



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 2024

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Duane Gurulé, City Manager Stacey Milenski, Councilmembers Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez and Nicole Roberts, Public Works Director Rick Long and Luke James met for a work session to discuss a proposed 50/50 sidewalk replacement program.

Others present: Gary Reed

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez, Sherry Cordova and Nicole Roberts

Staff: City Manager Stacey Milenski and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Gary Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Maes, Joe Cordova representing the American Legion, Claudio Aragon, Willard Behm and Jennifer Olguin representing Small Town Project.

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marty Maes, 405 S. 14th Street, expressed his concerns regarding an after-hours fee for turning water off/on.

Joe Cordova asked Council to consider a proclamation for Sergeant John Valdez (killed in action 8/13/1969 and Captain Jackie Phillip Heil (killed on 9/25/1970) for their service in Vietnam and bravery to their Country.

ANY CHANGES TO, OR REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gurulé explained the agenda and consent agenda to all. Councilmember Barron moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Voting results were:

YES Barron, Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Gurulé

NO None

ABSENT Herrera and Mullins

Motion carried 5-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes for June 25, 2024

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Cordova to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Voting results were:

YES	Martinez, Cordova, Roberts, Barron, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera and Mullins

Motion carried 5-0

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

Jennifer Olguin and two helpers, representing Small Town Project, gave Council information on the free lunch program

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Stacey Milenski had earlier provided her report to Council by email. Milenski added some information to her report.

Finance Director Kyle Crosswhite gave Council his recommendation to Council regarding the purchase of three (3) trucks.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OLD BUSINESS

Lease or Purchase – 2024 GMC Crew Cab – Perkins Auto, La Junta

Some discussion was held. It was moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Roberts to approve and authorize the lease of a 2024 GMC 1500 Crew Cab from Perkins Auto. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Roberts, Barron, Martinez, Gurulé
NO	None
ABSENT	Herrera and Mullins

Motion carried 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Willard Behm, 1001 South 12th Street – Discussion with Council Regarding Accidents on Washington Avenue

Behm thanked Council for their time and informed Council that he wanted to discuss accidents on Washington informed Council of several accidents in that area. Behm reported that he has lived in this area for 24 years. Behm offered a remedy and requested that Council approve the addition of some reflectors, starting at the Medical Building and all along Washington Street and also place reflectors on the white poles on the road.

After some discussion, Council requested that the City Manager confer with the, already formed traffic committee, and it was the general consensus of Council to look into the matter further.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Herrera was not in attendance for tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Barron reported the following:

- Barron reported Inside Out will be showing at the Grand Theater for the weekend. Barron asked all to volunteer and purchase items or snacks from the Theater. The Arts Commission is looking into, possibly, showing R rated movies for adults.
- Barron thanked all volunteers helping with the food bank and asked that people consider volunteering for the spay and neuter clinic coming up.
- Barron attended the last Fireside Chat.

Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Martinez reported that he attended the Fireside Chat and reminded all that Council would like to hear any input.
- Tree Board has not scheduled a meeting.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Cordova reported that June was a very big month for the library staff and board.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts reported that the Chamber of Commerce hosted the Freedom Fest and Annual Duck Race on July 4th. Fun was held by all and Roberts thanked all who helped and turned out.

Councilmember Mullins reported the following:

- Mullins was not available for tonight's meeting.

Mayor Gurulé reported the following:

- Gurulé thanked the Police Department for the traffic control and all others that helped with fundraising and pyrotechnics on the ground.
- Gurulé will conduct a "Facebook Live" session for interaction with the community.
- Gurulé will attend the Pension Board quarterly meeting on Wednesday evening.
- Total Concept will have a groundbreaking ceremony, to begin construction, on Friday at 11:00 a.m. for the "Osborn Building".
- A free movie will be shown (Road to El Dorado) on July 18th, sponsored by Small Town Project.
- Gurulé received an award from the Colorado Municipal League (CML) for reaching the foundation level on training and Gurulé has been accepted into the Mayor's Leadership Academy.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. – Special Council Meeting called by the Mayor and City Clerk – **Approve or Deny an application (filed late – late fee of \$100 was paid) for a special event permit filed by: Goodwood Festival/Unity Through Music – for Friday, July 19, 2024 from 9 a.m. to Midnight at Len's Tavern, 907 Railroad Avenue, Rocky Ford**

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the regular meeting at 8:18 p.m.



Mayor Duane Gurulé



City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Attest

