



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**January 9, 2024**

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

City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Attorney Nathan Shultz, Police Captain Carol Coates, Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz, Mayor Duane Gurulé, Councilmembers Nicole Roberts, Nicholas Martinez, Larry Herrera and Sherry Cordova gathered to discuss a proposed resolution for non-compliance of the vacant building code. Shultz gave Council an update on the condemnation process for houses/buildings.

Others present: Laura Thompson, Gary Reed, Robert Barron, Patrice McGowen and Cuco Ruiz

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

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order.

Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova and Nicole Roberts

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Attorney Nathan Shultz, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, Public Works Director Rick Long and Public Works employee Cuco Ruiz

Others present: Laura Thompson, Gary Reed, Patrice McGowen and Robert Barron

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Barron, 1104 Virginia, reiterated previous concerns regarding the public restroom and the closure of the sidewalk in front of the Police and Public Works building.

### **ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA OR CONSENT AGENDA**

None requested

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for December 12, 2023

**PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS**

Pinning ceremony was held for new Rocky Ford Police Officer Ralph Cabalar. Cabalar was pinned by Chief of Police Sean McDonagh. Congratulations and applause were given by Council and audience.

**STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously submitted her report by email.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Catlin Canal and Rocky Ford Ditch – Sealed Bids for Year 2024**

Bids were reviewed by Council. Based on the desired amount of shares and the amount of the bids, the Catlin shares were divided as follows: Tami Mayhoffer, Mayhoffer Farms was awarded 80 shares at \$100.00 per share, Glenn Hirakata, Hirakata Farms was awarded 25 shares at \$82.00 per share, Willard Behm was awarded 26 shares at \$81.37 per share and Phillip Chavez, Diamond A Farms was awarded 48.3 shares at \$78.00 per share.

Phillip Chavez, Diamond A Farms was awarded all 5.661 shares of the Rocky Ford Ditch at 10% over the assessed rate, per share.

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve the division of the Catlin Canal and Rocky Ford Ditch shares. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution #1 – Series 2024 – 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 2024.**

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve and adopt Resolution #1 – Series 2024. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

### **Appointment of Vacancy for the Rocky Ford Planning Commission**

Councilmember Martinez moved to appoint Patrice McGowen to the Rocky Ford Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

### **City of Rocky Ford Holiday Observance Calendar**

It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve and adopt the City of Rocky Ford Holiday schedule for Year 2024. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

### **Trash Truck Repair**

Public Works Director Rick Long gave Council information and submitted a bid from ACM Diesel, LLC. Councilmember Martinez moved to approve the repairs to the trash truck in the amount of \$7,933.27. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

## **Sewer Lagoon Pump Repair**

Public Works Director Rick Long gave Council information and submitted a bid from Five Star Automation, Inc. in the amount of \$6,832.80. It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve the repairs to the sewer lagoon pump in the amount of \$6,832.80. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Barron asked City Attorney Shultz for written documentation regarding public use of the restroom and closure of a public sidewalk in front of the Police and Public Works building.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

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

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Will attend the Tree Board meeting in January.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova will attend the next Library board meeting

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts reported that there was not a Chamber of Commerce Board meeting in December. Roberts will be submitting the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rocky Ford very soon.

Mayor Gurulé reported the following:

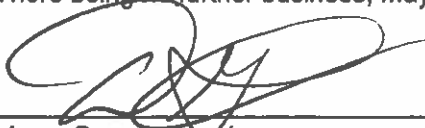
- Gurulé attended the Fireside Chat.
- Gurulé attended the Art's Commission meeting in December. The year end budget and plans for Year 2024 was discussed.
- Gurulé thanked all of the Community for the variety of Christmas events.

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. work session and 7:00 p.m. for regular Council meeting.
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. work session and 7:00 p.m. for regular Council meeting

## ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the regular meeting at 8:09 p.m.



Mayor Duane Gurulé



Attest

City Clerk Rebecca Korinek