



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**November 22, 2022**

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

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Duane Gurule, Larry Herrera, Sherry Cordova, Johnette Fuller, along with City Manager Shannon Wallace and Public Works Director Rick Long discussed a proposed ordinance regarding inflow/outflow infiltration.

Others present: J.R. Thompson and Linda Reid

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

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller and Sherry Cordova

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek, City Attorney Nathan Shultz, Code Enforcement Officer Natasha Ortiz and Police Captain Carol Coates

Others present: J. R. Thompson, Linda Reid, Rose Meier, JoAnn Geist and Robert Barron

Mayor Jung led the pledge of allegiance.

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None stated

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Barrone gave Council his ideas for employee safety bonus. Barrone gave Council information regarding a conversation he had with a city employee regarding a dog.

Rose Meier and JoAnn Geist made a complaint to Council regarding high water bills.

J.R. Thompson asked Council and all to keep Councilmember Rich Geist in thought.

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace had previously emailed her report to Council but added the following:

- The owner of the mobile home park has complained about paying for 14 sewer units, and claims that only five are livable.
- An eviction will be done on the Main Street house.
- Budget information was sent out to all Council by email.
- Council was given information on storm water in their packet.
- Discussion was held previously regarding the conditions at the fairground RV park. Shannon would like to know Council's thoughts. It was the general consensus of Council for Shannon to move forward.

## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported to following:

- Mayor Jung reported that she will attend the Colorado Municipal League (CML) policy meeting on December 1 and the CML executive board meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Gurule had no report regarding the swim pool. The Art's Commission did meet and J.R. Thompson gave Council information regarding that meeting.
- Coffee with Council will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilmember Fuller reported the following:

- The Parade of Lights will be held on Saturday and the community dinner will be held at the Gobin Building.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting.

## STAFF REPORTS

None

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from November 8, 2022
2. Application for Renewal of Retail Liquor or Fermented Malt Beverage License – **Rocky Ford BPOE #1147 Elk's Club, 301 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford, CO**
3. Application for a Special Event Permit – **Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce – Gobin Building for Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 17, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING - USDA grant for sewer infrastructure within City**

Mayor Jung recessed the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m. and opened the public hearing regarding the USDA grant for rural development. Mayor Jung asked for any public comment either for or against the grant. There were no public comments. Councilmember Herrera moved to close the public hearing for lack of comment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gurule. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Jung adjourned the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***Ordinance #969 – An Ordinance Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues for Each Fund and Adopting a Budget for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January, 2023, and Ending on the Last Day of December, 2023, on first reading***

It was moved by Councilmember Gurule and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve and adopt ***Ordinance #969 – An ordinance summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund and adopting a budget for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado, for the calendar year beginning on the first day of January, 2023, and ending on the last day of December, 2023, on first reading.*** Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

***Ordinance #970 – An Ordinance Appropriating Sums of Money to the Various Funds in the Amounts and for the Purpose, as set forth, for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado, for the Year 2023 Budget Year, on first reading***

It was moved by Councilmember Herrera and seconded by Councilmember Gurule to approve and adopt ***Ordinance #970 – An ordinance appropriating sums of money to the various funds in the amounts and for the purpose, as set forth, for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado, for the year 2023 budget year, on first reading.*** Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

***Ordinance #971 – An Ordinance Levying General Property Taxes for the Year 2022 to Help Defray the Costs of Government for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado for the 2023 Budget Year, and for the Mill Levy on Each Dollar's Worth of Property as Per the Assessed Value Thereon, as Shown by the Assessor of Otero County for the Year 2022, as Fixed by the Board of Equalization, on first reading***

It was moved by Councilmember Gurule and seconded by Councilmember Fuller to approve and adopt **Ordinance #971 – An ordinance levying general property taxes for the year 2022 to help defray the costs of government for the City of Rocky Ford, Colorado for the 2023 budget year, and for the mill levy on each dollar's worth of property as per the assessed value thereon, as shown by the Assessor of Otero County for the year 2022, as fixed by the Board of Equalization**, on first reading. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

### **Discussion Items:**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Barrone, 1104 Virginia, asked what the options were on watching live Council meetings.

Councilmember Herrera asked about any updates on the Arkansas Valley Conduit. Herrera also reported that the Rocky Ford Elk's Club raised over \$9,000 for scholarships.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Cordova moved to go into executive session for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4)(b) – Regarding pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Those going into executive session are Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, Susan Jung, City Manager Shannon Wallace and City Attorney Nathan Shultz

Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

Executive session began at 7:43 p.m. and ended at 8:20 p.m.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.

  
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest:  City Clerk

