

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, August 28th, 2024

Town Council Present: Mayor Ben Glenn, Councilmembers Dale Petersen, Austin Smith, Bob Stewart and Heidi Humpal

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant, Director of Public Works Scott Green and HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville

Mayor Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call was taken with all council present.

Guest Cindy Mosteller with West Texas Trails Museum came to advise council about the upcoming Heritage Roundup and ask to close the street and relax open container ordinance for the event. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to close N. Big Horn Ave in front of Gift's, Thrifts & Gift's to the Museum from 4-10pm on September 21 and to relax the open container ordinance for that date and time for the same area. Councilmember Stewart seconded, all ayes, motion carried.** Mosteller also asked Council if they would mind if she digitized the cemetery records for a CWAM class she is taking. Council agreed to let Mosteller take on that task.

Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 & 2, Councilmember Smith seconded. Discussion was had regarding an invoice on the bill list. **All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve August Bill List #2, Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried with Councilmember Smith abstaining.**

Clerk Connally gave clerk department update to Council. Connally asked Council to put together a committee to go over the list of construction management consultants and select a consultant to use for the upcoming Powder River Water project. Councilmembers Petersen, Humpal and DPW Green will meet September 3 at 3pm to discuss.

Director of Public Works Green gave his department report. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the Town of Moorcroft flag for the MTC. Councilmember Humpal seconded, all ayes, motion carried.**

Police Chief Bryant updated the Council on the police department. Bryant asked to obtain a 4th user license for the EForce software as they will need it with the 4th Officer position. **Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the purchase of another EForce license up to \$1500.00. Councilmember Petersen seconded, all ayes, motion carried.**

HDR Engineer Turbiville updated the council on multiple projects. Powder River Water Project bids were opened and there was good participation with 5 bids being submitted. Turbiville recommended to award bid to Hot Iron. **Councilmember Smith motioned to award Hot Iron the Powder River Water Phase II project in the amount of \$1,110,639.92. Councilmember Stewart seconded, all ayes, motion carried.**

MTC Lock installs should be started next week. SS4A grant application was submitted, should know by late winter if approved. Pathway project is still in design phase, next application process is in March.

Fire Chief Holberg updated Council on the fire department. Council was provided a quote for SCBA's from Curtis Tools for \$148,229.55. The Town's match for this grant is 5%. Councilmember Stewart motioned to purchase the equipment using the Fire WyoStar account and taking the rest out of the Fire Dept budget in General Fund. Councilmember Humpal seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Holberg also gave Council an update on the ongoing remodel of the MTC in the future Town Hall area. Woolsey Construction to start window replacement next week.

Lexi McKee gave EMS report to Council.

New Business: Councilmember Petersen motioned to accept the resignation of Cody Amende. Councilmember Smith seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Petersen motioned to advertise for a Public Works Technician. Councilmember Stewart seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

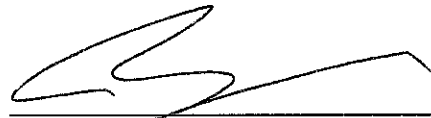
Old Business: Discussion was had regarding the second set of MTC steps, it was decided not to proceed in repairs at this time. Discussion on purchasing a new snow plow and sander combination truck. Councilmember Petersen motioned to purchase the 2001 Sterling Dump Truck with Snow Plow in the amount of \$37,995.00 out of WyoStar vehicle replacement and up to \$5,000 for transportation. Councilmember Stewart seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Discussion was had regarding new playground equipment at Texas Trails Park. Councilmember Smith motioned to purchase playground equipment for Texas Trails park from Star Playground Equipment at \$40,251.00 using the \$20,000 budgeted in Parks budget and taking the remaining out of the Specific Purpose account. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmember Stewart, Petersen and Humpal aye, Councilmember Petersen nay, motion carried. Discussion was had regarding installing a big commercial size fan on the ceiling of the MTC gym. Councilmember Humpal provided the Council with multiple quotes on different size fans. Councilmember Humpal was asked to get electrical installation quotes and bring the information back to the September 11th meeting for discussion.

Councilmember Smith motioned to go into executive session at 7:28 pm to discuss personnel, Councilmember Petersen seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular meeting of the council reconvened at 8:59pm.

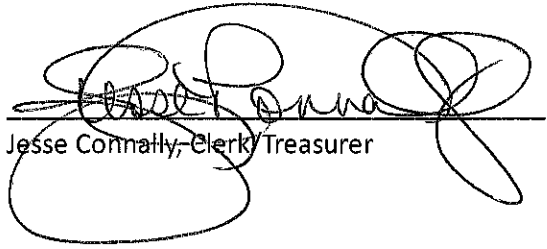
Councilmember Stewart motioned to move Justin Thomas to full time at \$22.00/hour with benefits effective August 25th. Councilmember Smith seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, **Councilmember Humpal motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:00pm. Councilmember Stewart seconded, all ayes, motion carried.**



Ben Glenn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer