



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

June 23, 2026

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00pm

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 23, 2026. Mayor Pro Tem Nanette Mosby called the meeting to order.

Those present at roll call were:

Councilmembers: Nicholas Martinez, Robert Barron, Joe Pentlicki and Nanette Mosby. Thomas Mullins and Nicole Roberts were in attendance by Zoom.

Councilmembers absent: Mayor Duane Gurulé

City Staff: City Clerk Michelle Grasmick, Police Chief Matthew Wallace. City Attorney Dan Harvey was in attendance by Zoom.

Public attendance: JR Thompson, Gary Reed, Susan Jung, Brian Lovato, James Budnick, and Sawyer Menz.

Mayor Pro Tem Mosby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

JR Thompson requested use of the grassy area south of the swimming pool for a free community hamburger fry on July 4 sponsored by the *Daily Gazette* and Rocky Ford Discount Tire. Staff advised the area could be reserved through a park permit, and Thompson outlined event plans and sponsor contributions.

An anonymous Zoom participant identifying as "Batman" expressed concerns about the conduct of certain city officials, referenced issues raised at previous meetings, and encouraged respectful treatment of all public speakers. The speaker emphasized the importance of civil discourse and serving the community's interests.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Roberts motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez.

Voting results were:

YES: Barron, Pentlicki, Mullins, Mosby, Roberts, Martinez

NO: None

ABSENT: Gurulé

Motion carried: 6-0

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

6.1 **Approval of Council meeting minutes from June 9, 2026** – Regular meeting at 6:00pm

6.2 **Application for Renewal of Liquor License** – Rocky Ford Food Market, 800 Chestnut Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO

6.3 **Application for Renewal of Liquor License** – Jodi's Grill, LLC, 209 N. 2nd Street, Rocky Ford, CO

6.4 **Application for Renewal of Liquor License** – 10th Hole Bar & Grill, 405 Elm Ave, Rocky Ford, CO

6.5 **Application for a Special Event Permit** – Fermented Malt Beverage - VFW Post 336 for the 2nd Annual Veterans Outreach Event at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, 800 N 9th Street, Rocky Ford, CO on July 11, 2026, from 5:00pm-11:00pm

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pentlicki.

Voting results were:

YES: Pentlicki, Mullins, Mosby, Roberts, Martinez, Barron

NO: None

ABSENT: Gurulé

Motion carried: 6-0

8. PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

8.1 None

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 None

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 None

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Discussion/Action – **Recommendation to appoint New Library Board members** – Karen Encinias, Debra Apodaca

Council reviewed letters of interest submitted by Karen Encinias and Deborah Apodaca prior to the meeting and expressed no concerns regarding either applicant.

Councilmember Roberts motioned to approve the appointment of Karen Encinias and Debra Apodaca to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez.

Voting results were:

YES: Mullins, Mosby, Roberts, Martinez, Barron, Pentlicki

NO: None

ABSENT: Gurulé

Motion carried: 6-0

11.2 Discussion/Action – 701 Sycamore Lot – consideration of two offers

Council discussed the listing timeline for the 701 Sycamore lot, noting that the property was posted to the MLS on June 17th, with signage also placed at the site. Council noted the lot is a standard, buildable lot and referenced a previously suggested sale price of \$14,000. Council expressed concern that the property had not been marketed long enough and supported leaving it on the market for 30 days from the MLS listing date before considering offers.

Councilmember Martinez motioned to table accepting a bid on the lot at 701 Sycamore until the listing has been posted for 30 days. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

Voting results were:

YES: Mosby, Roberts, Martinez, Barron, Pentlicki, Mullins

NO: None

ABSENT: Gurulé

Motion carried: 6-0

12. STAFF REPORTS

12.1 City Manager – *Stacey Milenski was unable to attend the meeting due to her participation at the annual CML conference. She provided a written City Manager's report for Council's review in advance of the meeting.*

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmembers provided updates and reports on their respective boards and community events. Mayor Gurulé was unable to attend the meeting due to his participation at the annual CML conference. A written report was not provided in advance of the meeting.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

JR Thompson announced that the Rocky Ford Rotary Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a dinner at Encore by Christine's. He highlighted the club's history of hosting 25 foreign exchange students through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and noted that, since 1946, the club has raised funds for the Watermelon Pile, which Rotary International has recognized as the longest continuous community service project conducted by any Rotary Club worldwide.

James Budnick raised concerns about a food truck being parked on a public street without what he believed to be the required authorization. He stated that all individuals, including elected officials, should be subject to the same rules and standards. Budnick also commented that, after discussing the matter publicly, he faced criticism and felt those involved had not been held accountable.

JR Thompson noted the Planning Commission meeting on July 6, 2026, at 6:00pm.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15.1 None

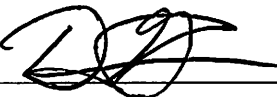
16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.1 July 7, 2026, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm City Council Work Session

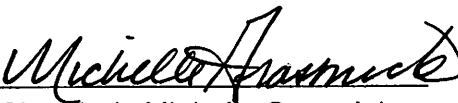
16.2 July 14, 2026, at 6:00pm - City Council Regular Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Mosby adjourned the meeting at 6:29pm.



Mayor Duane Gurulé



City Clerk, Michelle Grasmick