



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**July 11, 2023**

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

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Nicholas Martinez, Duane Gurule, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr, City Manager Shannon Wallace met to view a presentation and have discussion with Electra Johnson and Karen Kantor regarding the Fairground and Crystal Lake GOCO project. Ms. Johnson asked Council to consider appointing Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski as the point of contact.

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed, and Diane Marshall

### **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: Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr

Staff: City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, Chief of Police Sean McDonagh, Code Enforcement and Reserve Police Officer Natasha Ortiz, Police Officer Robert Powell, Captain Carol Coates, Sargeant Tim Moore and Police Officer Skylor Garrelts

Others present: Electra Johnson, Karen Cantor, J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Diane Marshall, Fair Manager Sally Cope, Jaime Gutierrez, Stephanie Jaramillo, Jason Nickols, William Culver and Matt Wallace

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Fire Chief Ray Gonzales asked Council to consider approving and allowing Gonzales to create a new job description for an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator to take care of administrative matters. Funding for this new position will come from the EMS fund and will be transferred to the City general fund.

Gonzales reported that their call volume keeps rising. Gonzales reported that he received bad news regarding one of the ambulance vehicles. Gonzales will have additional information at the next regular meeting.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

- Wallace distributed a copy of a letter received from Tom Martin regarding a discrepancy in the municipal code.
- Resolution #7 – Series 2023 will be presented for FPPA distribution of old police pension.
- Wallace provided Council with a letter from the Attorney General requiring the City of Rocky Ford to hire Municipal Police Consultants.
- CIRSA would like each municipality to file one claim for any and all hail damage.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Jung reported the following:

- Mayor Jung thanked Council for the opportunity to go to the Colorado Municipal League (CML) conference. Mayor Jung gave an update of programs she attended at the conference. Mayor Jung received a card from Sam Mammut

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule also attended the CML conference and Gurule attended the CIRSA Annual Conference.
- Rocky Ford Swimming Pool hosted the Blue Marlins.
- Gurule attended the fireworks show and he thanked all the organizations that helped.
- Gurule attended a couple of Fairground and Crystal Lake GOCO meetings. There will be a big workshop on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Community clean-up day is this coming Friday and Saturday at the fairgrounds.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Tree Board is busy taking care of the planted flower pots. The Tree Board hosts a where-is-it Wednesday.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts thanked Len's Tavern for hosting the street dance event.
- The Chamber Duck Race went well.

Councilmember Kerr reported the following:

- Kerr reported some of the museum events.

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

City Manager Wallace asked to add, under new business, 8.3 Appointment of Stacey Milenski as point of contact for the GOCO project, 8.4 Resolution #7-Series 2023, 8.5 Resolution #8-Series 2023 and 8.6 EMS job description.

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

Councilmember Robers moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested additions to new business. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for June 27, 2023 minutes.
2. Application for (4) Special Event Permits– **Arkansas Valley Fair & Exposition Association, Fairgrounds PAVILION BEER GARDEN, 800 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford for Wed. 8/16/23 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Thurs. 8/17/23 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Fri. 8/18/23 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. and 8/19/23 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.**
3. Application for (4) Special Event Permits – **Arkansas Valley Fair & Exposition Association, Fairgrounds GRANDSTAND BEER GARDEN, 800 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford for Wed. 8/16/23 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Thurs. 8/17/23 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Fri. 8/18/23 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. and 8/19/23 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.**

## **BUSINESS**

**Ballot Measure – 1% Sales Tax – Designated Projects, Revenue for 2021, 2022 and Projects Completed.**

City Manager Wallace provided Council with information that was requested by Council at the last regular meeting. Council is ready to view an ordinance at the next meeting.

**Colorado Municipal League (CML) – Update of Conference**

Councilmember Gurule, City Manager Wallace and Mayor Jung gave reports on the programs that they attended at the conference.

**Mountain States Pipe and Supply Funding**

After much discussion was held. Councilmember Roberts moved to table this matter to a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pinning Ceremony – New Chief of Police Sean McDonough**

New Chief of Police was pinned by his daughter. Congratulations were given by Council and Public.

**Bathroom at Play Park Hill**

City Manager Wallace asked Council if there was any objection to tearing down the old bathroom at Play Park Hill. It was the general consensus of Council to authorize City Manager Wallace to tear the bathroom down.

**Point of Contact for GOCO grant – Stacey Milenski**

Councilmember Roberts moved to appoint Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski as the contact person for the GOCO grant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

**Resolution #7 – Series 2023 – A Resolution Pursuant to C.R.S. 31-30.5-209(2011) Providing for Appropriate Uses of Old Hire Police Pension Fund Where No Beneficiaries Exist or May Exist**

Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and adopt Resolution #7 – Series 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

**Resolution #8 – Series 2023 – A Resolution Hiring Municipal Police Consultants, LLC, Led by Paul Schultz**

Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and adopt Resolution #8 – Series 2023. Some discussion was held. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

**EMS Job Description**

This matter was discussed earlier in the evening. Councilmember Roberts moved to approve the new job description of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried - 5-0


**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jamie Gutierrez thanked Council for work done on Walnut Avenue.

Stephanie Jaramillo commented that since Walnut Avenue is paved, now people are speeding.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Roberts moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 8:16 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:  Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

