



ROCKY FORD CITY COUNCIL

August 14, 2018

Rocky Ford City Council met in a budget worksession with Interim City Manager Steve Rabe, City Attorney Bart Mendenhall and several department heads: Mickey Bethel, Ray Gonzales, Rick Long, Shannon Wallace, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 in Council Chambers. Others present were Laura Thompson, Jolly Rose, Gerri Clark, Susan Bumstead, Cheryl Grasmick, Peggy Sue Romero.

Council then 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, Rachel Patrick, Barbara Hunter

Absent: Charles "Bill" Pattie, Rich Geist

Staff: Interim City Manager Steve Rabe, City Attorney Bart Mendenhall, City Clerk Cheryl Grasmick

Others present: Ray Gonzales, Jolly Rose, Gerri Clark, Daryl Grasmick, Tom Martin, Laura Thompson.

Mayor J. R. Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Jung moved to approve the minutes from the regular **July 24, 2018** council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Patrick. Voting results were:

YES Jung, Ruiz, Patrick

NO None

ABSTAIN Hunter, Thompson

ABSENT Pattie, Geist

Motion carried 3-0, with two abstaining.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tom Martin addressed Council with concerns for the following three items:

1. Fire damaged building at 415 S Main that has no roof, no floors and is about to collapse and bring down his building beside it and possibly others.
2. Large amount of trash, including furniture and used electronics, left behind Thrift Shop on North Main Street, with much of trash spilling onto his property.
3. Low water pressure in the Hancock Addition.

Mr. Martin also expressed his appreciation to J.M. Tucker for using his own equipment to find and repair a leak in the Hancock Addition neighborhood over the weekend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick and seconded by Councilmember Jung to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

The consent items approved were:

Resolution #10, Series 2018 – Banking Resolution for First National Bank
Resolution #11, Series 2018 – Banking Resolution for State Bank of Rocky Ford
Resolution #12, Series 2018 – Banking Resolution for Community Banks of Colorado
Resolution #13, Series 2018 – Banking Resolution for Fowler State Bank
Special Event Permit – RF Chamber of Commerce, 9/29/18, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Special Event Permit – BPOE #1147, 8/17/18, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
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Special Event Permit – BPOE #1147, 9/15/18, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight
Retail Liquor Store License Renewal – Lobo’s Curve Liquor, 1504 Elm Avenue, Rocky Ford, CO

RESIGNATION OF CHARLES “BILL” PATTIE

Councilmember Jung moved to accept the resignation of Councilmember Charles “Bill” Pattie, declare a vacancy in Ward I and establish a due date for letters of interest for the position for Thursday, September 6th, at 5:00 p.m. with interviews to be conducted by City Council at their September 11, 2018 meeting.

Councilmember Hunter seconded motion. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Interim City Manager Steve Rabe reported on the following items:

- He shared his task list with Council in the agenda packet.
- CML Fall District 6 meeting is in Lamar on September 20. Please decide if you would like to go.
- CML is asking for volunteers from the Colorado municipalities’ councils and boards to serve on its Policy Committee.
- Department heads will meet with Council and the City Auditors for the second budget work session on August 28, 2018.
- He advised Council that his current contract as interim city manager expires August 20, 2018. Council can decide to extend his contract for another 30 days or consider what other direction to take.

ROCKY FORD CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO CML POLICY COMMITTEE

Councilmember Jung volunteered to represent the City on the CML committee. Councilmember Patrick moved to appoint Councilmember Jung as the City of Rocky Ford representative to the CML Policy Committee. Councilmember Hunter seconded motion. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Patrick, Hunter, Thompson
NO None
ABSTAIN Jung

ABSENT Geist
Motion carried 4-0, with one abstaining.

EXTENSION OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER SERVICE CONTRACT

Councilmember Patrick moved to approve an extension of the Service Contract with Interim City Manager Steve Rabe for at least another 30 days. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL REPORTS/UPDATES

Councilmember Jung reported that she attended one of the performances of the summer student musical and congratulated anyone who had anything to do with it. They deserve kudos for a great job. She then reported the swimming pool is doing great.

Mayor Thompson expressed his appreciation to Bob Basye for all of his work installing the informational panels at the kiosk in Huri-Back Park. He also thanked Public Works Director Rick Long and the City for allowing Bob to take the time to do this. There was no cost to the City because Mayor Thompson paid for the material and the panels came from the State/CDOT project.

Mayor Thompson reminded Council that Charles "Bill" Pattie was the City's designated representative to OCLI/OPI, with himself named as the alternate. With Mr. Pattie's resignation, Council will need to appoint another designated representative to OCLI/OPI. Mayor Thompson said that it was extremely difficult to leave his newspaper office on Mondays, so he could not fill in at OCLI at this time. Following discussion, it was the general consensus that if Councilmember Ruiz could not attend the meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018 for the City, then Councilmember Jung would. However, Susan did state that she could not commit herself for other Monday meetings. A designated representative will be appointed by Council at a later time.

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK PROCLAMATION

Valley Wide Health Service representatives had asked Mayor Thompson to sign their National Health Week Proclamation, but then discovered there was a conflict meeting because their company picnic was also tonight. However, they will meet with Mayor Thompson at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow to have their picture taken with the Mayor as he signs their proclamation.

It was moved by Councilmember Patrick and seconded by Councilmember Jung to approve the Mayor signing the National Health Week Proclamation for Valley Wide Health Service. Voting results were:

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

Motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE AGENDA

- Auditors will meet with Council and Department Heads at the Budget Workshop on Tuesday, August 28, 2018
- 2017 Audit Report
- Resolution of Charges/Fees for Parks facilities
- 2019 Budget
- City Manager position
- Consultation Services Agreement – Rabe
- Ward I Vacancy
- Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance – Public Safety Building

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Patrick moved to adjourn. There being no further business, Mayor Thompson adjourned meeting.

J. R. Thompson, Mayor

Cheryl Grasmick, City Clerk