



ROCKY FORD CITY COUNCIL

October 22, 2019

Work Session:

Mayor J.R. Thompson and Councilmembers Barbara Hunter, Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz and Susan Jung met for a Council Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Others present were: City Attorney Bart Mendenhall, City Clerk Cheryl Grasmick, Public Works Director Rick Long, Viaero Representative Dustin Graves, Gerri Clark, Peggy Sue Romero, Laura Thompson and Daryl Grasmick. Items discussed were the city manager agreement, sewer maintenance, Viaero's plans to install fiber optics in Rocky Ford and the dog ordinance.

Regular Meeting:

Following the work session, Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Thompson called meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: J. R. Thompson

Councilmembers: Susan Jung, Cuco Ruiz, Richard Geist, Barbara Hunter

Staff: City Attorney Bart Mendenhall, City Clerk Cheryl Grasmick

Absent: Marty Lee, Dexter Buck

Others present: Public Works Director Rick Long, Gerri Clark, Peggy Sue Romero, Daryl Grasmick, Laura Thompson, James Conlan.

Mayor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Jung moved to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2019 council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Geist, Hunter, Thompson

NO None

ABSENT Lee, Buck

Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Jung and seconded by Councilmembers Ruiz and Hunter to approve the agenda with consent items as presented. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Geist, Hunter, Thompson

NO None

ABSENT Lee, Buck

Motion carried 5-0.

Consent items approved were:

- A. Approval of Special Events Permit for Arkansas Valley Exposition & Fair Association, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight on November 14, 2019 at the Gobin Building, 107 N Main. Rocky Ford, CO.
- B. Approval of Amendment for Request to Use Right Of Way Application from Arkansas Valley Balloon Festival formerly approved at October 8, 2019 Council meeting. They will use City Hall parking lot instead of Gobin Building parking lot.
- C. Fermented Malt Beverage License Renewal for Mini Mart Inc., d.b.a. Loaf N Jug #49, 305 N 10th, Rocky Ford, CO.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

NEW BUSINESS

City Manager’s Employment Agreement

It was the general consensus of Council to postpone action on the City Manager's employment agreement until the November 12, 2019 Council meeting.

Review Letter of Intent for Lease Agreement with Spectrum (Formerly Charter):

City Manager Wallace received a letter of intent for leasing of space on property located at 2 Play Park Hill, Rocky Ford, located near the Rocky Ford Country Club, from Jennifer Muller, CPM/Manager, Transaction Management for Spectrum. There were no records found for any lease agreements with Charter other than the franchise agreement. It was the general consensus of Council to postpone this discussion and possible action until a representative could be present to discuss their intent.

Sewer Maintenance Discussion:

Public Works Director Rick Long presented video pictures taken by Simon from Limon of a section of City sewer pipes. Mr. Long shared critical information regarding condition of the City sanitary sewer system and the imperative need for cleaning and videoing of all City sewer lines. The City needs to proceed as soon as possible in preparation for plans to be in compliance with orders from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE). Public Works Director Rick Long requested that Council approve the Sole Source bid proposal from Simon from Limon, spending \$200,000 to cover this project. It is a vital first step in order to submit for much needed grant money that is available for extensive repairs and replacements to the sewer utility system. City Manager Wallace and the City auditors, Patrick Hancock and Andrew Froese, reviewed City funds and found \$400,000 in the Sewer Fund that would cover this initial expenditure. Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the Sole Source Bid Proposal from Simon from Limon for the 2019/2020 Sanitary Sewer System Cleaning and Videoing for \$200,000, and to authorize the City to pay \$100,000 in 2019 and \$100,000 in 2020 to Simon from Limon. Councilmember Geist seconded motion.

Voting results were:

YES	Jung, Ruiz, Geist, Hunter, Thompson
NO	None
ABSENT	Lee, Buck

Motion carried 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

City Manager Shannon Wallace emailed her City Manager report to Council earlier due to her absence from the Council meeting this evening. .

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES

Councilmember Jung reported that she attended the CML Policy meeting in Denver. It appears it will be a busy legislative year in 2020. Several CML Policy committee members, as well as Councilmember Jung, are awaiting November election results that will determine if they stay on the committee. She also attended the Annual Action 22 Summit Meeting in Pueblo last Thursday and Friday, October 17 and 18. Action 22 members will choose 5 legislative issues to focus on next year.

Councilmembers Ruiz reported the Library will be closed from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 30 for a Halloween Party and all day Tuesday, November 8, when staff will be attending a workshop in Colorado Springs.

Councilmember Hunter received a list from the Tree Board for tree and stump removals at Babcock Park and the cemetery. Tree Board expressed they have concerns City trees are not being watered properly. Councilmember Hunter will get the tree and stump removal list to City Manager Wallace.

Mayor Thompson reported the Arts Commission is currently trying to schedule two ensembles from the Air Force for performances at the Grand Theater next spring. He also announced that the Rocky Ford Planning Commission will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, to consider two subdivision requests from Debra De Grado at 1405 Swink Avenue and from Henry Ongondi and Ruben Bett d.b.a. Bahari Investment, LLC, at 1401 Chestnut Avenue in Rocky Ford.

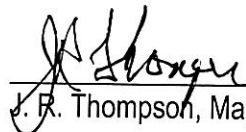
AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- Departmental Reports
- Joint work session with R2 School Board in December
- Review City Codes, dog ordinance
- Look into Pool Ordinance
- Budget
- Second Reading for Ordinance #946
- City Manager Employment Agreement
- Letter of Intent for Lease Agreement with Spectrum (formerly Charter)

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmembers Geist and Hunter moved to adjourn. There being no further business, Mayor Thompson adjourned meeting.





J. R. Thompson, Mayor



Cheryl Grasmick, City Clerk