



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2021

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

Mayor Jung, Councilmembers Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Larry Herrera, Daryl Grasmick and Rich Geist, City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Attorney Nathan Shultz and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee (zoom) met for work session. Discussion was held regarding the agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Gobin Building. Darren Garcia gave Council information about what the Chamber would like to see in an agreement. The City of Rocky Ford had previously drawn up an agreement but the agreement was not approved by the Chamber. The Chamber made some changes to the agreement which was not approved by the City. City Attorney Schultz commented that he would try to put together an agreement to bring before the Council and Chamber for their review.

Some discussion was held regarding the proposed business license ordinance. Gary Reed and Rick Weiss both re-stated their opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Others present: Darren Garcia, Brian Leikam, Margarito Garcia, Maria Garcia, Rick Weiss and Gary Reed

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

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Larry Herrera, Daryl Grasmick and Rich Geist

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, City Attorney Nathan Shultz and Economic Development Coordinator Marty Lee (zoom)

Others present: Margarito Garcia, Maria Garcia, Rick Weiss and Gary Reed

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

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance and explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

YES                      Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Herrera, Jung

NO                        None

ABSENT                Ruiz and Cordova

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Items approved:

1. City Council Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2021

**PUBLIC COMMENT**      -            None

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously emailed her report to Council. In addition, she reported on the following:

- Shannon mentioned that she still wants Council to consider an IGA with the Arkansas Valley Fair Board. The matter can be placed on a future work session or agenda item in July.
- Shannon is still waiting for an appraisal to be done for the Public Safety Building loan.
- Information was given in the Council packet regarding the American Rescue Plan Act 2021. Shannon requests that Council review the information and let her know at the next meeting what they would like to spend the money on. Shannon recommends that the money be put towards the infrastructure. The amount that the City will receive is \$963,000.
- Mayor Jung and Shannon will attend an Action 22 meeting on Friday to discuss the American Rescue Pan Act.
- Colorado Municipal League (CML) annual conference fee for Council is \$99 for virtual training and in-person training is \$245 per person. At this time, CML has not given information on room charges.
- A draft of the City of Rocky Ford fee schedule was given to Council. Shannon requests that Council review and be ready to discuss at a future meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS** - None

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Jung requested that Council approve \$75 for her to attend the Action 22 meeting on Friday. Councilmember Grasmick moved to allow Mayor Susan Jung to spend \$75 to attend the Action 22 meeting on Friday, June 11, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Jung also reported that on Monday, June 21, 2021, CML will have a virtual business meeting and they will vote at that meeting for the vacant executive board seats. CIRSA will have a virtual business meeting on June 22, 2021 and CML will have a virtual Mayor's get together meeting on Friday, June 18, 2021.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that the Tree Board will meet on Monday, July 12, 2021. The board is in need of an additional person to be appointed. Corbin-Romero asked Councilmembers to ask around in their Wards to see if anyone would be interested in serving on that board. The Rotary Club has adopted the cleaning of the Hurry Back Park and it's been looking great. The Grand Theater continues to run smoothly.

Councilmember Grasmick reported that at the last Otero Partners Inc. (OPI) meeting, there were 9 potential new businesses trying to get loans for a business, 3 of those look very promising. OPI receives \$250,000 per year to help new businesses. Las Animas County is also partnering with OPI and a new Wing Stop will be opening soon in Trinidad.

Councilmember Herrera informed Council that he attended the Planning Commission meeting on Monday, June 7, 2020 and the Commission approved the placement of a modular at 18650 County Road EE.5 and will be making a recommendation for Rocky Ford City Council to approve and authorize a special use permit. Herrera also reported that the Planning Commission is in need of a member or two and will be asking Council to appoint someone in the near future. Herrera reported that the Country Club had a meeting and approved the agreement between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Vacant Building Registry***

City Manager Wallace advised Council that this matter has been discussed many times. The past council minutes reflect that Council had requested that the City Attorney go forward and draft a proposed ordinance but Council did not decide what the contents of the ordinance should be. It was the general consensus of Council to make this matter the topic of the next meetings work session.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Resolution #3 – Series 2021 – A Resolution Replacing Resolution #6 – Series 2020 dated February 25, 2020***

City Manager Wallace gave Council copies of the old resolution and the new resolution and advised Council that she wants to delete some of the verbiage in section 1(d) and 2(d) where it states that “rates to be based upon the average monthly water usage charged to each such account during the preceding calendar year”. Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve Resolution #3 - Series 2021 – A Resolution Replacing Resolution #6 – Series 2020 dated February 25, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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


**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA OR WORK SESSION**

Vacant Building Registry  
Fee Schedule

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Grasmick and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned to meeting at 7:25 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:   
City Clerk

