2022 – A Resolution Regarding Supporting the Grant Application for a Planning and Concept Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the Completion of Crystal Lake/Fairground Project***, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Jung  
NO None  
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

### ***New Job Description – Public Works Administrative Assistant***

City Manager Wallace requested that this matter be tabled to another meeting. It was the general consensus of Council to table the matter

### ***Resolution #10 – Series 2022 – A Resolution Dissolving the Relationship Between the Rocky Ford Museum and the Friends of the Rocky Ford Museum***

Councilmember Geist moved to approve and adopt ***Resolution #10 – Series 2022 – A Resolution Dissolving the Relationship Between the Rocky Ford Museum and the Friends of the Rocky Ford Museum***, the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES Railton, Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Jung

NO None  
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

**Art's Commission – Board Appointments**

Mike Shima with the Art's Commission had made a written request for Council to appoint board members to the Art's Commission Board: Bruce Carle and Laura Thompson to expire in 2022, Bob Nelson, J.R. Thompson and Soraya Shiranlou to expire in 2023 and Alisha Knapp, Peggy Meyer and Mike Shima to expire in 2024. Councilmember Geist moved to appoint the recommended persons to the Art's Commission Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule. Voting results were:

YES Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Jung  
NO None  
ABSENT None

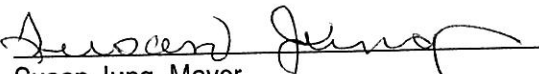
Motion carried 7-0


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Geist moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 

City Clerk

