



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2024

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Duane Gurulé, Councilmembers Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and City Manager Shannon Wallace met for a work session to discuss the following: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce; the City of Rocky Ford's proposed purchasing policy and review of municipal code §7.3.20.

Others present (in person): J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed and Brian Leikam

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Nicole Roberts and Thomas Mullins

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Public Works Foreman Cuco Ruiz, Public Works Director Rick Long, and Parks and Recreation Director Stacey Milenski.

Others present (in person): J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed and Brian Leikam

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Wallace asked to add, under old business, 9.1 Quotes for Golf Course Pump.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gurulé explained the agenda and consent agenda to all. Councilmember Herrera motioned to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

YES Barron, Martinez, Roberts, Mullins, Herrera, Gurulé

NO None

ABSENT Cordova

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for February 13, 2024

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

None

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously submitted her report by email, but added the following:

- Quotes for the pump at the Golf Course were received and this matter is on the agenda for tonight.
- Shannon was able to purchase chrome books from the School District and has them available.

Public Works Director Rick Long gave Council updates from the Public Works department from 2023 and into 2024. Much discussion was held.

OLD BUSINESS

Quotes for pump at Golf Course

Three (3) quotes were received. The Country Club Board has recommended that Council accept the cheapest quote. After some discussion, Councilmember Martinez moved to accept the bid from 1st Choice Irrigation. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

Dee Hostetler – Clean Valley Recycling

Mayor Gurulé reported that Dee Hostetler is unable to attend tonight's meeting and Gurulé will provide information during his report tonight.

Set Dates for 2024 Clean-up days

The City of Rocky Ford's municipal code provides that the City will schedule clean-up days. The proposed dates are April 26th and 27th and September 27th and 28th. It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve the proposed dates for the City clean-up days. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club (Golf Course)

After some discussion, Councilmember Robert moved to approve and adopt the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Rocky Ford and the Rocky Ford Country Club (Golf Course). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez.

Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 6-0

Bureau of Reclamation Permission to Enter Property

It was the general consensus of Council to authorize Mayor Gurulé to sign and authorize permission to the Bureau of Reclamation Great Plains Region to enter City property to perform impact studies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Herrera reported that Rocky Ford has a youth 3-point basketball contest winner.
- The Golf Board met and will be changing the course rental to \$500 for a full day and will not offer the half-day option. The Board is finishing up the clubhouse and getting ready for Spring.

Councilmember Barron reported the following:

- Thanked Stacey and the Parks and Recreation department for clearing the sidewalks at Play Park Hill.
- The Lion's Club and the Kiwanis are hosting a Pancake Supper on March 4th at the Gobin Building, \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Mullins reported the following:

- Mullins reported that the Museum is busy looking for grants to repair the foundation. Museum hours are Wednesday and Friday 1 – 5 p.m.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts reported that the Chamber of Commerce Board had a meeting last Thursday.
- The Chamber will be hosting an Open House on March 21, 2024 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and will also host an Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd

Mayor Gurulé reported the following:

- Gurulé reported that OCLI/OPI met on February 20th. Gurulé was appointed as the member representative, replacing Marty Lee. Council will need to appoint an alternate, before the next OCLI/OPI meeting on March 18th, to replace Gurulé.
- Youth Biz is hosting a Youth Entrepreneurship workshop at the Baggage Room on February 29th from 5 – 7 p.m.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

ADJOURN

Councilmember Martinez moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Duane Gurulé



City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Attest