

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Monday, January 25th, 2021

Town Council Present: Mayor Dick Claar, Councilmen Ben Glenn, Paul Smoot and Dale Petersen
Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Schneider, Police Chief Bill Bryant and HDR Engineers Heath Turbiville and Jeron Smith

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

Mayor Claar stated Council will not be appointing the new council member at this meeting as interviews will be conducted tomorrow evening and the appointment will take place at the next scheduled meeting.

Guest Dan Schutt, and other parents of the Black Widow basketball team, were present to discuss the issues they are having at the MTC while they are renting space. The issues were discussed and Mayor Claar stated moving forward there will be a cleaning check list for renters to use for cleaning up the rented areas after usage. Mayor Claar also offered to be the point of contact responsible for checking areas after the usage of the building.

Cindy Mosteller and Pam Jespersen, Moorcroft Historical Society, discussed the great plans they have for expanding the museum and the lots the Town has on North Big Horn. The lots would be beneficial for the expansion. Discussion was had for options to deed, lease or sale the land. Council will discuss this with the Town attorney before proceeding.

Councilman Smoot motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and Councilman Glenn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Schneider presented the following amendments to date for the budget:

Amend to increase budget \$51,486 for sale of VFW proceeds

Amend to increase budget \$14,353.41 for franchise fees correction from PREC

Amend to increase budget \$80,426.29 for COVID reimbursements

Amend to decrease water reserves to \$14,500

Amend to correct water expenditure to \$325,500

Amend to correct sewer expenditures to \$236,784

Amend to decrease sewer reserves to \$22,716

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the amendments as listed and Councilman Glenn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Schneider reported the lighting upgrade at the MTC has been completed by Good Electric. The lights look wonderful and thanked Good Electric. If the grant is available this next year, she will request permission to apply for the again and move forward with the remaining lighting in the building. Clerk Schneider discussed the Goshen project DWSRF #163 and CWSRF#191.

Councilman Smoot motioned to designate the revenue from water sales from the lagoon to the payments of above loans and Councilman Petersen seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Bryant reported the cameras are installed in the police cars. He is working with the Secret Squirrel Brigade and the MTC Teen room. Councilman Smoot stated he appreciated the work Bill put in on his annual written report.

Heath updated the Council on the Town's projects. He asked if the Town was planning to apply for Powder River Water Phase II as the applications are due February 18th for the June SLIB meeting. Discussion was had. **Councilman Petersen motioned to approve submitting the application and Councilman Glenn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Discussion was had on the cost reduction for RCS for the water sold and used at the lagoon. **Councilman Smoot motioned to reduce the fee from 4 cents to 2 cents per gallon and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion died due to lack of majority.** Discussion continued with a more reasonable charge would be 2.5 cents per gallon. **Councilman Glenn motioned to charge 2.5 cents per gallon for water sold to RCS and Councilman Petersen seconded. Councilmen Glenn, Petersen and Mayor Claar yay and Councilman Smoot nay. Motion carried 3/1.**

Mayor Claar stated Willard Gantz had reached his 6 month probation period and was told that after his 6 month probation and CDL licensing that he would receive a \$1.00 an hour raise. **Councilman Petersen motioned to increase Willard's salary \$1.00 per hour and Councilman Glenn seconded. Councilman Petersen, Glenn and Mayor Claar yays and Councilman Smoot nay. Motion carried.**

Mayor Claar stated Cory Allison have given him an estimate for the Bomag repairs. The cost is \$15,498.38. Discussion was had on what line item the repair would be paid as the repair line items are overexpended. The expense is necessary and will be paid from landfill budget and will be monitored toward the end of the year for changes. **Councilman Glenn motioned to approve the repair of the Bomag and Councilman Petersen seconded. Councilmen Glenn, Petersen and Mayor Claar yay and Councilman Smoot nay. Motion carried 3/1.**

Mayor Claar recommended to reappoint Karey Hedlund to the Promotion Board. **Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the appointment and Councilman Glenn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**


Councilman Petersen motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:15 pm to discuss personnel and Councilman Glenn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 8:45 pm. No action was taken. Discussion was had to schedule a Council retreat. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 27th at 8:00 am.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Smoot motioned to adjourn and Councilman Petersen seconded. All ayes, motion carried.


Dick Claar, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer