



## ROCKY FORD CITY COUNCIL

June 26, 2018

Rocky Ford City Council met with Interim City Manager Steve Rabe for a council work session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, in Council Chambers. Items discussed were prioritization sheets to rank goals for budget planning and preparation for interview with Jim Rizzuto at the next Council work session.

Following the work session, Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Thompson called meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: J. R. Thompson

Councilmembers: Susan Jung, Cuco Ruiz, Charles "Bill" Pattie, Rachel Patrick, Rich Geist, Barbara Hunter

Staff: Interim City Manager Steve Rabe

Others present: Public Works Director Rick Long, Jolly Rose, Marty Lee.

City Clerk Cheryl Grasmick joined meeting after one of the clerks from the Otero County Clerk's office picked up the drop off box for primary ballots after 7:00 p.m. Front clerks' office at Rocky Ford City Hall was one of designated locations ballot boxes were left for voters' convenience.

Mayor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Pattie moved to approve the minutes from the regular **June 12, 2018** council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Pattie, Patrick, Geist, Thompson

NO None

ABSENT None

ABSTAIN Hunter

Motion carried 6-0, with one abstaining.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilmember Pattie and seconded by Councilmember Geist to approve the agenda with consent item as presented. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Pattie, Patrick, Geist, Hunter, Thompson

NO None

Motion carried 7-0.

Consent item approved was a renewal application for hotel & restaurant liquor license for 10<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar and Grill, located at 91 Play Park Hill, Rocky Ford, CO.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Councilmember Patrick, who is one of City representatives along with Mayor Thompson to the Rocky Ford Planning Commission, reported on the Special Use Permit application reviewed by the Commission at their June 6, 2018 meeting. Christine and Michael Salas applied to operate an auto detailing business located in an R-3 Zone District. Planning Commission recommended approval of this Special Use Permit contingent upon certain specified conditions. Councilmember Jung moved to approve Special Use Permit #2018-1 for one-year for Christina and Michael Salas, to operate an auto detailing business at 402 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford, CO, subject to the recommendation of the Planning Commission as presented. Councilmember Ruiz seconded motion. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Pattie, Patrick, Geist, Hunter, Thompson  
NO None

Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF REAR-LOADER TRASH TRUCK**

Public Works Director Rick Long recommended to City Council the purchase of a “new to us” rear loading trash truck to replace the aging truck the City currently owns. Councilmember Patrick moved to approve the purchase of a 2007 Sterling Acterra with 25-yard New Way King Cobra trash compactor for a not-to-exceed amount of \$42,500 from Hardline Equipment of Henderson, CO, and authorize the trade-in of the City’s 1993 Ford/McNeilus trash truck plus the use of a 50% rental credit for a total purchase price of \$36,700.

Councilmember Geist seconded motion. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Pattie, Patrick, Geist, Hunter, Thompson  
NO None

Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL TRASH TOTES**

Public Works Director Rick Long recommended to City Council the purchase of additional trash totes to get the City by for the remainder of 2018. It was moved by Councilmembers Pattie and seconded by Councilmember Patrick to approve the purchase of an additional seventy-five (75) ninety gallons trash totes from Lowes of Pueblo, Co for \$89.00 each for a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,675.00. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Pattie, Patrick, Geist, Hunter, Thompson  
NO None

Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #936**

Interim City Manager Rabe explained the purpose of the proposed ordinance is to clarify Council’s legislative intent to charge all utility customers for trash service regardless of whether they choose to haul their own to the landfill or not. Councilmember Patrick moved to approve **Ordinance #936: An Ordinance Regarding the Collection and Removal of Garbage by the City of Rocky Ford**, on first reading. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Pattie, Patrick, Geist, Hunter, Thompson  
NO None

Motion carried 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #937**

The purpose of the proposed ordinance, as explained by Interim City Manager Rabe, is to authorize the sale of City-owned property, specifically at 29625 Industrial Park Road subsequent to the final negotiation of a suitable sales and purchase agreement. Councilmember Jung moved to approve **Ordinance #937: An Ordinance Approving the Sale of City-owned Property Located at 29625 Industrial Park Road**, on first reading. Councilmember Pattie seconded motion. Voting results were:

YES                   Jung, Ruiz, Pattie, Patrick, Geist, Hunter, Thompson  
NO                   None

Motion carried 7-0.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Interim City Manager Steve Rabe covered items in his report during the work session earlier this evening. He also presented Council with revenue and expense reports.

**MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES**

Councilmember Jung thanked Council for allowing her to attend the CML Annual Conference in Vail, CO. She reported that it was very enjoyable and worthwhile. Councilmember Jung then reported a mother from out of town told her that she prefers bringing her children to Rocky Ford swimming pool because she felt her kids were safer here. Jung commended pool manager Cindy Abert and staff for getting swimming season started on positive note.

Councilmember Pattie reported that OCLI met with engineering firm American Environmental Company (AEC) to finalize plans to issue a request proposal to close down site 1, the old landfill south of Rocky Ford. OCLI is also transferring some CDs currently coming due to Colorado Bank and Trust, for a higher yield percentage.

Councilmember Ruiz will meet with volunteers on Saturday, July 7, 2018. A local business offered its trucks and workers to help with clean-up day. Mayor Thompson offered to cook burgers for volunteers when clean-up day is held.

Councilmember Geist reported that Teri Erickson attended Philanthropy Days for the Museum Board to explore possible grants available. It was suggested that the Museum Board pursue a State Historical Society grant for the mudjacking project. A possible reference source suggested was a La Junta women with historical society experience.

Councilmember Hunter reported that she advised the Tree Board that the Council would like someone from the State Forestry Service to review their list of trees for removal. The board was amenable to the suggestion. Interim City Manager Rabe informed Council that a new revised list is out and shorter than the original.

Mayor Thompson read a thank you letter from the West Side Bible Church and Valley Community Church for the City allowing the combined churches to host a joint 2018 Vacation Bible School from June 12 to June 14 this summer at Library Park in Rocky Ford. Summer student musical is coming along well. Mayor Thompson was unable to attend the Arts Commission due to the student musical rehearsals.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL - None**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE AGENDA**

- City Manager Candidate Interview
- Resolution of Charges/Fees for City Park Facilities
- Fund Balance Policy
- Final Readings for Ordinances #936 and 937
- 2019 Budget

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Jung moved to adjourn. There being no further business, Mayor Thompson adjourned meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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J. R. Thompson, Mayor

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Cheryl Grasmick, City Clerk