



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Chambers | 203 S. Main Street, Rocky Ford, CO

August 11, 2026

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00pm

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 11, 2026. Mayor Duane Gurulé called the meeting to order.

Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Nicholas Martinez, Robert Barron, Joe Pentlicki, Thomas Mullins, and Nicole Roberts.

Councilmembers absent: Nanette Mosby.

City Staff: City Manager Stacey Milenski, City Clerk Michelle Grasmick, Police Chief Matthew Wallace, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, Fire Captain Brandon Dickinson, Ute Bustamante, Autumn Akers, Fire/EMS Volunteer Tyler Vestal. City Attorney Dan Harvey was in attendance by Zoom.

Public attendance: JR Thompson, Gary Reed, Brandy Sanders, James Budnick.

Mayor Duane Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1 None

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Pentlicki motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

YES: Barron, Pentlicki, Mullins, Roberts, Martinez, Gurulé

NO: None

ABSENT: Mosby

Motion carried: 6-0

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

6.1 Approval of Council meeting minutes from July 28, 2026 – Regular meeting at 6:00pm

6.2 Permit Application and Report of Changes – Change of Trade Name – Loaf N Jug #49 to Cumberland Farms #750049, 305 N 10th Street, Rocky Ford, CO

6.3 IGA for Fire Assistance with City of Aurora

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Roberts motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez.

Voting results were:

YES: Pentlicki, Mullins, Roberts, Martinez, Barron, Gurulé

NO: None

ABSENT: Mosby

Motion carried: 6-0

8. PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

8.1 Shatterproof Walk to End Addiction – Brandy Sanders, Addiction 2 Recovery

Brandy Sanders, founder of Addiction 2 Recovery, presented plans to partner with the Shatterproof Walk to End Addiction and host a community walk in Rocky Ford to promote addiction awareness, recovery support, education, and stigma reduction. The proposed event would begin at the Rocky Ford School football field and conclude at Library Park, followed by a family-friendly gathering featuring games, educational resources, community organizations, a car show, and a community coat drive. Sanders highlighted the importance of youth involvement and reported outreach to the Rocky Ford School District, while also noting support from local businesses, donors, and volunteers. She requested City Council assistance with permits, use of public spaces, promotion, and other event needs, with a tentative timeline of holding the event before December. Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the initiative, encouraged coordination with the City Clerk regarding event requirements and potential fee waivers, and took no formal action.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 None

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 None

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Discussion – Ordinance No. 999 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado Amending Certain Provisions of the Municipal Code

Council reviewed proposed Ordinance No. 999, an omnibus ordinance amending various provisions of the Rocky Ford Municipal Code. City Clerk Michelle Grasmick reported that revisions recommended by Police Chief Matthew Wallace had been incorporated and forwarded to the City Attorney for review and inclusion of applicable state statute references. City Attorney Dan Harvey stated the proposed changes appeared appropriate and indicated he would prepare the ordinance for consideration at the next meeting, while noting that additional revisions to definition sections and related code provisions may be recommended for consistency. Council members expressed appreciation for Chief Wallace's thorough review and attention to detail. Consensus was to proceed with final legal review and schedule the ordinance for first reading at the August 25 meeting.

11.2 Discussion/Action – Recommendation to appoint New Library Board member – Michelle Griego

Council received and reviewed a letter of interest from Michelle Griego for appointment to the Library Board prior to the meeting. No discussion occurred regarding the application.

Councilmember Roberts motioned to approve the appointment of Michelle Griego to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez.

Voting results were:

YES: Mullins, Roberts, Martinez, Barron, Pentlicki, Gurulé

NO: None

ABSENT: Mosby

Motion carried: 6-0

12. STAFF REPORTS

12.1 City Manager – *Stacey Milenski summarized written City Manager's report to Council. Milenski included updates that occurred after the report was written.*

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmembers provided updates and reports on their respective boards and community events. Mayor Gurulé also provided his Mayor's report, a written report was not provided in advance of the meeting.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Budnick, an Otero County resident, addressed Council regarding provisions of the Rocky Ford Municipal Code related to the approval process for new businesses. Budnick stated his understanding that businesses approved by the Planning Commission are subsequently presented to City Council for public consideration and questioned whether that process is currently being followed, noting he had not observed such presentations at recent meetings despite new businesses locating in the community. Budnick requested clarification on the City's procedures and whether he was interpreting the Municipal Code correctly.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15.1 None

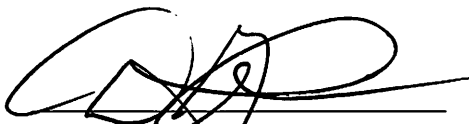
16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.1 August 18, 2026, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm City Council Work Session

16.2 August 25, 2026, at 6:00pm - City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the meeting at 6:38pm.



Mayor Duane Gurulé



City Clerk, Michelle Grasmick