



## ROCKY FORD CITY COUNCIL

July 23, 2019

City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Attorney Bart Mendenhall, Mayor Pro Tem Susan Jung and Councilmembers Cuco Ruiz, Marty Lee and Barbara Hunter met with Rocky Ford Chamber director Darren Garcia and Chamber Event Manager Peggy Meyer for a work session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. They discussed formation of a committee comprised of City Council and Chamber representatives for reviewing Chamber management agreement for Gobin Building and other issues. Following committee discussion, other items discussed were joint R2 School Board meeting with City Council, re-scheduled for December 10, 2019, children driving golf carts on City streets and right of ways, and enforcement of golf cart ordinance. Others present were City Clerk Cheryl Grasmick, Gerri Clark, Peggy Sue Romero, Daryl Grasmick, Eric Jakus.

Following the work session, Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Jung called meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor Pro Tem: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Cuco Ruiz, Marty Lee, Barbara Hunter

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Attorney Bart Mendenhall, City Clerk Cheryl Grasmick

Others present: Jacki Clark, Gerri Clark, Peggy Sue Romero, Daryl Grasmick, Eric Jakus.

Mayor Pro Tem Jung led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Lee moved to approve the minutes from the regular **July 9, 2019** council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Lee, Hunter, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Buck, Geist, Thompson

Motion carried 4-0.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Gerri Clark asked how many vehicles were in the City fleet. Then she asked why the City is using a truck that was not in compliance with CDOT regulations to operate legally on the City streets. She is interested in seeing situation remedied.

Erik Jakus, local resident, asked Council of the status on building that burned on Sycamore Avenue a couple of winters ago. He asked if anyone contacted the insurance companies involved to see if it was still in litigation. He expressed that it is an unhealthy and dangerous situation, so he would like to see it addressed. City Manager Wallace assured Mr. Jakus that the City is looking into ways to remedy the situation and will contact the insurance companies involved for updated information. Mr. Jakus asked

Council why they are preparing to create new ordinances when nothing is being done with ordinances already on the books.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

City Manager Shannon Wallace added approval of joint committee members for City Council and Chamber of Commerce directors to agenda under consent items. It was moved by Councilmember Lee and seconded by Councilmember Ruiz to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented, with the addition of approval of City Council/Chamber committee members. Voting results were:

YES	Ruiz, Lee, Hunter, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	Buck, Geist, Thompson

Motion carried 4-0.

Consent items approved were:

1. Four (4) special event permits for the Rocky Ford B.P.O.E. #1147, 301 N 9<sup>th</sup>, Rocky Ford, CO:
  - a. August 3, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
  - b. August 10, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
  - c. August 16, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
  - d. August 17, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
2. Members for the joint City Council/Chamber of Commerce committee:
  - a. City Manager Shannon Wallace
  - b. Councilmember Cuco Ruiz
  - c. Darren Garcia, Chamber member
  - d. Brian Leikam, Chamber member
  - e. Kris Watters, Chamber member

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager Shannon reported on the following items:

- She is working with Library Board regarding adding seats to board. It will be an agenda item for a future work session.
- Rocky Ford Country Club recently signed a new lease agreement for the golf course with the City. They want a new greens mower for the golf course. Council will need to discuss if they wish to help fund this and the amount to fund at a future work session.
- City Manager Wallace will be attending the CIRSA luncheon, Tami's Lunch Bunch, in Pueblo on August 1 with Finance Director Azucena Estrada and Public Works Director Rick Long.
- Replacement and upgrading of phone systems is being explored and considered. Phones are outdated models and staff is currently unable to access answering messages and voicemail features to update information. City has requested bids from three companies: Charter, Granite, and SECOM. Once bids are in, Shannon will submit them to Council for possible action.
- Software for task management and work orders is being considered to find a system to efficiently draft, file and access work orders and tasks for the different departments, with a central management feature to ensure work is being done.
- 2020 Budget discussions with department heads are currently in progress.

## **MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Barbara Hunter told Council that Tree Board met with representative from Colorado State Forestry Department to discuss possibilities of grant opportunities to help residents who cannot afford to have trees cut down on their property. The Forestry Department will give the City a one-year extension to use \$11,000 left of an old grant, according to grant guidelines. City Manager Wallace advised Council that an estimated \$4000 was recently spent for tree removal at fairgrounds and there will be more trees to remove, so there should be no problem using rest of funds before year end.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Peggy Sue Romero approached Council with questions on management of golf course and possibility of re-purposing and expanding rental use ideas at golf course to bring in more revenue for the City. She does not believe the golf course benefits the majority of residents at this time.

Gerri Clark and Erik Jakus both questioned the expense and necessity of a new software system for work orders and management, and expense of a new phone system. Ms. Clark also questioned the need for City to fund a new greens mower. Councilmember Lee thanked participants for their comments and reminded them that those items were not being decided at this time, so discussion should wait until then.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**


- Departmental Reports
- Chamber of Commerce Management Agreement for Gobin Building Complex
- Joint work session with R2 School Board in December
- Review City Codes (work sessions)
- City property sale
- Employee health & retirement benefits

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Lee moved to adjourn. There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Jung adjourned meeting.



  
Susan Jung, Mayor Pro Tem

  
Cheryl Grasmick, City Clerk