

# CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**July 8, 2025**

## ***REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 p.m.***

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers Present: Thomas Mullins, Nanette Mosby, Johnny McMurray, Nicholas Martinez,

Councilmembers Absent: Nicole Roberts, Robert Barron

City Staff Present: City Manager Stacey Milenski, Police Chief Matthew Wallace, and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, online by Zoom, City Attorney Dan Harvey

Public in attendance for tonight's meeting: J. R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Susan Jung, Bernie Flores, Brad Roe, Rod Rodriguez, Don Gibbs, Mrs. Gibbs, and two unidentified attendees.

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Jung, former Mayor, regarding Council comments at the previous meeting concerning the street sweeper discussion.

## **ANY CHANGES TO, OR REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

None requested

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

YES                      Martinez, Mosby, Mullins, McMurray, Gurulé

NO                        None

ABSENT                Roberts, Barron

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Agenda Item(s) approved were:

Previous meeting minutes for June 24, 2025 – Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Request to close public street for Special Event – Arkansas Valley Fair – **Car Show – Main Street and Front Street closures from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

Application for Renewal of Liquor License – **10<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar & Grill dba Rock House Bar Grill, 405 Elm Ave.**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Gurulé requested the addition, ***New Business, 13.2 Resignation of Museum Board Member, Beth Dodd***  
Councilmember Mullins moved to approve the agenda with the requested additions. The motion was seconded by  
Councilmember Mosby. Voting results were:

YES	Martinez, Mosby, Mullins, McMurray, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Roberts, Barron

Motion carried 5-0

## **PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS**

Rod Rodriguez, Commander - American Legion Post 8 requested use of the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, July 11, 2026 for Veterans Community and Outreach Program. Commander Rodriguez added activities that are being planned for event. Brad Roe spoke on the outreach program he runs through Valley Wide Health Systems for VA Veterans that will provide resources for this event in July 2026.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager Stacey Milenski gave report to Council and audience.

Curator Rob Marshall submitted a written report.

## **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Martinez – No Tree Board meeting, Library Board Meeting had 73 kids registered for Summer Reading, only 17 kids finished the program, discussing Friday programs for the fall.

Councilmember McMurray – Nothing to report

Councilmember Mosby – Nothing to report, useful information/resources from the CML Conference in Breckenridge regarding grants, recycling, etc.

Councilmember Mullins – Nothing to report, learning experience from the CML Conference in Breckenridge.

Mayor Gurulé – Discussed helping the American Region Post 8 put flags out for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, AI resources that help departments such as the City Clerk, information shared in the Mayors Mingle, importance in getting information out the public-learned at the CML Conference in Breckenridge, thanked all Public Safety for participating in AMR's Summer Jam, thanked the community for supporting the fireworks funds. Elected to the CML's Executive Committee to represent the small population category.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Rocky Ford Planning Commission** – A public hearing was held on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Heard recommendations from the Rocky Ford Planning Commission regarding Don Gibbs requesting a special use permit for the property located at 708 Railroad Avenue, Rocky Ford, requesting a variance from zoning and special use permit to allow the alteration/construction and renovation of the interior of the building into a connected three-apartment family dwelling for he and his wife, son and grandson. The property is zoned commercial/industrial. The Rocky Ford Planning Commission voted to approve the request made by Don Gibbs and to make a recommendation to the Rocky Ford City Council and approve their recommendation.

### **Resignation of Museum Board Member**

Councilmember requested the Council vote on the resignation of Museum Board Member, Beth Dodd (per her request).

It was moved by Councilmember Mullins and seconded by Councilmember McMurray to approve the resignation of Museum Board Member, Beth Dodd

YES	Mullins, McMurray, Martinez, Mosby, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Roberts, Barron

Motion carried 5-0

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

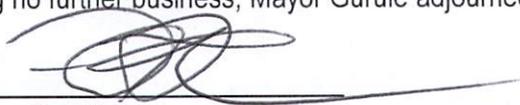
### **UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

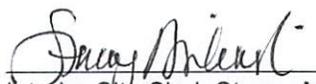
Tuesday, July 15, 2024 at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. for City Council Work session

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for City Council Regular Meeting

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor Duane Gurulé

 Attest  
Interim City Clerk Stacey Milenski

