



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

***January 24, 2023***

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

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Larry Herrera, Nicholas Martinez and Sherry Cordova, along with City Manager Shannon Wallace and Public Works Director Rick Long met for additional discussion on proposed ordinance #972 regarding storm drains

Others present: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed and Nicole Roberts

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

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Nicholas Martinez and Sherry Cordova

Staff: City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Police Captain Carol Coates, Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz, Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro and Fire Chief Ray Gonzales

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Eric Jakus, Scott Kerr and Nicole Roberts

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember Cordova read aloud the City of Rocky Fords Mission Statement

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Jung requested that Colorado Municipal League (CML) be added as 8.4 under new business.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously emailed her report to Council.

## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung thanked the Public Works crew for their hard work, cleaning the roads, after the recent snowfall.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule reported that the swim pool commission met last week. Gurule reported on upcoming projects for the pool.
- The Arts Commission met and the Rotary Club will be helping the Grand Friends apply for a grant to purchase a new ice machine. Gurule gave information on other projects.
- Gurule gave thanks for the snow cleanup.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Nothing for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

## STAFF REPORTS

Departmental staff reports were given by Dispatch Director June Ferraro, Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales and Public Works Director Rick Long

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the addition of CML under new business. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from January 10, 2023.
2. Application for Renewal of Retail Liquor or Fermented Malt Beverage License – *Mini Mart, Inc. dba Loaf n Jug*  
*#750049, 305 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Letters of Interest for Ward 1 and Ward III**

Letters of interest were received from Nicole Roberts for Ward I and from Scott Kerr for Ward III. Council had no further questions. Councilmember Gurule moved to appoint Nicole Robert to the Ward I seat and appoint Scott Kerr to the Ward III seat. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Martinez, Herrera, Gurule, Jung
NO	None

ABSENT        None  
Motion carried 5-0

City Clerk Rebecca Korinek gave the oath of office to Nicole Roberts and Scott Kerr and they both took their seats.

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

Erik Jakus, 411 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, asked Council many questions regarding the utility bill insert sent to customers regarding clear water in the sanitary sewer system. Much discussion was held. Councilmember Gurule moved to table this matter to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 14. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES                Martinez, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Roberts, Kerr, Jung  
NO                 None  
ABSENT          None  
Motion carried 7-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Job Description Approvals – Wildland Firefighter FFT2 and Wildland Mitigation Coordinator**

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Gurule to approve the job descriptions requested by Fire Chief Ray Gonzales. Voting results were:

YES                Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Martinez, Roberts, Kerr, Jung  
NO                 None  
ABSENT          None  
Motion carried 7-0

**Resolution #2 – Series 2023 – A Resolution Amending and Updating the Fire Code Adoption, Section 18-6-10**

Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and adopt Resolution #2 – Series 2023 – A Resolution Amending and Updated the Fire Code Adoption, Section 18-6-10. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

YES                Gurule, Cordova, Martinez, Roberts, Kerr, Herrera, Jung  
NO                 None  
ABSENT          None  
Motion carried 7-0

**Resolution #3 – Series 2023 – A Resolution Setting Regular Meeting Dates for the City of Rocky Ford City Council and Setting the Official Location of Posting Meeting Notices for the Year 2023**

Councilmember Gurule moved to approve and adopt Resolution #3 – Series 2023 – A Resolution Setting Regular Meeting Dates for the City of Rocky Ford City Council and Setting the Official Location of Posting Meeting Notices for the Year 2023 and to also cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 26, 2023. 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

**Colorado Municipal League (CML) Conference**

Mayor Jung asked Council to approve her attendance at the CML conference on June 25 – June 28, 2023 in Aurora, Colorado. The City of Rocky Ford will pay for the attendance. Councilmember Herrera moved to approve Mayor Jung to attend the CML conference at City expense. Some discussion was held. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

**Discussion Items:**        *House Bill 21-1162*

Councilmember Gurule moved to table this matter and set it for discussion at the next regular work session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 7-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Councilmember Cordova reminded Council that she had previously requested to appoint Councilmember Gurule as Mayor Pro Tem. This matter will be put on the agenda for Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Gurule and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:   
Rebecca Korinek, City Clerk

