Town of Moorcroft Regular Meeting of the Council Wednesday, March 26th, 2025

Town Council Present: Mayor Ben Glenn, Councilmembers Austin Smith, Heidi Humpal and

Robert Stewart

Absent: Dale Petersen

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.

Guest Quentin Rogers – PRECorp VP of Engineering, appeared before the Council to discuss any questions they had regarding the streetlight agreement. Mayor and Council advised Rogers that it was decided the Town would not utilize the outlet receptacles which would require the Town to purchase additional liability insurance. Agreements were made between the Town and PREC's attorneys on indemnity and sovereign immunity language in the contract. All agreed on contract and it will be signed and returned to PRECorp.

Guest Morgan Ellsbury – Crook County Road & Bridge, appeared before Council to discuss purchasing bulk water for their projects and requested receiving discounted rate for bulk water due to high usage purchased. Mayor Glenn stated that the Town is interested in building a water load-out facility. This will be brought back to the next meeting with some figures on a high use rate for the County Road & Bridge.

Council Meeting March 12, 2025 and March Bill List #4, Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve consent agenda item 3; March Bill List #5, removing the invoice for the MTC-Town Hall Fire System, Councilmember Stewart seconded. Councilmembers Humpal, Stewart and Smith ayes, Mayor Glenn opposed, motion carried. Mayor Glenn recused himself and turned the meeting over to Councilmember Smith at 7:19 pm, as Pro-Tem in the absence of Pro-Tem Petersen. Pro-Tem Smith opened discussion on the MTC Fire Alarm system. Integrating a new section with the current system is not an option, more information will be brought to the next meeting regarding the system. Engineer Turbiville will quickly look over the documents from Arete to see what the drawings/plans stated, regarding a fire alarm system. Pro-Tem Smith turned the meeting over to Mayor Glenn at 7:35 pm.

Clerk Connally gave her department report. Deputy Clerk Johnson will be attending a NIBRS class with DCI in Cheyenne in April. Connally is the only one certified to do the DCI reporting currently.

Director of Public Works Green gave his department report. Green received a quote from Midco Diving for tank inspection/cleaning for \$3876.00. He is gathering quotes for new lights on the Fire Hall. Public Works is replacing lights in MTC hallways to LED's. Light pole at Noonan Park was listed with PREC to be removed. Alley was repaired behind Dirt Road Radio station. EPA notified the Town that due to the low levels of lead and copper the Town is now on a triennial sampling schedule.

Councilmember Stewart asked Green to contact the garbage contractor to see why they are picking up garbage by hand, as not all garbage is being taken out of cans when they pick up this way.

Chief of Police gave his department report. Three candidates were interviewed for the 4th Officer position and the Chief recommended that Council offer the position to Kendall Lossing.

Councilmember Smith motioned for Kendall Lossing to receive a conditional offer of employment for Police Officer at \$23.50/hr with a start date of April 1, 2025. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Officer Plum participated in the Moorcroft High School career day on March 26, 2025.

HDR Engineer Turbiville updated the Council on projects. Mayor Glenn asked Turbiville if he was able to find anything in the MTC drawings/plans regarding a fire system. Turbiville explained he did not see anything in the drawings/plans regarding a fire system. In the specifications, under section #284621 that addresses a fire alarm system, it addresses only connecting/integrating with the existing system. Powder River Water Project Phase II pre-construction meeting was on March 25th and Hot Iron is planning to start construction on April 7th or 14th. Turbiville will send Mayor and Council the 2021 design/sketch for the water load out that HDR designed for them to look over. Splash Pad pre-construction meeting will be scheduled soon and then he will have a start date for project. A change order for replacing collapsed sewer line on Goshen to Noonan Park was provided by HDR for the splash pad project. Mayor Glenn recused himself for discussion at 7:53 pm and turned the meeting over to Councilmember Smith as Pro-Tem. Discussion was had on repairing the sewer line at Noonan Park and how to pay for it. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve repairing the sewer line at Noonan Park using money from the Waste Water WyoStar. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Smith turned meeting back over to Mayor Glenn at 7:59 pm. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the annual adjustment rate sheet for HDR for Pathways Project. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Chief Holberg gave fire update. Fire fighters are scheduled to attend classes this spring. There has been a grant received by the Fire Department that will cover the cost of these classes.

Town Hall remodel update by Holberg. Fire alarm design is at the Fire Marshall's office. Siding 90% complete. Front door will be in next week. Interior doors and frames have been ordered. Adding more parking was discussed. This topic will be discussed again at the next council meeting. Holberg contacted Collins Communications for a quote on a stand-alone sound system for the new council chambers

Brad McKee with K.A.R.E. gave EMS update. WY Healthcare Coalition approved EMS up to \$15,000 for handheld radios, which will cover 5 portable radios for responders. Also, the coalition has committed to help cover costs of EMR/EMT classes next year. Devin & Char participated in the Moorcroft High School career fair and EMS has been working with MHS counselor to try to get Junior and Seniors interested in EMS to join the service. EMS will be participating in a mass casualty incident drill in Hulett in April. EMSU is also in April and volunteers will be attending this training in Gillette. BLS First Aid/CPR class for Town employees will be held April 2nd.

New business: Councilmember Stewart asked to discuss implementing time clocks for employees. Mayor Glenn asked Stewart to research costs.

No old business. No executive session.

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Stewart motioned to adjourn at 8:22 pm and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Ben Glenn, Mayor

Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer