



CITY OF ROCKY FORD - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council Chambers | 203 S. Main Street, Rocky Ford, CO

October 14, 2025

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00pm

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Mayor Duane Gurulé called the meeting to order.

Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Johnny McMurray, Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Nanette Mosby, Nicole Roberts, and Thomas Mullins.

City Staff: City Manager Stacey Milenski, Interim City Clerk Michelle Grasmick, and Police Chief Matt Wallace.

City Attorney Dan Harvey was in attendance online by Zoom. Staff in attendance for Public Works Appreciation: Rick Long, Cuco Ruiz, Cody Baylor, Erik Encinias, Giancarlo Trevizo, Payton Schneider, Kevin Tillman, Jacob Ornelas, Thomas Winslow, Steve Mraz, Jason Queen, and Isaiah Gallegos.

Public attendance: J.R. Thompson, Juanita Valdez, Khalia Gauna, Jayven Gauna, Kimberly Chance, Thomas Smith, Danielle Valdez, Gia Chavez, Holli Montoya, Alekzander Ruiz, Sandie Dell, Patty Madrid, Chuck Mosby, Teresa Sanches Salisbury, Dora Maes, Marty Maes, Nicholas Martinez IV. Susan Jung, Gary Reed, and unnamed others were in attendance online by Zoom.

Mayor Duane Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1 None

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Barron moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McMurray. Voting results were:

YES: Barron, Martinez, Mosby, Mullins, McMurray, Gurulé

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Roberts

Motion carried: 6-0 with 1 Abstention

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

6.1 **Approval of Council meeting minutes** from September 23, 2025 – Regular meeting at 6:00 pm

6.2 **Application for a Special Events Permit** – Malt, Vinous, and Spiritous Liquor, Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce, 105 N Main St, Rocky Ford, CO on October 18, 2025, from 12:00pm to 12:00am

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7.1 Councilmember Roberts moved to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

YES: Martinez, Mosby, Roberts, Mullins, McMurray, Barron, Gurulé

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

8. PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

8.1 Establishing Public Works Employee Appreciation Day

8.2 Red Ribbon Week 2025

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 None

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Ordinance No. 990 – An Ordinance Amending Rocky Ford Municipal Code Chapter 8 by Adding New Article 6 Concerning Utility Terrain Vehicles, on Second and Final reading.

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve Ordinance No. 990. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez.

Voting results were:

YES: Mosby, Roberts, Mullins, McMurray, Barron, Martinez, Gurulé

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Lease Agreement between City of Rocky Ford and Grand Friends, Inc. for 405 S Main Street, Rocky Ford, CO 81067

Councilmember Mullins moved to approve the lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

Voting results were:

YES: Roberts, Mullins, McMurray, Martinez, Mosby, Gurulé

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Barron

Motion carried: 6-0 with 1 Abstention

11.2 Resolution No. 12 - Series 2025 – A Resolution of the City Council of Rocky Ford, Colorado, Denouncing Gang Violence and Drug Use and Affirming a Commitment to a Safer, Healthier Community

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve Resolution No. 12 - Series 2025. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion.

YES: Mullins, McMurray, Barron, Martinez, Mosby, Roberts, Gurulé

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

11.3 Approve/disapprove purchase order submitted by Chief Gonzales for bunker gear for \$23,772.00

Councilmember Mullins moved to table the discussion until further guidance is obtained from City Attorney and City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES: McMurray, Barron, Martinez, Mosby, Roberts, Mullins, Gurulé

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

11.4 Approve/disapprove purchase order submitted by Rick Long to replace transmission on 2015 Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman/utility truck for \$5,910.00

Councilmember McMurray moved table to discussion until two bids are received. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mosby. Voting results were:

YES: Barron, Mosby, Roberts, Mullins, McMurray, Gurulé

NO: Martinez

Motion carried: 6-1

11.5 2026 - 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program Packet

There was much discussion on renaming the program and potential changes to funding structure. A decision was made to address further in a future Work Session.

11.6 Review real property and surplus equipment to be listed for public sale

Council was presented with a list of properties and equipment for potential sale. Much discussion followed. Seven properties were identified and agreed upon for potential sale: 1101 Lincoln Ave, Ash and North 13th, Ash, 611 N. 8th Street, Walnut and 3rd Street, 701 Sycamore Ave, 510 S. 4th Street.

Councilmember Mullins moved to authorize City Manager Stacey Milenski to pursue the sale of seven properties. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

YES: Mosby, Roberts, Mullins, McMurray, Barron, Martinez, Gurulé

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

12. STAFF REPORTS

12.1 City Manager – Stacey Milenski summarized written City Manager's report to Council.

12.2 Public Works Director – Rick Long, Update on Maple Avenue Project

Rick provided a report on infrastructure planning for Maple Avenue, outlining three potential options. Due to the late season, asphalt repair is not feasible. A significant portion of the discussion focused on the impact of the ongoing Sewer Replacement Project and the future Water Distribution Prioritization Plan on the project's cost and schedule. Interim options to manage road conditions were also considered, including the purchase of a water truck for dust control or the application of magnesium chloride. Further discussion on these options will be held during a future Work Session.

12.3 Museum Curator Report – Rob Marshall, (written only)

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

Martinez – Tree Board will be doing Trunk or Treat at Crystal Lake. Upcoming events at the Library include Friday Afternoon Club and Lego Club. Accepting donations of new and used Legos. Fireside Chat next Monday.

Barron – Arts Commission meeting next Tuesday, October 21st. Second weekend showing Tron: Ares. Support by attending movie and buying concessions. Citizens may also buy movie posters, rent the building for private events, and donate their time or money. Thursday, October 30th there will be a free showing of Scooby Doo (live action) with costume contest for Halloween.

McMurray - No updates on Boards.

Mosby – No updates on Boards.

Roberts – Upcoming ticketed event - Los Amos de los Sierra concert on October 18th. Trunk or Treat in Depot Square for Halloween on October 31st; Dia de los Muertos event on November 1st in Depot Square. Balloon Festival will be the following weekend with 6:30am launches. Activities include parade followed by s'mores and balloon glow, as well as a Craft Fair. There is one seat open on Chamber Board – taking letters of interest. Meeting is Thursday at 6:30pm.

Mullins – Shoutout to volunteer and resident expert Ericha Burns who is working on the largest grant of the year. This grant will hopefully help pay for staffing in the coming year and potentially pay for a professional website that will allow the integration of cataloging software. May also be able to use the funds as matching funds for a larger grant to repair the building.

Gurulé – Summarized written Mayor's report to Council.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

14.1 None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15.1 Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions concerning potential liability related to employee acts

Councilmember Mullins moved to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez.

Voting results were:

YES: Roberts, Mullins, McMurray, Barron, Martinez, Mosby, Gurulé

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Mayor Gurulé recessed the regular meeting at 8:47pm to go into Executive Session.

Those going into Executive Session were City Attorney Dan Harvey, City Manager Stacey Milenski, Mayor Duane Gurulé, Councilmembers Thomas Mullins, Nicole Roberts, Nanette Mosby, Johnny McMurray, Robert Barron, and Nicholas Martinez.

Executive Session 15.1 started at 8:54pm and ended at 9:47pm.

15.2 Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions concerning pending litigation concerning Shelly Bauer

Executive Session 15.2 started at 9:48 pm and ended at 10:03pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:06pm.

Mayor Gurulé reported, for the record, that if any person who participated in the executive sessions believed that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meeting Law, that they should please state their concerns for the record. There were none.

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.1 Tuesday, October 21, 2025, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm City Council Work Session

16.2 Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 6:00pm - Regular City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the meeting at 10:06pm.



Mayor Duane Gurulé



Interim City Clerk, Michelle Grasmick