

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Town Council Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dale Petersen, Councilmembers Bob Stewart and Heidi Humpal

Town Representatives Present: Municipal Clerk/Treasurers Cheryl Schneider and Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant, Public Works Director Cory Allison and HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville

Mayor Pro Tem Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call was taken with Mayor Ben Glenn and Councilmember Austin Smith excused.

Bids for the cemetery were received. Clerk Schneider read the three bids:

1. \$1500.00 from Dave Elliott
2. \$1300.00 from Cody Amende
3. \$1200.00 from Triple T Services

Discussion was had on the bids. Public works mowed the cemetery; however, the bid will include mowing once or twice in June. The expenditure will come from this year's budget. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the lowest bid received to Triple T Services for \$1200.00 and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Clerk Schneider updated the council on her department. A budget workshop is scheduled for May 29th at 6:00 p.m. Interviews were held last week for the part time municipal clerk. Chief Bryant and Municipal Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally recommended hiring Samantha Blakeman as the part time municipal clerk, non-benefitted, up to 30 hours a week at \$18.00 per hour. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve Samantha Blakeman for the part time position and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Discussion was had on the MTC cleaning and the extra work to be done in preparation for rentals. Public Works Director Allison recommended paying an additional amount for the shampooing, window cleaning and jobs other than the normal cleaning in the rooms that are going to be rented out through leases. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to pay \$25 per hour, with a maximum of 8 hours per room with a preapproval to do more than 8 hours, town will pay for the rental shampooer and supplies, coming from 1179421 GL account, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Public Works Cory Allison stated that he has finished interviewing for the summer maintenance position. He is recommending Justin Thomas at 40 hours per week at \$1500 per month, Monday through Friday from 8 am – 5 pm, and Keelie Wendling at 40 a per week at \$13.50 per hour with the same days of the week and hours. Justin will begin on Tuesday, May 28th and Keelie will start June 17th. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve hiring Justin Thomas and Keelie Wendling for the summer positions at the salary and work schedule discussed and Councilmember**

Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Public Works Director Allison discussed the aeration of the parks. He has a quote from Triple T services for the aeration to do all the parks. He stated the push behind rent for about \$100 per hour and to purchase a rider would be \$21,000. Discussion was had. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to accept Triple T service quote for \$2200 to do all the park's aeration, completing within two weeks, and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Heath Turbiville updated the council on the town's projects. He provided plans and specifications for the splash park for the Council's review. After comments, it will be ready to bid. Discussion was had on the landfill costs. Further discussion will be had when all council is available.

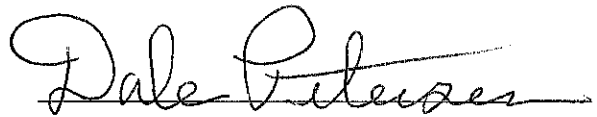
Chief Bryant updated the Council on the police department.

Discussion was had on the current animal license fees and which direction to move for commercial verses hobby. The fees were discussed. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to leave the hobby and commercial rates as is until further discussion at the next council meeting Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Stewart motioned to amend Resolution 3-2024, changing the animal license fee from \$25 to \$20 for intact animals, as that is what is currently being charged and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

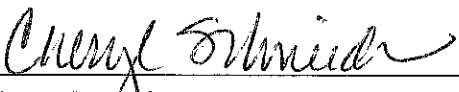
Discussion was had on the landfill fees and the changes. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to update the landfill tipping fees from \$73 to \$85, including shingles and \$85 per ton straight across the board for in town and out of town customers, effective immediately and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Clerk Schneider stated the MTC cleaning contract will expire June 1st. Kari will be cleaning the rooms to prepare for the three rentals. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to extend the current contract until December 31st, 2024 and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Stewart motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.


Dale Petersen, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer