



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**July 25, 2023**

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

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Nicholas Martinez, Larry Herrera, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr, City Manager Shannon Wallace, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski and Arkansas Valley Fair Board members Sally Cope, Darren Garcia and Dave Mendenhall met to discuss the upcoming Arkansas Valley Fair.

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Stephanie Jaramillo and Jaime Guitierrez

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

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek and Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Jaime Gutierrez and Stephanie Jaramillo

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Kerr read aloud the City of Rocky Ford's Mission Statement

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Direction Stacey Milenski informed Council of a loop-hole in the current cemetery rules and regulations regarding pricing. After some discussion, it was the general consensus of Council to charge a \$450.00 transfer fee for residents living in Otero, Crowley or Bent County to transfer to a customer that lives outside of Bent, Crowley and Otero County's.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- Municipal Code clarification will be discussed at a future work session.
- Shannon talked to the USDA and the City will receive a letter by end of August.

- Audit is still underway.

### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Jung reported the following:

- Mayor Jung was impressed with the pinning ceremony for Chief of Police Sean McDonogh. Jung commented that all staff was dressed in uniform and looked very professional.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Herrera gave thanks for keeping him informed of City issues while he's been on vacation and he'll be on vacation for the next meeting as well.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts wanted to thank the First National Bank for putting on an amazing open house.

Councilmember Kerr reported the following:

- Kerr thanked City Manager Wallace and the trash crew from Sugar City for a successful community clean-up.

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES	Herrera, Cordova, Roberts, Kerr, Martinez, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Gurule

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for July 11, 2023 minutes.
2. 6.2 Application for Renewal of Retail Liquor License – ***Lobo's Curve Liquor, LLC, dba Lobos Curve Liquor, 1504 Elm Ave., Rocky Ford***
3. 6.3 Application for Renewal of Colorado Beer and Wine License – ***10<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar & Grill, LLC, dba 10<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar & Grill (Rock House Bar & Grill), 405 Elm Ave., Rocky Ford***

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

**Re-visit Municipal Code Sec. 7-2-70 and Sec. 16-5-60**

This matter will be discussed at the next regular work session

## Mountain States Pipe and Supply Proposal

After much discussion, Councilmember Martinez moved to approve and accept the bid from Mountain States Pipe and Supply. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kerr. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Roberts, Kerr, Martinez, Herrera, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Gurule

Motion carried 6-0

## NEW BUSINESS

**Ordinance #974** – *An Ordinance to Submit to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado at a Municipal Election on November 7, 2023, a Question of Whether to Increase the City Sales Tax by One Percent (1%) Per Year for Three Years by Increasing the City Sales Tax Rate from Three Percent (3%) to Four Percent (4%), Which is One Quarter of the Annual Sales Tax Collected, to be Effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027, and Restricting the Use of Revenues from the Additional One Percent Sales Tax as Follows: The Increase Shall be Used to Continue to Repair Streets, Sidewalks and Other Physical Improvements in the City According to a Council Approved Repair Schedule, on second reading*

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to approve and adopt **Ordinance #974** – *An Ordinance to Submit to a Vote of the Registered Electors of the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado at a Municipal Election on November 7, 2023, a Question of Whether to Increase the City Sales Tax by One Percent (1%) Per Year for Three Years by Increasing the City Sales Tax Rate from Three Percent (3%) to Four Percent (4%), Which is One Quarter of the Annual Sales Tax Collected, to be Effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027, and Restricting the Use of Revenues from the Additional One Percent Sales Tax as Follows: The Increase Shall be Used to Continue to Repair Streets, Sidewalks and Other Physical Improvements in the City According to a Council Approved Repair Schedule, on first reading.* Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Roberts, Kerr, Martinez, Herrera, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Gurule

Motion carried 6-0

## Discussion – How to Re-visit all City Municipal Code for Content

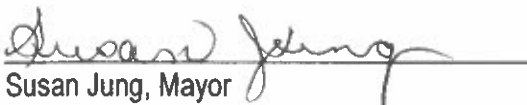
Some discussion was held regarding how Council wants to proceed with reviewing code.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## ADJOURN

Councilmember Roberts moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:  Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

