

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, October 9th, 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, Public Works Director 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, except Councilmember Smith.

Councilmember Smith arrived after roll call.

Guests Wendy DePina and Katie Allen with Crook County Public Health, Be Well Coalition County Wide Prevention. DePina and Allen spoke to the Council regarding a Drug Free Communities Grant through the CDC which provides \$125,000 a year for 10 years to focus specifically on youth substance abuse prevention. DePina and Allen provided council with information and examples of how the coalition does outreach in the communities and schools to educate children, parents and the community at large about preventing substance abuse, suicide prevention and support groups.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 & 2, Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve October Bill List #2, Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, with Mayor Glenn abstaining.

Clerk Connally updated the Council on the clerk's office. Deputy Clerk Blakeman will be attending the LPA Certification Class in Casper on October 16th. Connally advised that the Moorcroft Senior Center was requesting an updated MOU for the rooms they are using at the MTC. Councilmembers will look over the current agreement and discussion will be had at the next meeting. **Councilmember Smith motioned to designate the 2024/2025 Wyoming Community Gas distribution payment to parks for playground equipment. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Director of Public Works Green updated Council on the public works department. Boilers in MTC will be turned on the week of October 21st. School Zone signs have been installed on Country Lane. Parks were fertilized.

Police Chief Bryant updated the Council on the police department. Still following up with leads on Westview Park vandalism. Officers will be working with the school for Homecoming activities next week.

HDR Engineer Turbiville updated the council on the Town's multiple projects. Powder River Water Phase II contractor would like to start work this fall, but it is looking closer to starting in the spring. Splash Pad equipment is being ordered now to avoid a price increase.

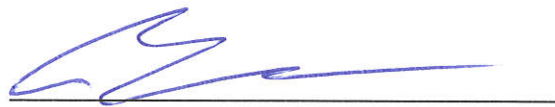
Fire Chief Holberg updated Council on the fire department. The Fire Department was able to obtain 2 quotes for the FEMA Grant that they were awarded. Holberg requested to go with Curtis Tools quote as they quoted the exact list of the MSA's requested and the department already uses those units and is familiar with them. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve the ordering of Fire equipment from Curtis Tools with the 95/5 FEMA Grant with the 5% match to be funded by the Fire Dept WyoStar account of \$6100 with the remainder to be taken out of the Fire Department's working budget. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Holberg also gave Council an update on the ongoing remodel of the MTC in the future Town Hall area. Windows are installed on the Town Hall side and the siding process will be started.

New Business: Supporters of Crook County 1% Tax Committee requested Clerk Connally ask the Mayor and Council if they, only as individuals, would be willing to support the advertisement of the 1% tax by making any size monetary donation to the committee to help pay for those advertisement costs. Discussion was had regarding the 1% tax and how it helps to fund or completely funds projects such as the Future Dick Claar Memorial Splash Park, grant matches for water main replacements and upgrading playground equipment in parks.

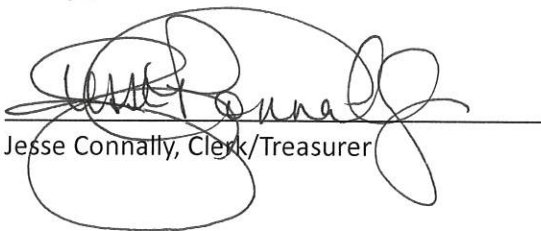
Old Business: **Councilmember Peterson motioned to approve the Visionary Communications agreement. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

With no further business to discuss, **Councilmember Stewart motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:54 pm. Councilmember Humpal seconded, all ayes, motion carried.**



Ben Glenn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer