



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2021

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Rich Geist, Jolly Rose, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Daryl Grasmick, Sherri Cordova, City Manager Shannon Wallace and City Attorney Nathan Shultz met by Zoom meeting. Others in attendance were: Johnette Fuller with the Rocky Ford Tree Board and John Barker. Discussion was held regarding issues with dead trees in the City's right-of-way. Discussion was held on how the public would pay for their half of the cost and possible payment plan.

Rick Kienitz gave Council information regarding the Catlin Ditch shares and offered to give them annual reports if they wanted additional information.

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in session via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

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

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales

Others in attendance: John Barker, Johnette Fuller, and Rick Kienitz

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. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

Consent items approved were:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021.
2. Liquor License Change of Location – Michael & Teri Journey from 91 Play Park Hill to 405 Elm Ave., Rocky Ford

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously sent her report to Council by email. Council had no questions regarding her report.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported that she attended a virtual meeting for Action 22-Voices of Colorado.

Councilmember Ruiz informed Council that he will be attending a meeting on Thursday with the Downtown Redevelopment program presented by the Rocky Ford Economic and Community Development office in conjunction with Downtown Colorado, Inc., (DCI) to be held at the Public Safety Building. Ruiz encouraged Council to get involved.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero informed Council that the Grand Theater has reopened. Corbin-Romero thanked Johnette Fuller for her work on the Rocky Ford Tree Board.

Councilmember Rose reported that at the Otero County Landfill, Inc. (OCLI) meeting they just took care of routine business and paid the bills. Rose reported that there is COVID relief money available from Otero Partners, Inc. (OPI). You must live in Otero County and have one of four businesses to be eligible for funds.

Councilmember Grasmick asked when a meeting will be scheduled for the Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District (RFRFPD) Pension Board. Fire Chief Ray Gonzales informed Council that the City Mayor is in charge of any pension meetings so the Mayor can go ahead and set up a meeting, at which time, the Board structure can be set up. Mayor Jung suggested having meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Fire Chief Ray suggested that a meeting be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Fire Chief Ray will contact the RFRFPD members of the meeting.

STAFF REPORTS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety Building – Update on completion of 3 rooms

Fire Chief Ray Gonzales reported to Council that the Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District (RFRFPD) is working with both attorney's to establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on how the rooms will be completed and how the payments for the work will be handled between the City of Rocky Ford and the RFRFPD. Fire Chief Ray Gonzales asked Council to go ahead and use the money that was already approved and utilize the rest of the City's \$50,000 share from the EMS fund, for a total City contribution of \$50,000, with the RFRFPD also contributing up to \$50,000. The bid that Council previously approved was in the amount of a little over \$62,000. Councilmember Grasmick moved to use EMS funds in combination with the funds already approved to complete the 3 rooms at the Public Safety Building. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist.

Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mayor Jung informed Council that the IGA will be up for renewal in March of this year. Mayor Jung commented that she believes that the agreement is good. Fire Chief Ray Gonzales informed Council that the RFRFPD has been reviewing the agreement and will communicate, to Council, any recommended modifications after their February meeting.

Transient Dealer/Peddler/Canvasser/Solicitor License & General Business License

City Manager Shannon Wallace informed Council that she is always trying to find ways to boost the City's revenues. The City currently requires a license for transient dealers that come to the City. City Manager Wallace suggested that the City implement a general license for all businesses and she suggested the amount of \$100 per year. Any revenues could be used for funding the code enforcement, beautification or economic community development. Discussion was held and Councilmembers would like some feedback from local businesses and community in general. Councilmember Corbin-Romero moved to table this matter to a future meeting or work session to allow time to review and discuss this in more detail. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Due to inclement weather, Councilmember Grasmick moved to cancel the executive session. Some discussion was held. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

City Manager Wallace informed Council that Fire Chief Ray Gonzales will have the City of Rocky Ford's website migration completed on February 3, 2021. If you have any information or suggestions please let City Manager Wallace know as soon as possible.


AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION

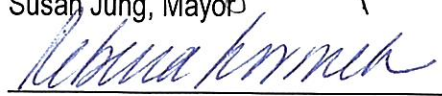
- Business License
- Tree Board – payment plan options.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grasmick moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.




Susan Jung, Mayor


Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk