



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2023

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Larry Herrera, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Robers, Scott Kerr and Sherry Cordova, along with City Manager Shannon Wallace for additional discussion on proposed ordinance #972 regarding storm drains and House Bill 21-1162

Others present: J.R. Thompson and Gary Reed

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order.

Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

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

Staff: City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, Library Director

Leanna Chavez, Police Captain Carol Coates and Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Jacques and Marilyn Wiggins

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Gave Council information on an infant at work program. Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro approached and informed Council of the infant at work program at the dispatch center. Much discussion was held.
- City Committees are on the agenda for tonight.
- City Manager Wallace will have surgery on April 4th and will be out of office for one week and then will be able to work from home or return to work.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung will attend the Colorado Municipal League (CML) policy committee meeting by video.
- Mayor Jung will attend a meeting for the CML executive board next week.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule reported on the Coffee with Council meeting held on February 3rd. A new citizen joined and good discussion was held. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 3rd.
- The Community Resource Center, a statewide nonprofit, will host a meeting in September.
- The Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds and Crystal Lake committee met on February 7th.
- Gurule received a call giving kudos to the Rocky Ford Police Department.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Martinez gave information regarding the last tree board meeting and their upcoming projects.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Kerr reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

STAFF REPORTS

Departmental staff report was given by Library Director Leanna Chavez. Fire Chief Ray Gonzales gave Council information regarding a proposed purchase of a scissor lift.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. City Manager Wallace asked to change, under old business item 7.3, the ordinance number to ordinance #972. Councilmember Cordova moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested change. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from January 24, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

New Council Committee Appointments

Discussion was held on the various committees and vacancies. Councilmember Herrera asked to be taken off of the Country Club (Golf Course). Councilmember Roberts offered to be on the Chamber of Commerce board and Councilmember Kerr offered to be on the Museum Board. Councilmember Herrera changed his mind and asked to remain on the Country Club (Golf Course) committee. This matter will be scheduled on the next regular meeting agenda.

Ordinance #972 – *An Ordinance for the Reduction of Clear Water in the Sanitary Sewer System*, on first reading

Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and adopt *Ordinance #972 – An ordinance for the reduction of clear water in the sanitary sewer system*, on first reading, with the requested amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING – *Regarding an application for a Retail Liquor or Fermented Malt Beverage License filed by Marilyn Wiggins and Jacques Wiggins dba THE WINE AND WHISKEY BARREL, 220 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO*

Mayor Jung recessed the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. and opened the public hearing. Jacques and Marilyn Wiggins informed Council of their intentions for the proposed retail store. Some questions were asked and some discussion was held. Mayor Jung asked the audience if there was any comment either for or against the application. None was given. Mayor Jung closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting.

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve the application for a retail liquor or fermented malt beverage license filed by Marilyn Wiggins and Jacques Wiggins dba THE WINE AND WHISKEY BARREL, 220 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #4 – Series 2023 – *A Resolution to Transfer Property to Rocky Ford School District R-2*

It was moved by Councilmember Gurule and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve and adopt *Resolution #4 – Series 2023 – A resolution to transfer property to Rocky Ford School District R-2*. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Scissor Lift

Councilmember Martinez moved to approve the purchase of a scissor lift requested by Fire Chief Ray Gonzales. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Discussion Items:

Infant in the workplace and work sessions were discussed previously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Councilmember Cordova moved to appoint Councilmember Duane Gurule as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES	Roberts, Kerr, Herrera, Cordova, Martinez
NO	None
ABSTAIN	Gurule and Jung

Motion carried 5-0 with 2 abstentions

EXECUTIVE SESSION – For a discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; Rocky Ford Police Department

Councilmember Kerr moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

Those going into executive session will be: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts, Scott Kerr, Mayor Susan Jung and City Manager Shannon Wallace.

Mayor Jung recessed the regular meeting to go into executive session. There will be no further motions or business conducted after the executive session. Executive session ended at 8:26 p.m. and Mayor Jung resumed the regular meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m.


Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: 
Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

