



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 28, 2024

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

No work session tonight

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova, Nicole Roberts and Thomas Mullins

Staff: City Clerk Rebecca Korinek and Library Director Leanna Chavez

Others present (in person): Gary Reed and Susan Jung

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Gurulé reported on the recent tragedy and death of Amari Galan. Gurulé gave many thanks all those that helped in the search and recovery of Amari.

Council Chamber recording device did not work this night

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANY CHANGES TO, OR REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM – ANY CHANGES TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gurulé explained the agenda and consent agenda to all. Councilmember Roberts moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

YES Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Mullins, Gurulé

NO None

ABSENT Herrera

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for May 14, 2024
2. Approval of special meeting minutes for April 29, 2024

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Voting results were:

YES	Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Mullins, Barron, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera

Motion carried 6-0

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Interim City Manager Stacey Milenski is attending the Children & Nature Network, Nature Everywhere conference. Milenski had earlier provided her report to Council by email. Mayor Gurulé "highlighted" a few items in Milenski's report.

Library Director Leana Chavez gave Council an update of events and projects planned at the Library for this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #979- *An Ordinance for the Reduction of Grease, Oil, Fat and Sand in the Sanitary Sewer System of the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado, on second reading.* It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve and adopt ordinance #979. Voting results were:

YES	Roberts, Mullins, Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera

Motion carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of City Manager Contract

As the Interim City Manager is attending a conference, this matter will be continued to the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

City of Rocky Ford Streets and Sidewalk Improvement Plan

After some discussion, Councilmember Martinez made a motion to approve the proposed street and sidewalk improvement plan for the City of Rocky Ford. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES	Mullins, Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera

Motion carried 6-0

Appointment of Nancy Westfall to the Arts Commission

The Rocky Ford Arts Commission has requested the appointment of Nancy Westfall to the Arts Commission Board. It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to appoint Nancy Westfall to the Rocky Ford Arts Commission to December 2026. Voting results were:

YES	Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Mullins, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera

Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Reed attended the combined open house for Clean Valley Recycling and the Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce. Reed commented that it was an enjoyable time. Reed also informed Council that the Rocky Ford Swim Pool will host a 3rd Grade party.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Chamber recording device did not work this night.

Councilmember Barron reported the following:

- Barron thanked all of the community and out-of-town guests who came out to help search for Amari Galan.
- Grand Theater reported good attendance for the movie "IF".

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Martinez reported that the Tree Board has been busy getting out planters.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova had nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts reported that the Chamber of Commerce held the "Grown Ups Who Love Us" dinner.
- Chamber has many events planned for this summer

Councilmember Mullins reported the following:

- Mullins reported on upcoming events at the Museum.

Mayor Gurulé reported the following:

- Gurulé attended the combined open house for the Clean Valley Recycle Center and Chamber of Commerce and competed against La Junta Mayor Ayala in a sorting contest. Much fun was had.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the regular meeting at 7:54



Mayor Duane Gurulé





City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Attest