Town of Moorcroft Regular Meeting of the Council Wednesday, May 14th, 2025

Town Council Present: Mayor Ben Glenn, Councilmembers Austin Smith, Dale Petersen, 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.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve consent agenda items 1 & 2; Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 23, 2025 and May Bill List #1. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve consent agenda item 3; May Bill List #2, Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve consent agenda item #4; May Bill List #3. Councilmembers Humpal, Stewart, Petersen and Smith ayes. Mayor Glenn abstained; motion carried. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve consent agenda item #5; May Bill List #4. Councilmembers Humpal, Stewart, Petersen and Mayor Glenn ayes. Councilmember Smith abstained; motion carried.

Clerk Connally gave her department report. soon. Two workshops will be held on Wednesday, May 21st, 2025; 5:30pm to discuss FY 2025/2026 Budget and 6:30pm to discuss HDR projects.

Regular council meeting was paused at 7:15pm to open the public hearing to discuss the Lead Service Line Project with HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville. It was determined that there is a need for the project due to EPA rules and regulations. Turbiville advised there is SRF funding available, and the town clerk has applied for this funding, there would be a \$600,000 loan with 75% principal forgiveness. Cost to the town would be 25%. Regular meeting of the council reconvened at 7:22pm.

Regular council meeting was paused at 7:30pm to open the public hearing to discuss allowing residents within town limits to have chickens. Council received 36 responses on the poll. Of the 35, 28 were in favor of allowing chickens, 7 were not in favor. Of the 5 audience members in attendance at the meeting, 3 of them live in town limits and were also in favor of allowing chickens. Public hearing was closed at 7:32pm and the regular meeting of the council reconvened.

Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve the engagement letter between the Town of Moorcroft and Casey Petersen LTD to prepare the Town's financial statements and perform a review of those financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Director of Public Works Green gave his department report. Plan for sprinkler system at Noonan Park to be completed by end of May, weather permitting. Cemetery cleanup still planning to start May 21st.

Chief Bryant gave the PD report. Chief attended WASCOP Conference. Chief provided mayor and council with quotes to purchase new tasers and bolawraps. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve the purchase of tasers and bolawraps out of the PD budget. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** PD has begun working on junk and weed ordinance.

HDR Engineer Turbiville updated the Council on projects. Mayor Glenn turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem Petersen to discuss Splash Pad at 7:58pm. Splash Pad is progressing well. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve change order #4, no cost adding a vinyl fence. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmembers Humpal, Stewart, Smith and Petersen ayes. Mayor Glenn abstained; motion carried. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve change order #5, repairing the remainder of the sewer line from Noonan Park starting at the end of original bore to manhole in the amount of \$9824.50. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmembers Humpal, Stewart, Smith and Petersen ayes. Mayor Glenn abstained; motion carried. Councilmember Smith motioned to move \$9824.50 from WyoStar Waste Water fund to General Fund to cover the sewer repair. Councilmember Stewart seconded. Councilmembers Smith, Humpal, Stewart and Petersen ayes. Mayor Glenn abstained; motion carried. Pro-Tem Petersen turned the meeting back over to Mayor Glenn at 8:11pm. North Little Horn project waiting on documents from the state. Powder River Water Phase II is progressing well. Design is continuing on the pathways project. WYDOT will be in town May 21st for their site visit. SS4A grant funding is open again, Turbiville stated gathering letters of support for the project could help.

Fire Chief Holberg gave fire update. 5 volunteers attended Cody Fire School. Pump test on trucks will be done this year, the cost for this is in budget. Equipment purchased with the AFG grant is now in use, and there is a possibility that Sweetwater may be getting our old air packs.

MTC Town Hall remodel is progressing well and on schedule. Town Attorney Carpenter will prepare the publication notice to be approved at the next council meeting. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to publish the sale of the old existing town hall. Councilmember Stewart seconded.**All ayes, motion carried.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the provider agreement addendum between the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing and Town of Moorcroft. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business: Councilmember Petersen presented a quote for the Dick Claar memorial splash pad sign. More quotes will be brought to the next meeting and then council will decide on which design to purchase.

Old Business: First Reading: Councilmember Smith motioned to approve ORDINANCE 1-2025; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING IN ITS ENTIRETY TITLE 2, ANIMALS AND FOWL OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMNG. Councilmember Petersen seconded. Councilmembers Smith, Petersen and Mayor Glenn ayes. Councilmembers Humpal and Stewart nays; motion carried.

Councilmember Petersen motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 8:43pm.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 9:04 pm with no action taken. With no further business to discuss, **Humpal motioned to adjourn at 9:04 pm and Petersen seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Ben Glenn, Mayor

Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer