

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Monday, March 9th, 2020

Town Council Present: Mayor Dick Claar, Councilmen Owen Mathews, Dale Petersen

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Schneider, Sergeant Bill Bryant, 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.

Guest John Aloisio discussed where the Town is at on the engine break Ordinance and signs. Mayor Claar stated he would follow up with Public Works Cory Allison as he was not here this week.

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Councilman Mathews seconded. Mayor Claar abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried 3/0.

Councilman Glenn joined the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Guest John Critel was present to discuss the train whistles and also the recent water issue he experienced this weekend. Mayor Claar stated Cory has followed up with the railroad on the situation. Some of the members discussed the water issue could have been caused by the fire training and the lines that were used over the weekend.

Clerk Schneider stated the Town Hall employees will be doing AED and CRP training. She discussed the options for the bridge loan for the design on the lagoon and the outstanding invoices to HDR. The bank financing the interim loan will go ahead and include the design portion, but it is at a ½ percent higher than Rural Water. One option was to apply for the Rural Water loan for the \$100,000 and the second option would be to temporarily use the Town sewer reserves until the USDA funding comes through. Another option discussed was had on using the specific purpose tax as this is an infrastructure improvement. Discussion was had with Attorney Peck. **Councilman Mathews motioned to move forward with interim financing for the design and do all the financing together with Points West Community Bank and Councilman Glenn seconded. Councilmen Smoot, Glenn, Mathews and Mayor Claar yay and Councilman Petersen nay. Motion carried 4/1.**

Sergeant Bill Bryant updated council on the police department. Discussion was had on the interview process for a police officer. **Councilman Glenn motioned to advertise the vacancy again until April 1st and to set up interviews at the end of April and Councilman Smoot seconded. Motion carried 5/0.**

Nancy Feehan gave the MTC report. She stated Charlie Britton presented the MTC committee with information on the outside lighting at the MTC and request applying for available grants and for donations. Clerk Schneider stated she thinks this would be a great fit for the WYECIP grant and is willing to work on the grant. **Councilman Petersen motioned to recommend seeking grants and donations for the outside lighting and Councilman Mathews seconded. Motion carried 5/0.** Andrea Wood was also present and stated she and the kids on the Secret Squirrel Brigade will be working on some of the projects at the parks. They would like to work on a project at the MTC in the coal bin area. She requested to apply for the Arts Council grant. **Councilman Smoot motioned to allow the grant application process and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 5/0.**

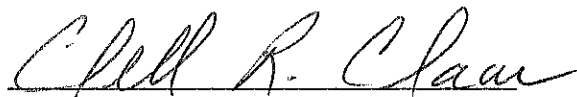
Heath Turbiville updated the Council on the Town's projects.

Attorney Peck discussed the bidding of Town property with the Council.

Councilman Petersen motioned to move into Executive Session at 8:43 pm to discuss personnel and real estate and Councilman Smoot seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

The regular meeting of the Council reconvened at 10:37 pm. **Councilman Glenn motioned to re-advertise the sale of the VFW property with the changes discussed in the regular meeting and to accept bids until 5:00 pm on April 13th and Councilman Mathews seconded. Motion carried 5/0.**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Claar adjourned the meeting at 10:39 pm.


Dick Claar, Mayor

Attest:


Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer