

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

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

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

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

Mayor Glenn was approached by Moorcroft High School Post Prom Committee and asked about using the Fire Hall again for their post prom festivities. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to allow the Post Prom to use the Fire Hall on April 4th and 5th, Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Guest Nancy Feehan came to speak with Mayor and Council regarding a significant water leak at her property on 108 N. Belle Fourche. Nancy asked for some forgiveness on the amount of her water usage. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to credit \$127.99 back to Feehan's account, Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Guest Joe Messner with Engineering Associates approached Mayor and Council to request a variance at 204 W. Carbon Street, as they are requesting to build a septic system due to the length and route of sewer services and due to the shallowness of the existing sewer service as compared to where they will build as they would not be able to gravity drain. Mayor Glenn recused himself at 7:05 pm and turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Petersen due to conflict of interest. Mayor Pro-Tem Petersen asked Council if they had questions for Mr. Messner. Discussion was had regarding the request. Town Attorney Pat Carpenter advised Council there should be a Publication and a Public Hearing on this variance request. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to advertise for a Public Hearing for variance request, Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmembers Humpal, Smith, Stewart and Mayor Pro-Tem Petersen ayes, Mayor Glenn abstained.** Public Hearing will be held on April 9th, 2025 @ 7:15pm. Mayor Pro-Tem Petersen turned the meeting back over to Mayor Glenn at 7:20 pm.

Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda items 1, 2 & 3; Minutes of Special Council Meeting February 25, 2025, Minutes of Council Meeting February 26, 2025, and March Bill List #3, Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 4; March Bill List #2, Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmembers Stewart, Petersen, Humpal and Mayor Glenn ayes, Councilmember Smith abstained, motion carried. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve consent agenda item 5; March Bill List #3, Councilmember Petersen seconded. Councilmembers Stewart, Petersen, Humpal and Smith ayes, Mayor Glenn abstained, motion carried.

Clerk Connally gave her department report. In preparation of the move to the MTC, the clerk's office has been going through stored records and per the state retention schedule has started logging and destroying items allowed. Liquor licenses were picked up by licensees. Wyoming Amusements is utilizing the MTC gym and library again for their big pool tournament March 12-17.

Director of Public Works Green gave his department report. Meter pit leak at 208 S. Belle Fourche found and fixed. Public Works also repaired more radio readers. Heater in MTC gym foyer and Starfish room heaters repaired. Sander for GMC plow truck needs rebuilt and the plow on GMC was repaired. Assisted Hulett with sewer jetting. Vactor truck training will take place soon. Heath Turbiville advised Council that lead service lines grant application to identify lead lines in town are due in June. No cost to the town for HDR to do the application. Playground equipment for Texas Trails is tentatively scheduled for install around May 1st. Street sweeping should start in the next couple weeks depending on weather.

Chief of Police gave his department report. Five interviews for open officer position will be held March 14th.

HDR Engineer Turbiville updated the Council on projects. Splash Pad and Powder River Water Project are still set to begin in the spring. Splash Pad completion to be done by June 1st. Councilmember Smith asked Director Green to contact PREC to move power poles in Noonan Park. Turbiville requested a workshop to discuss Pedestrian Pathways progress update. Mayor Glenn stated it could be set before the next council meeting. Turbiville advised that the time period is open to submit of statements of interest for the next phase of pathways. **Councilmember Petersen motioned to allow Heath Turbiville with HDR to do the statement of interest for the next Pathways Grant, Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** North Little Horn project is waiting on documents from the state. DEQ is reviewing the landfill closure design. Council will also have a workshop before the next meeting to talk about the landfill.

Fire Chief Holberg gave fire update. EMS & Fire had their annual banquet. Holberg asked Director Green if Public Works would be able to help move trucks around for Post Prom. Maintenance repairs were done to ladder truck and Engine 5. Currently there are 33 active members and close to 40 members on the roster. Bi-laws are almost done.

Town Hall remodel update by Holberg. Duct work is going in. Fire alarm system has been ordered. Planned pre-wire areas with Collins Communications for siren system and cameras. Ordered siding from Sundance Custom Steel. Exterior lights were ordered and have arrived. Platform for new council chambers has been built.

New Business:

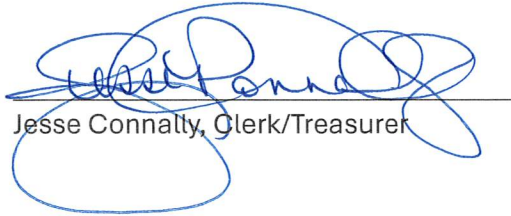
Westview Park: Shelters at Noonan Park are to be moved to Westview Park. Director Green was asked to get quotes to pour a couple concrete pads for the shelters. Discussion was had regarding the basketball/tennis court at Westview. This topic to be discussed at the town retreat.

No Old Business:

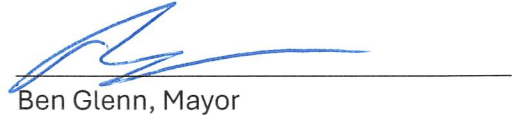
Mayor Glenn asked Town Attorney Carpenter about the PREC Street Light agreement. Carpenter advised that he spoke with PREC's attorney, and they are not willing to move on the indemnity portion of the contract. Carpenter stated that someone from PREC would be able to come to the first meeting in April to speak with Council about it. Mayor Glenn stated that the matter will be

tabled until the April 9th meeting. Clerk Connally provided Council with a copy of the engagement letter from Zabel regarding the appraisal of Town Hall. **Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve Zabel & Associates to do the appraisal on current Town Hall for \$3750.00 capped at \$4000.00, Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Council moved into executive session at 8:23 pm.
The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 9:33 pm with no action taken. **With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Stewart motioned to adjourn at 9:34 pm and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**



Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer



Ben Glenn, Mayor