

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Monday, August 26th, 2019

Town Council Present: Mayor Dick Claar, Councilmen Owen Mathews, Dale Petersen, Paul Smoot and Ben Glenn

Town Employees/Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Schneider, Police Chief Doug Lundborg, Attorney Jim Peck and HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville

Mayor Claar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Clerk Schneider updated Council on the recent hail damage claim. She presented the information from WAM on the proposed Black Hills Energy requests. **Councilman Mathews motioned to draft a letter protesting the proposed increase and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 5/0.** Discussion was had on the previous motion made from Council for approval for items/services costing more than \$1,000 and which direction Council would like to go. Council stated to continue to have department heads request approval from Council for items/services that cost \$1,000 or more prior to spending. Clerk Schneider discussed the funding requirements for Phase I of Powder River Water and using the water reserve account that was in place for the loan that was recently paid off. Councilman Mathews discussed using the 3rd specific funds for the difference required to keep in the reserve bank. **Councilman Mathews motioned to use the reserve funds, if not restricted, and to make up the difference that is required to hold in a reserve bank account out of 3rd specific funds and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 5/0.**

Mayor Claar requested to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. **Councilman Smoot motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:38 pm and Councilman Petersen seconded. Motion carried 5/0.**

Regular meeting of the Council reconvened at 8:01 pm with no action taken.

Chief Lundborg updated the Council on the police department. He discussed the Emergency Management of back up resources for water in the event of an emergency. Cory stated there is a back up generator that uses propane and can run for a long period of time. A test run is done every Tuesday. Cory will provide a paper copy of the emergency plan to Chief Lundborg.

Nancy Feehan , MTC, stated Bearlodge is interested in expanding. Nancy stated they will do a feasibility study to see if it is cost effective. Discussion was had on some improvements to the outside area. Andrea Wood updated Council on the MTC teen room.

Cory gave the Public Works report. He stated City of Sundance will be hauling twice a week to the landfill and will work with the current landfill schedule. Discussion was had on the part time hours and

insurance. Carla Goff, landfill attendant, wanted to remind the public the landfill is open to everyone in the surrounding areas and is not just restricted to Moorcroft residents.

Heath updated Council on the projects. He discussed applying for the MRG of Phase II of Powder River Water and if Council would like to proceed. The application deadline is Sept. 19th. Council advised to move forward with the application.

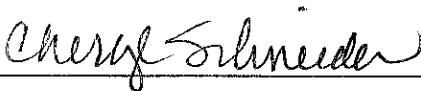
Discussion was had on the lots on Big Horn. A workshop is scheduled for tomorrow, Tues. Aug 27th at 6 pm.

With no further business, **Councilman Glenn motioned to adjourn at 9:11 pm and Councilman Smoot seconded. Motion carried 5/0.**



Dick Claar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer