

Town of Moorcroft  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

**Town Representatives Present:** Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Schneider, HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville, and Officer Bill Bryant

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

Guest Tom Mills was present to ask what restrictions the Town had on decorating the plots at the cemetery. Discussion was had on Council stated the owner would be responsible for the upkeep of the plot and not to obstruct the area of mowing. Council thanked Tom for coming to the meeting.

Donna Ricks, Moorcroft Senior Citizen Center, inquired about the new electronic sign donated by the Moorcroft Senior Citizens. The town clerk's office will maintain and operate the sign.

**Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 3/0.**

Clerk Schneider discussed the request from Deere Haven to expand an area out the back door of their establishment to maintain the social distancing requirements. A temporary fence such as a snow fence will be around the area with the potential of a permanent fence. Discussion was had. **Councilman Glenn motioned to allow Deere Haven to expand an area out the back door, with the area being fenced, all customers coming through the front entrance only, and any violations of these restrictions will be addressed and Councilman Petersen seconded. Motion carried 3/0.** Clerk Schneider stated that she, Mayor Claar and MTC Chairperson Nancy Feehan attended the Wyoming Business Council zoom meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> on the Town's Business Ready Community funding. The Town applied for a \$25,000 feasibility study grant with a match required for \$6,250. The Board recommended funding in the amount of \$43,750 for a comprehensive Economic & Community Development Plan and also recommended waiving the BRC rule which requires the match to be 25% cash match and allowing the \$6,250 cash match. SLIB board will make the final decision on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Schneider reminded everyone the election filing dates open May 14<sup>th</sup> and final date is May 29<sup>th</sup>. The next council meeting falls on a holiday and will be moved to Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Claar officially pinned Office Bill Bryant as the new Chief of Police. Chief Bryant stated they completed the police officer interviews and he recommends Eric Henshaw. Mr. Henshaw is from Alabama and will be moving to Wyoming. **Councilman Glenn motioned to hire Eric Henshaw as a police officer and Councilman Petersen seconded. Motion carried.** Discussion was had on the moving stipend.

**Councilman Glenn motioned to offer Eric Henshaw a \$1,000 moving stipend and Councilman Petersen seconded. Motion carried 3/0.**

Nancy Feehan, MTC chairperson, was present to inquire the date to open the gym and Starfish. Councilman Petersen motioned to open the gym to walking and weight room only at this time, with no more than 10 people total, and Councilman Glenn seconded. **Motion carried 3/0. Councilman Petersen motioned to open Starfish, with no more than 10 people total and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 3/0.** Council stated that both entities will follow all Governors' guidelines on safety and precautions.

Mayor Claar read the public works report. Mayor Claar stated Cory Allison will not be attending the council meetings in the future, unless needed, and will submit a written report.

Clerk Schneider discussed the Crook County School District lease. Discussion was to change the verbiage to CCSD will do the floors and the Town will not be involved in assisting and the lease will be a two year lease, with the \$1500 be paid by the Town to help defray the cost of supplies, and the floor be refinished/refurbished during the two year term. **Councilman Petersen motioned to change the verbiage and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 3/0.**

Clerk Schneider read Ordinance 1-2020 in to record on 1<sup>st</sup> reading:

**ORDINANCE 1-2020, TITLE 12, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 12-501; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING 1979, TO INCLUDE AS CHAPTER 5, SECTION 12-501 AND ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF ENGINE COMPRESSION BRAKES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Councilman Glenn motioned to approve Ordinance 1-2020, on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, and Councilman Petersen seconded. Motion carried 3/0.**

Mayor Claar read in to record a Proclamation, Proclamation 307 to support the success and strength of our local and state economy and encourages the efforts our local business owners.

Mayor Claar discussed hiring Jeff Holberg to put together specs on the bathroom at Noonan Park. **Councilman Glenn motioned to have Jeff Holberg put together specs for a design for an ADA compliant restroom at Noonan Park and Councilman Petersen seconded. Motion carried 3/0.**

**With no further business, Councilman Glenn motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm and Councilman Petersen seconded. Motion carried 3/0.**

  
Dick Claar, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer