

Town Of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, July 9th, 2025

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

Town Representatives Present: Deputy Clerk Samantha Blakeman, Town Attorney Patrick Carpenter, Chief of Police Bill Bryant, Fire Chief Jeff Holberg

Guest: Quentin Rodgers and Bryan Mills with Powder River Energy came to speak with the Council about the Battery Project. During discussion at 7:15 PM Mayor Glenn closed the regular meeting of the Council to open bids for the current Moorcroft Town Hall sale.

One bid was received from Crown Properties in the amount of \$375,000.00. As there were no other bids received Mayor Glenn resumed the regular Council meeting at 7:16 PM.

Guests Rodgers and Mills provided the town with information on how the battery project would be in the towns best interest. As more information becomes available and the project moves forward, they will bring the town that information.

Guest: Crook County Commissioner Bob Latham spoke with the Council regarding the MOU between the Moorcroft and Crook County regarding fire and emergency services. He offered to pay the town \$3,000.00 per year to help offset Workers Comp costs. Mayor Glenn and the County Commissioner agreed to end the MOU's 30 day notice to terminate meet to discuss options and rewrite the MOU.

Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda items 1, 2 & 3; Council meeting minutes June 25th, 2025 & July bill lists 1 & 2. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve July bill lists 3 & 4. Councilmember Stewart seconded. Mayor Glenn abstained, Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Blakeman gave the department report. The AFG Grant semi final financial and performance reports have been completed to remain in compliance with the grant funding. Blakeman requested approval to start the audit process. **Councilmember Smith motioned to approve engagement letter from Casey Peterson for an Audit for the fiscal year 24/25. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Blakeman advised that Clerk Connally advised the State Leasing Division know, missing bathroom signs have been hung at the MTC and we are now compliance with the new House Bill. Workers Comp reports have been received and they have been shared with April from Public Works to be worked on. Clerk

Connally provided Mayor Glenn with the Permit from the DEQ to be signed for the Water Load out relocation. SheShed has requested to move into room 159 on Saturday, July 12th. Mayor Glenn gave the ok to allow She Shed to move.

Mayor Glenn gave the Public Works department report. Texas Trails park will be completed by the end of the week. Mosquitos spraying will continue in the mornings. Mayor Glenn stated he would like to see the Landfill be completely shut down by September 1st, 2025. Discussion will be had at the next council meeting. Councilmember Petersen advised everyone that the dedication for the Splash Pad is July 10th, at 3 PM. Councilmember Humpal asked about pets in Noonan Park. Mayor Glenn would like to see no pets allowed at Noonan Park. Mayor Glenn would like to keep the park clean and safe as much as possible. Discussion was had regarding putting up a sign stating no pets. Mayor Glenn stated that Noonan Park will be the only pet free park in Moorcroft. Councilmember Petersen would like to have Doggy Bag stations set up in all parks. Mayor Glenn read a letter of recommendation for Justin Thomas who obtained his Pesticide Applicator License. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for Thomas, and a \$600.00 flat rate back pay from March 31st, 2025. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Chief of Police Bill Bryant gave his department report. The spare cop car will return tomorrow. Chief Bryant has provided copies of the damaged radiator. **Councilmember Smith motioned to approve an additional \$1,038.98 to do final repairs. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.** NCIC project has moved forward and it is near completion. Chief Bryant spoke with Tom Mills regarding placing more cameras. He will have a price soon. Radar signs have been placed and a few batteries will need replaced. August 8th they will have training on the Bola Wraps. Officer Plum is set to go to the Academy in August.

Fire Chief Jeff Holberg gave the department report. Everything is set up for Jubilee weekend. Hydrant flushing is continuing. They will work on the dry system to satisfy the Fire Marshal. They will get a price to fix the fire alarm system. Mayor Glenn and Chief Holberg met with the Fire Chief and Mayor of Pine Haven. They would like the Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Moorcroft and Pine Haven to be updated and signed. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve to update the MOA. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.**

Jeff Holberg gave the MTC report. He did a final walk through with the Fire Marshal. All fire alarm systems work other than the kitchen and cafeteria. CSI has been contacted. The Town Hall renovation is near completion. Completion will be July 15th, 2025. Cleaners will do a final clean up next week.

Councilmember Petersen motioned to go into executive session to discuss the Town Hall Sale bid. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 8:44 PM.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 9:05 pm. **Councilmember Smith motioned to reject the bid for the Town Hall sale from Crown Properties in the amount of \$375,000.00.**

Councilmember Petersen seconded. Councilmember Humpal abstained. Motion carried.

Old Business: Water Load out quotes and paperwork have been provided by HDR. Discussion was had regarding the project. **Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve the Water Load out at \$64,301.18. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Mayor Glenn opposed. Motion carried.**

Councilmember Smith motioned to go into executive session to discuss Personnel.

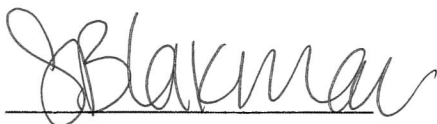
Councilmember Petersen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 9:20 pm.

The regular meeting of the Council reconvened at 10:22 pm. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to hire Julian Moss for the Maintenance/Custodial position at \$18/hour. Councilmember Stewart seconded. Smith opposed. Motion carried.**

Councilmember Petersen motioned to advertise a Public Works Director position.

Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, **Councilmember Humpal motioned to adjourn at 10:25 pm. Councilmember Petersen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.**



Samantha Blakeman, Deputy Clerk



Ben Glenn, Mayor