



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 11, 2022

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova and Rich Geist, with City Manager Shannon Wallace met with Bailey Knapp and Sarah Yutterman to discuss the Rocky Ford Country Club.

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed and Nicholas Martinez

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova and Rich Geist

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro, Parks and Recreation Direct Stacey Milenski, Library Director Leanna Chavez, Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, Human Resource Director Shelly Valdez, Public Works Director Rick Long (via Zoom) and City Attorney Nathan Shultz

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Nicholas Martinez, Conni Salzbrenner, Linda Reid and Gary Reed

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

City Manager Shannon Wallace read aloud the City of Rocky Ford's Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES Gurule, Cordova, Fuller, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Herrera and Railton

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from September 27, 2022
2. Application for Renewal of Retail Marijuana License – *Rocky's Best LLC, 1701 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford,*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

Staff departmental reports were given by Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, Human Resource Director Shelly Valdez, Library Director Leanna Chavez, Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz, Public Works Director Rick Long and Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously emailed her report to Council but added the following:

- Shannon received an update from Mr. Wallace regarding the property at 508 South Main.
- The benefit specialists will be here for the October 25th work session.
- City Committee lists were discussed.
- Shannon may need to schedule a work session for the budget.
- Worker Compensation fees have decreased considerably due to safety procedures.
- Coffee with Council was successful.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee meeting.
- Mayor Jung will be attending the CML Executive meeting on October 14th.
- Mayor Jung will be attending the Mayor's Summit on October 20th and 21st.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule had no reports for the Arts Commission or Swimming Pool Board other than Marge Moreland did retire and Nancy Weider is still on but has been unable to attend.

Councilmember Fuller reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Geist reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation from the Rocky Ford Planning Commission – To approve a special use permit to Conni Salzbrenner to allow an electrolysis business in a residential zone at 959 Elizabeth Drive, Rocky Ford, CO

Planning Commission Chair J.R.Thompson informed Council that the Rocky Ford Planning Commission conducted a public hearing to accept public comment regarding an application filed by Conni Salzbrenner. The Planning Commission voted to make a recommendation to the Rocky Ford City Council to authorize the special use permit at 959 Elizabeth Drive, Rocky Ford, CO. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve the recommendation of the Rocky Ford Planning Commission to allow a special use permit to Conni Salzbrenner to allow an electrolysis business at 959 Elizabeth Drive, Rocky Ford, CO. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Diamond A Farms – Request to Lease Water Shares of Rocky Ford Canal

Phillip Chavez with Diamond A Farms asked Council to consider the potential lease of the City's Rocky Ford Canal shares. After some discussion, it was the general consensus of Council for City Manager Wallace to get additional information for the next meeting.

Discussion Regarding Trash Rate Increase – Brought by a Citizen Complaint

City Manager Wallace provided information to Council in their packet for tonight's meeting. Shannon asked Council if they had comments. Councilmember Gurule informed Council that he was informed that the issue was not really the cost, but the quality of service that was provided. Some discussion was held. No further action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4)(f) and not involving; any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; **To discuss City Manager contract**

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving; any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; to discuss City Manager contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Those going into executive session are Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, Rich Geist, Susan Jung, Shannon Wallace and Nathan Shultz at 8:03 p.m.

Executive session ended at 9:22 p.m. No further action was taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:  City Clerk

