



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

***April 25, 2023***

### ***WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.***

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr, along with City Manager Shannon Wallace, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski and Pool Manager Deanna Bierbaum met for discussion regarding creating pool maintenance.

Others present: J.R. Thompson and Gary Reed

### ***REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.***

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace (via zoom), City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski, Police Captain Carol Coates, Police Officer Skylor Garrelts, Police Sergeant Tim Moore and Acting Police Chief Angelo Griego

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Deanna Bierbaum, Susan Bumstead, Jaime Guterrez, Jess Becerra, and Rueben Ramos

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Sherry Cordova read aloud the City of Rocky Ford's Mission Statement

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jaime Guterrez and Rueben Ramos asked Council for an update of the Walnut Street project. Guterrez and Ramos also asked Council to consider watering Walnut, Sycamore and Maple Streets for dirt and dust.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski advised Council that her department is in need of an additional vehicle. Milenski reported that she has been driving her own personal vehicle at this time for City business. Milenski requested that

Council authorize the purchase of a used GMC pickup from Rancher's Supply in La Junta in the amount of \$10,495. Milenski will withhold hiring a part-time seasonal position for her department to fund this purchase.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Council Chamber recordings failed.*

Mayor Jung and Councilmembers gave reports and updates.

## **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Jung asked to add 8.4, under new business, Parks and Recreation vehicle purchase and 8.5, under new business, contacting First National Bank regarding tree removal.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Gurule to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the additions requested. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from April 11, 2023.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Utilities Paid by the City**

Milenski gave Council information on the utilities paid by the City for some of the City buildings and fairgrounds.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Pinning of Officer Skylor Garrelts**

New Police Officer Syklor Garrelts was pinned by his mother. Council welcomed Garrelts and expressed their congratulations.

### **Proposed Changes to Trash Ordinance**

Some discussion was held regarding some proposed changes for the collection of garbage. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

## Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Jung requested that Council authorize her to sign the Proclamation for Arbor Day and declare Arbor Day as Thursday, April 27, 2023. Councilmember Roberts moved to authorize Mayor Jung to sign the Arbor Day Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

## Contact First National Bank – Tree Removal

This matter was previously discussed during Councilmember Martinez's report. Councilmember Roberts moved to authorize contacting the First National Bank to discuss their request for tree removal. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

## Parks and Recreation – Request to Purchase Vehicle

It was moved by Councilmember Gurule and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to authorize the purchase of a GMC pickup from Rancher's Supply in La Junta in the amount of \$10,495. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

## Discussion Items:

Some discussion was held regarding MOU's. City Manager Wallace reported that she will create a draft of the MOU between the City of Rocky Ford and the Chamber of Commerce for the meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Council was previously given written information regarding sewer pre-treatment. City Manager Wallace asked Council to review the information. This matter will be discussed at a regular meeting in May.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## ADJOURN

Councilmember Cordova moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 7:43 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:  Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

