## Town of Moorcroft Regular Meeting of the Council Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

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

Mayor Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call was taken.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve Consent Agenda items 1 & 2; Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2025 & February Bill List #1. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmembers Smith, Humpal and Mayor Glenn ayes, Councilmember Petersen abstained, motion carried.

Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve Consent Agenda item #3; February Bill List #2, Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmembers Petersen, Humpal and Mayor Glenn ayes, Councilmember Smith abstained, motion carried.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve Consent Agenda item #4; February Bill List #3. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmembers Petersen, Smith & Humpal ayes, Mayor Glenn abstained, motion carried.

Guest Nancy Feehan asked to speak with Council regarding Starfish Secondhand Store. Feehan advised Council that Starfish had its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary and about the multiple programs that Starfish assists with. She explained the process of selling the items and that all items are for sale by donations, however there are a few items that have suggested prices on them. Mayor Glenn thanked Nancy for her hard work and stated the Council needed to open the public meeting but would come back to her after.

Mayor Glenn closed the Regular Meeting of the Council at 7:15 pm to open the Public Meeting for 2025 Liquor License renewals. Public Meeting was opened at 7:15 pm.

Mayor Glenn asked if there was any discussion regarding the renewal of Liquor Licenses. Clerk Connally advised that there was discussion regarding adding a contingency to the licenses requiring license holders to cooperate with Law Enforcement as necessary and allow access to security equipment as necessary without cost to the Town. Councilmember Petersen asked that since this was last minute and only one licensee was present at the meeting, that all licensee's be advised of the requirement and sign a document saying as such. With no other discussion, Public Meeting was closed at 7:24 pm and the Regular Meeting of the Council reconvened at 7:24 pm.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the renewal of liquor licenses for Kelli Donahue & Kandi Elliott, DBA Donna's Diner II; Deere Haven LLC; D.A. Peterson & Associates, LLC, DBA Grazer's Burgers & Beers; K & R Kimsey LLC, DBA Dewey's Place; & CC&F Retail Inc, DBA Coffee Cup Fuel Stop #5 Moorcroft, contingent that the licensee's agree to the new

requirement set by council regarding law enforcement cooperation. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Glenn advised Guest Nancy Feehan that she could continue speaking about Starfish. She advised Council that people drop stuff off outside of the building often, even though there are signs stating no drop off and to set up an appointment. Council discussed ways to remind the public to stop dropping off items outside of the building.

Clerk Connally gave her report. Deere Haven requested a 3-day catering permit. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve a Catering Permit for Deere Haven March 14-16, 2025 for the upcoming Crook/Weston Pool Tournament being held at the MTC, Councilmember Smith seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Pinnacle Bank requested to use town facilities in the event of an emergency or disaster. Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve Pinnacle Bank's request to utilize town facilities in the event of an emergency or disaster to allow for the continuance of their business, Councilmember Humpal seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Director Green gave his report. Part to repair the new treadmill at the MTC Gym is on its way and once installed the treadmill will be anchored to the floor. Discussion was had regarding weight room, new items and security cameras. Plow trucks are repaired and running. Councilmember Petersen asked Green to gather cost estimates on freshening up the outside of MTC to improve the building appearance.

Chief Bryant gave his report. Two Officers have signed up to take Child Safety Seat classes. Chief advised Council of 2018 vehicle problems and the need for repairs. Data transfer from old reporting system to new reporting system is almost complete. Chief updated Council on the process and costs to dispose of unclaimed lost/found items and it was decided that the PD continue to store the items as the process was not cost effective.

HDR Engineer Turbiville gave his report. Splash Pad and Powder River Water Phase II are still anticipating a spring start date. Town is waiting on documents from the state for the North Little Horn Water Project. Turbiville advised that Clerk Connally sent out all notices and paper advertisements required by DEQ for the Landfill closure process.

No EMS or Fire Report.

MTC discussion was had. Councilmember Petersen advised Council of some items that he would like to see done prior to Town Hall moving up to the MTC, to make sure that it is done before opening. Council discussed signage; sound system for new council chambers; projection machine; and security system.

New Business: Mayor, Council and Department Heads will hold a retreat at the MTC Library on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 beginning at 8:00 am – to discuss town goals for the coming year.

Old Business: C & D Landfill Pit – Mayor Glenn stated he would love to see a C & D Pit at the landfill, but the numbers are just not there and he does not feel that Moorcroft can afford it. He stated it is a wonderful service for our community and the surrounding communities but does not believe the people of Moorcroft alone should pay for it. HDR Engineer Turbiville agreed that the costs of the new pit vs possible revenue do not support taking on the costs of a C & D Pit. Mayor Glenn stated

that Moorcroft wants to be and has tried to be good neighbors by keeping it open, but Mayor and Council need to look out for what is best for Moorcroft. Council agreed. Turbiville reminded Council of the \$250,000 SRF loan that has not been used and intended for preliminary engineering on a new landfill and C & D Pit. Turbiville will discuss the closing with DEQ and see about setting up a meeting. Council will wait to motion until after the meeting with DEQ. Mayor and Council agreed to let Turbiville advise SLIB that the Town will not be utilizing the SRF loan.

Councilmember Petersen motioned to have an executive session to discuss personnel, Councilmember Smith seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Council moved into executive session at 8:51 pm.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 9:14 pm. Councilmember Petersen motioned to hold a special meeting Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to discuss personnel, Councilmember Humpal seconded, all ayes motion carried. Councilmember Petersen motioned to adjourn at 9:16 pm and Councilmember Humpal seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

Ben Glenn, Mayor

Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer