



CITY OF ROCKY FORD - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

October 28, 2025

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00pm

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 28, 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, Police Chief Matt Wallace, Public Works Foreman Cuco Ruiz. City Attorney Dan Harvey was in attendance online by Zoom. First Responders in attendance: Communications Director June Ferraro, Captain Colin Brown, Autumn Akers, Fire Chief Raymond Gonzales, Captain Brandon Dickinson, Cody Kurtz, Meghan Trujillo, Ethan Trujillo, Van Hollis, Daniel Santistevan, Ute Bustamante, Officer Mark Montano, Officer Robert Powell.

Public attendance: J.R. Thompson, Gary Reed, Adrian Hart, Andrea Powell. Susan Jung was in attendance online by Zoom.

Mayor Duane Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1 None

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

6.1 **Approval of Council meeting minutes** from October 14, 2025 – Regular meeting at 6:00 pm

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 First Responders Day** – October 28, 2025

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 None

10. OLD BUSINESS

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

Councilmember Mullins moved to approve the purchase order of bunker gear. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts. Voting results were:

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

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

10.2 Approve/disapprove purchase order submitted by Rick Long to replace transmission on 2015 Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman/utility truck for \$5,190.00

Councilmember Roberts moved to approve the purchase order from Absolute Automotive to replace transmission on 2015 Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman/utility truck. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McMurray. Voting results were:

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

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

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

Continued discussion on condition of surplus equipment and options for auction sites. Councilmember McMurray moved to table discussion until more information is provided at Work Session on November 4th. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Approve Employee Medical Benefits Renewal – Cigna vs. Anthem BCBS

Councilmember Roberts moved to renew with Cigna and opt into best vision plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mullins. Voting results were:

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

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

11.2 Continue/discontinue with the Employee Assistance Program at a cost of \$10 per employee/per month

Councilmember McMurray moved to approve renewal of Employee Assistance Program for 2026. Councilmember Martinez seconded the motion. Voting results were:

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

NO: None

Motion carried: 7-0

12. STAFF REPORTS

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

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

Martinez – No recent meetings for Library Board or Tree Board. Lego Club and Friday Afternoon Club meet at the Library on Fridays.

Barron – Provided update from Arts Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 21st. There will be a showing of a locally filmed movie, Ghost Town on November 6th. Free Halloween movie, Scooby Doo with costume contest on October 30th. Free holiday movies every Saturday afternoon between Thanksgiving and Christmas: A Christmas Story, It's A Wonderful Life, Elf, Polar Express with Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Suggested multiple ways to support the theater. Announced there is one open seat for Arts Commission.

McMurray - No updates on Boards.

Mosby – No updates on Boards.

Roberts – Rocky Ford Trunk or Treats at Depot Square, Cystal Lake, Fire Department, FBLA at High School. Encouraged trick-or-trickers to also stop by Pioneer Health Care Center and Cottonwood Assisted Living. Haunted House on Main Street. Dia de los Muertos event on November 1st in Depot Square. 36th Annual Balloon Festival will be the following weekend – paper balloon launches on Friday, 6:30am launches on Saturday and Sunday, 10th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, parade Saturday evening with s'mores and balloon glow. Rocky Free Kitchen – November 5th and 19th. Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Gobin Building. Parade of Lights on November 29th with free chili supper at Gobin Building after. Another concert on November 22nd – Los Amantes Del Norte. There are three seats open on Chamber Board – taking letters of interest.

Mullins – Invited the community to see Professors Warren McClure and Mark Korbits on November 21st for a presentation on prehistoric identification.

Gurulé – Summarized written Mayor's report to Council.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

14.1 None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15.1 None

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

16.1 November 4, 2025, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm City Council Work Session

16.2 November 10, 2025, at 6:00pm - Regular City Council Meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.



Mayor Duane Gurulé



City Clerk, Michelle Grasmick