



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 28, 2022

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Rich Geist, Norman Railton and Sherry Cordova and City Manager Shannon Wallace and Mike Ker with Intermountain Street Sweeper Company met for discussion regarding the possible purchase of a street sweeper. Much discussion was held regarding what type of sweeper would be the best fit for the city. Council will meet with Mike Ker at 6:00 p.m. on 2nd Street for a demonstration on July 12, 2022 during the regular Council work session.

Others present: Gary Reed, J.R.Thompson and Allen Hutchison

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

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

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Gary Reed, J.R. Thompson, Allen Hutchison

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, Railton, Fuller, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Herrera

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from June 14, 2022
2. Application for Renewal of Retail Liquor or Fermented Malt Beverage License – 10th Hole Bar & Grill, dba Rock House Bar & Grill, 405 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported the following:

- Shannon gave Council information pertaining to classes she attended at the Colorado Municipal League (CML) conference.
- Shannon will conduct interviews for the vacant finance director position on Thursday. Shannon has received six (6) applicants.
- Shannon received a complaint from a resident regarding a city work truck that is parked in Public Works Director Rick Long's yard. Much discussion was held regarding city vehicles and the gas that is used. Councilmember Gurule requested that a gas cost analysis be completed for all city vehicles.
- The same resident called in to complain about the water running down 2nd street. The city cleaned the drain on 2nd Street and Veatch.
- Aliza Libby will give Council an update of the city financials during tonight's meeting.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung reported that the Latin Jam festival was a success with great attendance. Jung reported that both she and the Mayor of La Junta Joe Ayala shared the stage for a presentation.
- La Familia Ministries in association with Small Town Project will hold "Dia de Los Ancianos – Day of the Elders" event on Saturday, September 10, 2022. It was the general consensus of Council to support the event.
- Mayor Jung asked Council if they would agree to have Mayor Jung and City Manager Wallace do some research into putting the Arkansas Valley Conduit issue on the ballot this year. Much discussion was held.
- Mayor Jung reported on her experiences at the CML conference.
- Mayor Jung received an award from CML. This conference was the 100th CML conference.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule reported that the movie at the Grand Theater for the weekend will be Lightyear.
- Gurule attended the Latin Jam festival and all had a good time. The DeLeon family from La Junta was recognized for their long music history. There were some issues reported with electrical outlets.
- During the "Dia de Los Ancianos event, Francine Miller will be posthumously awarded.
- Southeast Health Group put up a resource kiosk at the Peer 404.
- Gurule thanked La Junta Mayor Joe Ayala and Ruben Martinez from La Junta for their efforts in pushing the Highway 50 and Highway 71 intersection issue.

Councilmember Fuller reported the following:

- Fuller also attended the Latin Jam festival. When the T-posts were put in the ground many sprinkler heads were broken.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Geist reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Railton reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Aliza Libby gave Council an update on the city financials. Much discussion was held. Libby asked Council for an extension of thirty (30) days to her contract with the City due to some unforeseen issues. Some discussion was held. Councilmember Fuller moved to extend the contract with the City of Rocky Ford and Aliza Libby for an additional thirty (30) days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of J. R. Thompson to the City of Rocky Ford Planning Commission

Because of J.R.'s many years of service to the community, Mayor Jung asked Council not only to appoint J.R. but to request that he be the Chairperson for the Planning Commission. Councilmember Gurule moved to appoint J.R. Thompson to the Rocky Ford Planning Commission as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Voting results were:

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


Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

J.R. Thompson gave Council some information on 501C3's on being able to track exactly where the money is going.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cordova moved to adjourn, and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
Aliza Libby, City Clerk

City Clerk

