



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2022

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Johnette Fuller, Rich Geist, Norman Railton, Larry Herrera and Sherry Cordova and City Manager Shannon Wallace and others met with Mike Ker from Intermountain Street Sweeper Company on 2nd Street for a demonstration of two different street sweepers.

Others present: Unknown

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova and Rich Geist

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Gary Reed, J.R. Thompson, Allen Hutchison, Shelly Bauer, Aliza Libby, Diana Marshall, Nicholas Martinez and Nicholas Martinez II

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. City Manager Wallace asked to add one item under new business – Upgrade to Sewer Lagoons. Councilmember Herrera moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested addition. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Voting results were:

YES Herrera, Cordova, Fuller, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Gurule and Railton

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from June 28, 2022
2. Application for Renewal of Retail Liquor or Fermented Malt Beverage License – ***Fiesta Café, 400 North 11th Street, Rocky Ford***
3. Application for (2) Special Event Permits – ***Danny Boy Foundation for the Melon. Valley BBQ Cook-off – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, 800 N. 9th Street, Rocky Ford, on July 22, 2022 and again on July 23, 2022 from Noon to Midnight.***
4. Application for Special Event Permit – ***City of Rocky Ford Community Development – Melon Valley Music Festival, Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, July 16, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to Midnight.***

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelly Bauer gave comments regarding the Arkansas Valley Conduit. Bauer is against the city working with Innovative Water Technology with respect to water filters. She expressed that the City's water is so hard that it is causing people with swamp coolers to have to change out their cooler pads approximately three times a season. Bauer asked Council to consider going with the Arkansas Valley Conduit and to keep residents informed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported the following:

- Shannon contacted the Town of Sugar City to get information on roll off dumpsters. Sugar City has 6-yard containers and they cost \$185.00 per month. Some discussion was held regarding clean-up days.
- Public Works Director Rick Long has had discussion with CDPHE regarding water filters or other options.
- Valley Wide has been approved for the CSBG grant and are waiting for details
- Shannon will be proposing a new job description for pool maintenance. Mayor Jung, Fire Chief Ray Gonzales, Shannon, Cindy Abert and Deanna did a walk-through of the pool. Many things have been neglected throughout the years and Shannon believes that the city needs a dedicated person for opening and closing the swim pool.
- The Police Department received a resignation from an Officer. Captain Carol Coates, Police Chief Angelo Griego and Shannon have discussed the situation. The group put together a part-time schedule for 4 officers leaving non-peak hours unattended with someone on call. The group will check with other municipalities to see if they would want to join forces.
- Shannon gave Council a list of issues at the pool.
- City will change cell phone service from Verizon to AT&T (First Net) and save approximately \$200 per month and receive better service.
- Shannon has been working on quarterly financial reports, 941's, unemployment and sales tax for the Grand Theater.
- The bad storm from last week flooded the Public Safety Building. CIRSA has been contacted as well as H.E. Whitlock.
- Shannon gave Council a gas usage analysis for the Fire Department. Public Works and Police Department have not submitted theirs yet.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung was in Denver over the weekend for the Colorado Municipal League (CML) Executive Retreat. The main discussion was on "succession".

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

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

Councilmember Fuller reported the following:

- Fuller will be attending a meet and greet on the 21st at the Chamber Baggage Room.
- The Rotary Club will have a meet and greet and will serve hamburgers and hotdogs at the Library Park on Thursday.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova asked if the Tree Board should be contacting customers about tree issues. City Manager Wallace advised Council that Code Enforcement will handle the issues of cutting trees or branches. Some discussion was held.

Councilmember Geist reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

STAFF REPORTS - NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Street Sweeper

Troy Schuler with Hardline Equipment thanked Council for attending the street sweeper demonstration. Troy recommends, that if the city is interested in buying a street sweeper, the 2017 sweeper for \$176,000.

Mike Ker with Intermountain Street Sweepers commented that he is confident in his company's ability to support the city.

Discussion Only – Water/Sewer Increases

This matter has been discussed at several meetings. Council would like to hear from citizens regarding potential increases. Resident Shelly Bauer asked Council to try to inform residents of any changes to rates and the reason why. Council was given copies of the current resolutions regarding rates for sewer and water. Much discussion was held.

Update on Arkansas Valley Conduit

This matter was discussed earlier.

Alley Clean-up

City Manager Wallace mentioned this matter in her Manager Report. City Manager Wallace asked Council to think about what they would like to see for the alley clean-up. This matter will be discussed at a future work session or meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Corinne Montoya, 1208 Walnut, Concerns regarding high price of sewer

Corinne Montoya did not appear at tonight's meeting

Anita Potter – Arkansas Valley Hospice New Director

Anita Potter did not appear at tonight's meeting

New Job Description – Pool Manager

City Manager Wallace had previously emailed the proposed job description to Council. City Manager Wallace asked Council to review it and advise her of any comments or feedback.

Upgrade to Sewer Lagoon

Public Works Director Rick Long reported to Council that the City has been contracting with Five Star Automation after the City terminated its lease with Brownhill Engineering. Five Star Automation was given access to the City's entire utilities operations and also the City's supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA). Many discrepancies were found and an upgrade is necessary for outdated parts and extreme corrosion in the current panel. Rick asked Council to move forward immediately with the Allen Bradley 1796-L35E Compact Logix Processor in the amount of \$5280.43. Much discussion was held.

Councilmember Herrera moved to purchase the Allen Bradley 1796-L35E Compact Logix Processor in the amount of \$5,280.43 from Five Star Automation, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Jung
NO	NONE
ABSENT	Gurule and Railton

Motion carried 5-0

Councilmember Herrera moved to authorize the upgrade of the PLC Control panel rebuild, add new flow meter control panel and to establish radio communications between new PLC control panel and flow meter panel locations in the amount of \$38,650.46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Jung
NO	NONE
ABSENT	Gurule and Railton

Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Herrera asked if anything was being done about some dogs that killed another dog and evidently attacked some people. City Manager Wallace informed Council that all those matters would go through code enforcement and then to municipal court where the judge would rule on whether or not a dog is considered vicious.

Nicholas Martinez introduced his son, Nicholas Martinez II to Council. Martinez informed Council that young Nicholas is mowing lawns for the elderly, the disabled, veterans, or anyone in need free of charge. Nicholas asked Council to contact him if they know of anyone in need of this service

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Councilmember Geist and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to go into executive session for 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 this 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; Finance Director Position. Voting results were:

YES	Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Cordova, Jung
NO	NONE
ABSENT	Gurule and Railton

Motion carried 5-0

Those going into executive session are: Larry Herrera, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, Rich Geist, Mayor Susan Jung, City Manager Shannon Wallace and Aliza Libby.

Mayor Jung recessed the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m. to go into executive session

The executive session ended at 9:05 p.m. and Mayor Jung resumed the regular meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Susan Jung
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: *Rebecca Hornick* City Clerk

