



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2021

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Daryl Grasmick, Sherri Cordova via Zoom, City Manager Shannon Wallace via Zoom. Others in attendance were: Johnette Fuller with the Rocky Ford Tree Board and Public Works Director Rick Long. Discussion was held regarding payment options for customers that may choose to pay one-half of the cost of removing a dead tree and discussion was held regarding business licensing.

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met, some in person and some via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Rich Geist, Daryl Grasmick, Cuco Ruiz, Sherri Cordova and Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero.

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Public Works Director Rick Long, Public Works Foreman Eric Encinias, Troy Platt, Robyn Platt, Jasmine Gonzales, Parks & Recreation Director Stacey Milenski and Economic Development Director Marty Lee

Others in attendance: Tree Board member Johnette Fuller

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the Agenda as presented and the City Council minutes from January 26, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Rose – resignation not formally accepted yet

Motion carried 6-0

Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the City Council minutes from the special meeting held on January 29, 2021. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Ruiz, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Rose – resignation not formally accepted yet

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Works Director Rick Long gave his full support of City Manager Shannon Wallace on the work that she has done over the last year. Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski thanked City Manager Shannon Wallace for all her support at Babcock Park. Front office staff Robyn Platt and Jasmine Gonzales gave the City Manager their support. Erik Encinias and Troy Platt of the Public Works department also thanked the City Manager for her support of the Public Works, Water Department and Garbage Department.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported on the following:

- City Manager Wallace will be in Denver for the rest of the week shadowing all of their department heads.
- City Manager Wallace attended the Downtown Colorado Inc., (DCI) planning meeting
- Working with Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) on status of the REDI grant.
- Met with Jack Barker regarding some issues at the house that he leases from the City.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung asked Council to authorize her to give framed certificates of appreciation to city employees for their efforts during the COVID pandemic. It was the consensus of Council to authorize the Mayor to give certificates. Mayor Jung reported that on Thursday she will attend a Colorado Municipal League (CML) update on legislation and on Friday she will attend a CML Policy committee meeting. Mayor Jung reported to Council that she had received a letter of resignation from Ward II Councilmember Jolly Rose and asked Council to formally accept the resignation. Councilmember Grasmick moved to accept the resignation of Jolly Rose. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

YES	Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Ruiz, Cordova, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 6-0

Councilmember Grasmick gave a report on the recently held Pension Board meeting. Two people are currently drawing pensions. Scott Herman was elected chairman and the Board will meet on the first Thursday of each month.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that the Tree Board has met with Public Works Director Rick Long to work on the dead tree problem and how to move forward.

STAFF REPORTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District

Council had previously reviewed the written agreement and they had no questions or concerns. Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve and adopt the IGA with the City of Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Corbin-Romero, Geist, Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Ruiz moved to go to executive session for discussion of a personnel matter under **C.R.S. §24-6-402(2)(f)**, and **not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.** Those going into executive session will be Councilmembers Cuco Ruiz, Rich Geist, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Daryl Grasmick, Sherri Cordova, Mayor Susan Jung, City Manager Shannon Wallace and City Attorney Nathan Shultz. Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. Voting results were:

YES Geist, Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 6-0

Everyone that was not named to attend the executive session left the meeting room and executive session began at 7:35 p.m. Executive session ended at 9:00 p.m. and Mayor Jung reconvened the regular meeting.

Councilmember Geist moved to open the vacant Council Ward II seat. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick.

Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 6-0

Councilmember Ruiz moved that City Attorney Nathan Shultz move forward. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist.

Voting results were:

YES Cordova, Grasmick, Geist, Ruiz, Jung
NO Corbin-Romero
ABSENT None

Motion carried 5-0

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION

- Business License
- Tree Board – payment plan options.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.



Susan Jung
Susan Jung, Mayor

Rebecca Korinek
Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk