

Town of Moorcroft  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

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

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

Deidre Budahl, auditor with Casey Peterson, Ltd., was present via phone to present the annual audit review.

**Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and December Bill List 1 and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 4/0. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve December Bill List 2 and Councilman Smoot seconded. Councilman Glenn abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried 3/0.**

Discussion was had on the remainder of the proceeds from the sale of the VFW. Mayor Claar discussed a one-time bonus for full time employees since no annual raises were given this fiscal year. **Councilman Petersen motioned to give each full time employee a \$500 bonus, with the funds coming from the proceeds of the sale of the VFW and Councilman Smoot seconded. Motion carried 4/0. Councilman Petersen motioned to use the remainder of the proceeds of the sale of the VFW to pay for the gravel used for the Noonan Park project and Councilman Smoot seconded. Motion carried 4/0.**

Discussion was had on the COVID applications and reimbursements. Chief Bryant discussed his need for a new camera system that is not covered under the guidelines of COVID and finding funding for the equipment. The cost for a lease to own is approximately \$7,000 for the first year of the lease and \$5,000 for four years to follow. Councilman Petersen was concerned of the commitment of the \$5,000 each year and the funds possibly not being available. **Councilman Glenn motioned to approve the first year lease of \$7,000 and to be paid of general fund and Councilman Smoot seconded. Mayor Claar, Councilmen Glenn and Smoot yay, Councilman Petersen nay. Motion carried 3/1.**

Clerk Schneider reported the Town has been granted approximately \$296,000 in COVID grant money. She stated residential garbage will be picked up the Wednesday before both Christmas and New Year holiday. She stated the Town received \$14,353 in back franchise fees. \$7,000 will be used to pay for the first year lease on the police camera and the remainder will be in the general fund. Clerk Schneider stated that Council had moved Chief Bryant from interim Police Chief to permanent but did not address the salary. **Councilman Smoot motioned to increase Chief Bryant's salary by \$1.88 to make it equivalent to the other two department heads and to pay retroactive from the last meeting where he**

was moved to permanent and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 4/0. Discussion was had on bidding on the damaged scraper. Council does not wish to move forward with this.

Mayor Claar read the public works report.

Chief Bryant stated he had been working with Cory Allison on possibly removing South Belle Fourche off the snow route. Discussion was had on North Belle Fourche, but not acted on. **Councilman Petersen motioned to abandon South Belle Fourche from the snow route and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 4/0.** Discussion was had on the mandated 10:00 pm closure for the liquor establishments. Council stated they would not be in favor of enforcing this. Councilman Petersen stated he does not feel it is necessary to have the siren tested every Saturday and would rather see it done on a monthly basis. Discussion was had to move it from Saturdays. Chief Bryant stated he does feel it is necessary to test it regularly, but will look at moving it on a different day and not as often.

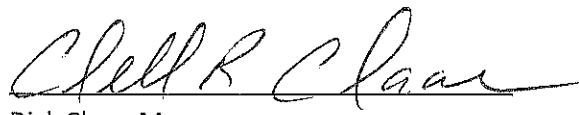
Nancy Feehan, MTC Chair, presented the new daily use gym agreement to the Council. Discussion was had on the fees and to change them when the Resolutions are approved at the next meeting. The FOB replacement fee will stay at \$25.00.

Heath Turbiville updated the Council on the lagoon and town projects. A workshop is scheduled for December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm prior to the council meeting.

**Councilman Petersen motioned to go into executive session at 8:25 pm to discuss personnel issues and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion carried 4/0.**

The regular meeting of the council was reconvened 8:30 pm with no action taken.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

  
Dick Claar, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Cheryl Schneider, Clerk Treasurer