



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 22, 2023

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts, Larry Herrera and Scott Kerr met with City Manager Shannon Wallace, Police Captain Carol Coates, School Superintendent Kermit Snyder and School Board members Dayla Pearl, Sandra Lundquist and Karen Encinias to have discussion about traffic flow and tree issues on the school bus routes.

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Melissa Anderson and Mary Garcia (viz zoom)

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek.

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed and Melissa Anderson with Enterprise Fleet Management

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

STAFF REPORTS

NONE

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Kevin Bommer with Colorado Municipal League (CML) stopped by on Monday and brought cookies for Council.

- There is a bad section of the road on 10th and Pine. Wallace has talked to Justin Schneider with Justin's Paving about repairing the road. Schneider will try to repair the road for less than \$5,000. If Schneider cannot repair the road, he will come with an estimate to repave.
- Wallace asked Council how they want to proceed, going forward, with issuing handicap signs. Much discussion was held on this matter. Shannon will have a discussion with Police Chief Sean McDonagh to get his opinion. This matter will be discussed again at a future meeting.
- School sports has resumed and Shannon's daughter is playing softball. There are games scheduled for two days in September that fall on a regular Council meeting day. Shannon asked Council for permission to miss the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, September 12th and be present for the meeting on Tuesday, September 26th. Council agreed by general consensus.
- The auditors have suggested that the city close account #6025 at the State Bank and place money in the general fund. The account has \$27,000 in it and hasn't been touched in the last five (5) years. Shannon will ask to have this added to the agenda tonight.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported the following:

- Jung thanked Fire Chief Ray Gonzales for the information he provided on the wildland fire accounts.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting as he has been on vacation. City Manager Wallace reported that the Aloha Tournament has been planned and the lease agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club is on tonight's agenda.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule attended a planning meeting on August 9th for Southeast Colorado Rural. They will host some meetings and a walking tour of Main Street as well as get information about the GOCO project at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds and Crystal Lake on September 12th, 13th and 14th.
- The Grand Theater was closed over the past weekend for the Arkansas Valley Fair. Oppenheimer will be shown this coming weekend.
- The swim pool will be open this week and next week for open swimming, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. On August 31st the Rocky Ford Police Department will have their 8th Annual Picnic at the swim pool.
- Valley Wide grand re-opening will be on August 23rd from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Martinez thanked all law enforcement that stepped up to help at the Arkansas Valley Fair.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts thanked all City of Rocky Ford employees and the Arkansas Valley Fair Board for their help with the Arkansas Valley Fair.

Councilmember Kerr reported the following:

- Kerr thanked all who helped make the Arkansas Valley Fair a success. Kerr and his wife worked for a few days and had a great time.

After Council reports, discussion was held about the road between Valley Wide and Jefferson Middle School, planting of fruit trees by the Tree Board and fights or disturbances for the Fair weekend.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

City Manager Wallace asked to add, under new business, 8.4 closure of bank account #6025 at the State Bank.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the agenda and consent agenda to all. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested addition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for August 8, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

2nd Street Culvert

City Manager Wallace informed Council that the Public Works Crew put the camera down but vision was not good. Public Works Director Rick Long will need to use a manhole as Rick Long believes that the culvert has collapsed.

Wildland Fire Reports

Fire Chief Ray Gonzales provided Council with information on the wildland fire accounts in their Council packets for tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Enterprise Fleet Management – Melissa Anderson

Account Executive Melissa Anderson with Enterprise Fleet Management gave Council information and analysis comparisons for replacing City fleet vehicles. Council asked some questions and had a lengthy conversation afterward. No further discussion or action was taken.

Rocky Ford Country Club – Updated Lease Agreement

City Manager Wallace informed Council that the lease agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club has expired. This lease is needed in order for the Country Club to apply for their liquor license. The proposed lease would run from today's date through the end of this year and then a new lease would be negotiated. After some discussion was held

regarding cost sharing with the Country Club. Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the lease agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

CHFA Here on August 29, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Steve Cordova with Total Concepts and representatives from CHFA will be at the Rocky Ford Public Safety Building on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. to talk about housing. Wallace invited Councilmembers wishing to attend.

Closure of Account #6025 at the State Bank

This matter was previously discussed during the City Manger report. Councilmember Herrera moved to authorize City Manager Shannon Wallace to close account #6025 at the State Bank and return the balance of money to the general fund. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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

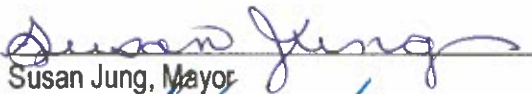
Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Councilmember Kerr moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:  Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

