



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2021

WORK SESSION: 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Jung and Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Duane Gurule, Sherry Cordova, Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee (via Zoom), City Manager Shannon Wallace and Public Works Director Rick Long met to discuss storm water issues and to continue the previous discussion regarding the possibility of offering City sewer service to residents on County Road EE.5.

Much discussion was held regarding storm water drainage and the need to plan for financing a storm sewer replacement. The City has not budgeted for storm drainage. This matter will be addressed again at a later date.

More discussion was held regarding possible sewer service to Jennifer Fraser and Carley Fraser on County Road EE.5. John W. Canaday Jr. with ALC Design performed a site investigation and gave a written recommendation.

Others present: Jennifer Fraser, David and Monica Lopez and Gary Reed

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Sherry Cordova, Larry Herrera and Duane Gurule

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Public Works Director Rick Long and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee attended (via Zoom)

Others present: Jennifer Fraser, David Lopez, Angela Lopez, James Massengill, Gary Reed, Sandra Lundquist and Cindy Abert.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance and explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. City Manager Shannon Wallace asked to add the County Road EE.5 sewer project to the agenda under old business. Councilmember Herrera moved to add the item to the agenda the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova.

Voting results were:

YES Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Corbin-Romero, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Geist, Grasmick

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item approved:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Fraser thanked Council for their consideration of the possibility of offering sewer to her and her daughter Carley Fraser on County Road EE.5.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported the following:

- Shannon and Finance Director Azucena Holland continue to work on the budget. They have fallen a little behind due to ADG training and Azucena having to be out of the office for four days.
- ADG will be at City Hall doing training all next week.
- Shannon read aloud an email that she had received reporting that the Bahari Investment Mobile Home Park will be put up for sale. New law requires that municipalities must be notified. Councilmember Gurule asked that Shannon send that email to Tri-County Housing and the Rocky Ford Housing Authority.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported that she attended the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Policy Committee meeting. The discussion was about all types of housing. Mayor Jung will attend the CML Executive Board meeting on Friday in Denver.

Councilmember Herrera reported that the Rocky Ford Country Club had two tournaments in the last few weeks. They hosted their first annual disk golf tournament.

Councilmember Gurule reported that he was invited to visit with the Washington Primary School first grade classes to discuss civic leadership. Gurule reported that the gym, cafeteria and auditorium all occupy the space so the children cannot have recess in the colder months. Gurule reiterated his support for the R-2 school district's 4A bond referendum.

Councilmember Cordova reported that she attended the Library Board meeting and they are still in need of two members. The Library Friends are willing to purchase some new computers to give to the library. Leanna just needs to let them know what is needed. Cordova was not able to attend the last Chamber of Commerce meeting. Cordova asked about a bad accident that happened near her house, the driver hit a tree and she asks that the tree board check it out.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that the Grand Theater is doing well and the Tree Board will start having meeting again soon.

STAFF REPORTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer – County Road EE.5

Mayor Jung informed Council that she would entertain a motion to authorize and approve the sewer line extension using ARPA funds, to offer sewer to Jennifer Fraser and Carley Fraser, the city will be responsible for 80% and the customers will be responsible for 20%. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and authorize the sewer line extension adding two homes on EE.5, the city to pay 80% and the customers to pay 20%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera.

Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Storm Drain Issues

This matter was discussed during the work session. It was the general consensus of Council to table this matter to a later date.

Rocky Ford Ditch – Possible Lease

Philip Chavez with Diamond A Farms gave a written letter to City Manager Wallace. Philip is interested in leasing Rocky Ford ditch water shares. Diamond A has a headgate that he would make a sizable investment to renovate if the City is interested in a lease. Philip would request that this be a fair and long-term lease. Much discussion was held on what the water is worth, if it should be put up for public bid. Council would like City Attorney Nathan Shultz to try to gather additional information on the worth and whether or not a lease would be beneficial to the City. Councilmember Herrera offered to talk to George Hanzas with the Catlin Canal to see if he can help with more information. Councilmember Herrera moved to table this matter to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Resolution #7 – Series 2021 – A Resolution Supporting R-2 School Bond Referendum

Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and adopt ***Resolution #7 – Series 2021 – A Resolution Supporting R-2 School Bond Referendum***. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Much discussion was held on whether or not Council should take sides. Voting results were:

YES	Gurule, Cordova, Jung
NO	Corbin-Romero, Herrera
ABSENT	Geist, Grasmick

Motion carried 3-2

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA OR WORK SESSION

None were mentioned.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Cordova and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: _____

City Clerk