



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 24, 2022

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller and Sherry Cordova and City Manager Shannon Wallace met for discussion regarding the roof at the swim pool. Tyler Fox with Cornerstone Roofing attended in person to explain a quote for the pool roof. Due to time constraints, other discussion items did not get addressed. Those were: City clean-up day, street sweeper and Gobin building contract.

Others present: Gary Reed, J.R.Thompson, Cuco Ruiz and Donna Abert

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller and Sherry Cordova

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro and Cuco Ruiz

Others present: Gary Reed, J.R. Thompson, Donna Abert, Tom Martin, Cindy Kovalcik, Terry & Mike Jurney, Nick Martinez and Nick Martinez Jr.

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 Fuller. Voting results were:

YES Gurule, Cordova, Fuller, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Herrera, Geist, Railton

Motion carried 4-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from May 10, 2022
2. Application for Special Event Permit – **City of Rocky Ford – Sponsoring the Rocky Ford Wrestling Foundation, Railroad Park, for June 4, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
3. Application for (2) Special Event Permits – **Chamber of Commerce at the Gobin Building, 107 N. Main, for June 11, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and June 18, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Latin Jam**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Kovalcik informed Council that in the May 12, 2022 edition of the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette, Otero County published their April 2022 expenditures. The Rocky Ford Daily Gazette could not verify that the City of Rocky Ford ever submitted their monthly expenditures for the current year. Kovalcik asks that Council look into this matter and to publish the City's monthly expenditures.

Kovalcik expressed her frustration regarding the conditions of the roads on Maple and Walnut.

Donna Abert gave Council information regarding the history of the 501C to be used for the Rocky Ford Historical Museum and was named Friends of the Museum.

Tom Martin voiced concerns regarding proposed ordinance #968 for the registration of vacant buildings and properties within the city limits.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported the following:

- Shannon has posted all vacant positions on many different sites.
- Gary Reed is willing to figure out a way to come up with \$10,000 to help pay for some of the pool roof repair and asked that the city commit to \$5,000 for other needed repairs.
- Volunteers are needed to paint poles at Play Park Hill.
- Shannon informed Council that the city's Finance Director Azucena Holland resigned. Shannon has been working with the City of La Junta's Finance Director to help get the accounts reconciled for year 2021 so that Hancock & Froese can start the audit. La Junta Finance Director will work on weekends and after hours and it is estimated to take approximately 100 hours at \$70 per hour. After some discussion it was the general consensus of Council to approve the 100 hour contract.
- Shannon had previously applied for a grant to help complete work at the Public Safety Building. Shannon informed Council that the grant has gone on to the 3rd stage.
- There is a trailer on 409 South 2nd Street that appeared. The city does not know how it got there. Shannon wanted to inform Council that the city would like to start the process of removing it. After some discussion, it was the general consensus of Council to authorize the City Manager to start the removal process.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- The Mayor and City Manager went to Lamar to attend the Colorado Municipal League (CML) meeting.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule mentioned that the Rocky Ford Class of 2022 graduated.
- Gurule attended the Pier 404 open house on Friday.
- The weekend movie at the Grand Theater will be Top Gun Maverick and Gurule encouraged all to attend.

Councilmember Fuller reported the following:

- The Tri-County Family "Cruisin" festival will be on Saturday, June 4th.
- The Latin Jam festival will be on Saturday, June 18th.
- The Chamber of Commerce would like to have a lantern show at the pool. That will be set after the pool opens.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Tree Board needs volunteers to plant main street flower boxes.

STAFF REPORTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #11 – Series 2022 – to Charge a Flat Rate Plus Usage for Commercial Sewer Accounts, Superseding Resolution #7 – Series 2022

Councilmember Gurule moved to approve ***Resolution #11 – Series 2022 – A Resolution to Charge a Flat Rate Plus Usage for Commercial Sewer Accounts, Superseding Resolution #7, Series 2022***. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 4-0

FAMLI Paid Insurance

Discussion was previously held regarding this matter. The city employees have chosen to opt out. City Attorney Nathan Shultz needs Council to formally opt out of this program. Councilmember Gurule moved to authorize the “opt out” of FAMLI Paid Insurance program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Swimming Pool Roof

Mayor Jung thanked Gary Reed for agreeing to help raise money to get needed repairs so that the swim pool can open for the season. After having discussed this matter during the work session, Councilmember Cordova moved to approve the roof repair quote from Cornerstone Roofing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 4-0

Ordinance #968 – An Ordinance, Amending Ordinance #962, for the Registration of Vacant Buildings and Properties Within the Limits of the City, on second reading

It was moved by Councilmember Cordova and seconded by Councilmember Fuller to approve and adopt ***Ordinance #968 – An Ordinance, Amending Ordinance #962, for the Registration of Vacant Buildings and Properties Within the Limits of the City, on second reading***. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

Intergovernmental Agreement with Otero County Dispatch Services

A proposal was given to Otero County Commissioners and they have accepted the proposal. The Rocky Ford Dispatch Center will now take calls for Otero County Sheriff's Department. After some discussion, Councilmember Gurule moved to approve the agreement with Otero County Dispatch Service and the Rocky Ford Dispatch Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 4-0

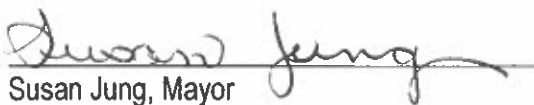
PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Reed commented that he has been on the Rocky Ford Pool Board for about 30 years. He is very happy to try to help to get the pool open. He and others will be going around and asking current business owners to donate and Gary reminded Council that these are the same businesses that Council is raising fees on.

Tom Martin informed Council that he did not agree with Council on delaying the City Manager contract. Tom commented that since Shannon has been City Manager, the city now has a balanced budget. Tom mentioned that he did not agree with Councilmembers commenting on social media and Tom mentioned that Council's inability to work as a cohesive unit is affecting the way that the city is being run.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Cordova moved to adjourn, and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
Rebecca Horn

City Clerk

