



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 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, Water and Wastewater Foreman Cody Baylor, Police Captain Carol Coates, Code Officer Tony Jones and Police Officer Mark Montano met for a work session for discussion on a proposed 50/50 sidewalk replacement program, discussion regarding code enforcement and discussion regarding a request from the School Board for an additional stop sign.

Others present: Gary Reed and J. R. Thompson

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Mayor Gurulé called the meeting to order.

Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Duane Gurulé

Councilmembers: Robert Barron, Nicholas Martinez and Nicole Roberts. Thomas Mullins arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Staff: City Manager Stacey Milenski, Public Works Director Rick Long, Water & Wastewater Foreman Cody Baylor and City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Gary Reed, J. R. Thompson, Susan Jung and Marty and Dora Maes

Mayor Gurulé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Nicholas Martinez read aloud the City of Rocky Ford's Mission Statement

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Reed informed Council that he believed that the City of Rocky Ford has done a good job on the work at the old El Capitan. Reed informed Council that he did have a concern that a piece of metal had been left swinging on a cable and Reed wanted to inform Council just in case it may be dangerous.

ANY CHANGES TO, OR REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

YES Barron, Martinez, Roberts, Gurulé

NO None

ABSENT Herrera, Cordova, Mullins

Motion carried 4-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

- Approval of previous meeting minutes for July 23, 2024

- Application for (2) two Special Event Permits – **Rocky Ford B.P.O.E. #1147 – Elk’s Club – 301 North 9th Street, Rocky Ford for 8/16/2024 & 8/17/2024 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. – Open to the Public During the Ark Valley Fair**
- Application for Renewal of Medical Marijuana License – **Rocky Ford Station, LLC, dba The Station, 1701 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford**
- Application for Renewal of Retail Marijuana License – **Mesa Organics III, Ltd, dba Star Buds, 1315 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Motion carried 5-0

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Stacey Milenski had earlier provided her report to Council by email. Milenski added some information to her report. Milenski reported that additional parts were needed for the installation of the new meters. Water/Wastewater Foreman Cody Baylor answered questions from Council. Baylor also informed Council that lightening protection was needed for zone 2. There is no surge protection and the recent lightening has caused some damage.

Museum Curator Rob Marshall submitted his monthly written report.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rocky Ford School Board – Request for an Additional Stop Sign

This matter was discussed during the work session tonight. It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve an additional stop sign with the location of the stop sign to be determined at a later date and also to increase the speed limit from 15 mph to 20 mph.

Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

50/50 Sidewalk Program – Approval/Disapproval

This matter has been discussed at several work sessions. It was moved by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve the annual 50/50 sidewalk program. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- Unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Barron reported the following:

- Barron reported that he attended the last Arts Commission meeting and gave information from that meeting and upcoming events at the Grand Theater.
- No movie will be shown August 16 – 18, due to the Arkansas Valley Fair.
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Councilmember Martinez reported the following:

- Martinez reported that he attended the Tree Board meeting. Tree Board is very busy.

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Roberts reported the following:

- Roberts reported that the Chamber is still on a membership drive.
- Wake-Up Breakfast will be served for the Fair and the Silver Queen and King will be selected later at the Gobin Building.
- The Chamber will be hosting Bingo at the Fair on Thursday night and will also be helping with the Melon Chunkin Festival and other upcoming events

Councilmember Mullins reported the following:

- Mullins reported on events at the Museum. There has been a lot of work being done cleaning the Museum.

Mayor Gurulé reported the following:

- Gurulé reported that he will have board meetings upcoming that he will attend.
- Gurulé attended the Picnic in the Park and the Taste of Summer.
- Gurulé and Cordova have been working on creating a proclamation to honor fallen soldiers and recipients of The Purple Heart and it is hoped that a presentation will be held at the September 10 meeting.
- Gurulé attended a leadership meeting in Colorado Springs.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for Work session and 7:00 p.m. for Regular Council meeting

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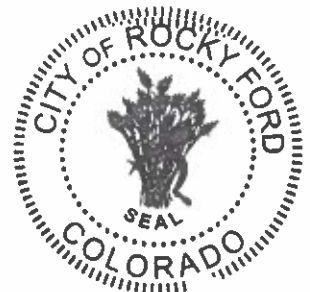
There being no further business, Mayor Gurulé adjourned the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m.



Mayor Duane Gurulé



City Clerk Rebecca Korinek



Attest