



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 22, 2020

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Jolly Rose, Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Sherri Cordova and Daryl Grasmick met in Council Chambers with School Board President Darren Garcia, School Board Treasurer Sandra Lundquist and School Superintendent Dr. Kermit Snyder. School Board members discussed the importance of passing bond issue 4A that would replace Washington Primary School and Jefferson Intermediate School and an addition to the Rocky Ford Junior/Senior High School complex. School Board members asked Council for their support.

REGULAR MEETING:

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 in Council Chambers. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Rich Geist, Jolly Rose, Cuco Ruiz, Daryl Grasmick, Sherri Cordova and Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Margarito Garcia, Maria Garcia, Johnette Fuller, Marty Lee and Vicki Sigler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Rose moved to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020 council meeting and the minutes from the September 22, 2020 special council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

YES Rose, Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of 9C (Support for school bond issue) under new business. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

Consent items approved were:

1. Liquor license renewal for Taqueria Mexico #2, Hotel & Restaurant, 1720 Elm Ave., Rocky Ford, CO
2. Liquor license renewal for Lobos Curve Liquor, Liquor Store, 1504 Elm Ave., Rocky Ford, CO

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace sent her report by email to Council at an earlier date. In addition to that report as follows:

- The Otero County 4-H Council would like to rename the 4-H building at the fairgrounds. They would like to add the word "agriculture" to their new name.
- Letter of support was sent to Rick Ritter for the Protect Your Neighbor phase of COVID-19 response.
- Otero County is pursuing a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant for the bike park.
- The Rocky Ford Police Department will be adding a new police car to the 2021 budget and they hope to start a program to upgrade one car per year.
- The Rocky Ford Police Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,199.70 to purchase new firearms. The Police Department will offer to sell the old weapons to employees for \$100. Any unpurchased weapons will be sold to other law enforcement agencies.
- A list of employees that take city vehicles home was sent to Councilmembers.
- City Manager Wallace would like to be able offer employees the opportunity to purchase insurance for their family through the City's healthcare plan.
- City Manager Wallace would like to make a few changes to the employee PTO policy.
- Performance Reviews are given to the City Manager only, the City Attorney and the Municipal Judge are not given performance reviews.

OLD BUSINESS

510 South 4th Street

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported that Public Works Director Rick Long had measured the lot and found the dimensions were not large enough for the potential buyers to do what they wanted to do.

Heater/AC Unit for the Sr. Citizen's Center (SAGE)

City Manager Wallace reported that there are additional issues for the replacement of the heat and air at the Senior Center. Council requested that the City Manager find out more details and invite some HVAC professionals to discuss the issues at the next meeting.

Employee Code of Conduct

City Manager Wallace informed Council that she had made the necessary changes to the Code of Conduct Policy. Councilmember Rose moved to approve the Code of Conduct Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist.

Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

Offer Employees Insurance for their Family

City Manager Wallace asked Council to consider offering employees the option to purchase insurance for their family through the City healthcare plan. Some discussion was held. It was the general consensus of Council to allow the City Manager to look into that possibility.

PTO Leave Bank

City Manager Wallace asked Council to allow a few minor changes to the PTO leave bank policy. The change would allow employees to donate as much time as they would like to fellow employees in need. Councilmember Grasmick moved to allow the City Manager to change the PTO leave bank policy. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

YES	Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Cordova, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Support for the R-2 School Bond Issue 4A

Councilmember Grasmick moved to approve and adopt a resolution to support the R-2 School Board bond issue 4A. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Rose. Voting results were:

YES	Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES - None

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL REPORTS OR UPDATES

Councilmember Rose reported that the Otero Partners Inc. (OPI) had a board meeting on Monday. OPI had nine new requests for buildings. Danny Chavez with Otero County Landfill, Inc. (OCLI) will be stepping down from OCLI and going into emergency management. Rose attended the Otero County Commissioner's meeting and they will be painting the annex extension office.

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that the Grand Theater is open and is still in need of volunteers. Corbin-Romero is still working to get the Tree Board together.

Mayor Jung received a call from the Director of the Pioneer Health Care Center and they have nominated here to be on a committee for extreme events. The committee will meet on September 24, 2020. Mayor Jung attended a virtual meeting with Senator Cory Gardner's office. Action 22 and the Colorado Municipal League (CML) policy meeting will be held at the same time. City Manager Shannon Wallace offered to attend the Action 22 meeting and Mayor Jung will attend the CML policy committee meeting. Councilmember Rose moved to allow City Manager Wallace to attend the Action 22 meeting and an overnight stay. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grasmick. Voting results were:

YES Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

Councilmembers would like to attend the special school board meeting at the Public Safety Building at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Councilmember Ruiz moved to change the meeting time for the next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 to 6:30 p.m. to allow time for Councilmember to attend the special School Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES Rose, Ruiz, Cordova, Grasmick, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Jung
NO None
ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

City Manager Wallace asked Council for permission for City employees to volunteer their time or money to work at the Public Safety Building to start finishing up some of the rooms, such as drywall, paint and other things that need to get finished. It was the general consensus of Council to allow this.

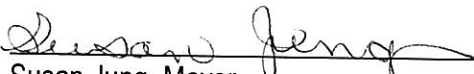

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION

- Review City ordinances
- Review personnel policies
- Permits for Construction
- Crystal Lake
- Conduit

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Grasmick moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.




Susan Jung, Mayor

Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk