

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, August 26th, 2026

Town Council Present: Mayor Dale Petersen, Councilmembers Heidi Blakeman, Austin Smith, Dan Blakeman and Robert Stewart.

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant, Town Attorney G. Nolan Thomas, Noah Messick, HDR and Mike Oakley, HDR

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

Guest Bonnie Stahla, Crook County Library Director attended to discuss a possible reduction in the library's utility bill due to recent budget cuts by county commissioners.

Guests JLCR, LLC – Justen and Lori Robinson attended to discuss the water line easement on Lincoln Street and Lincoln Street Subdivision.

Councilman Stewart motioned to approve consent agenda items #1 & #2; Minutes from Regular Meeting of the Council – August 12th, 2026; and August Bill List #3. Councilman Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Petersen gave public works department report. Splash pad will be closed September 9th for the season.

Clerk Connally gave her department report. **Councilman Smith motioned to move the November 11th council meeting to Monday, November 9th at 7pm, due to the Veteran Day holiday, to cancel the second meeting in November and the second meeting in December. Councilman Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilwoman Blakeman motioned to approve Jesse Connally's application to WAMCAT for an open board member position. Councilman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Mayor Petersen brought the discussion back to public works. A flowmeter is needed for the lagoon. Estimate brought to council is 7 months old, a new estimate will be obtained and brought back to next meeting.

Chief Bryant gave his department report. **Councilman Smith motioned to approve the Police Department's purchase of vests in the amount of \$4,170 to be paid out of budgeted uniform line item. Councilman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Bryant updated Council on Junk and Weed Ordinances. **Councilwoman Blakeman motioned to allow the purchase of ballistic shields through the Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$6,950.00. Councilman Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

HDR Engineer Messick updated the Council on the Town projects. Landfill: Project is continuing well. Pathways: application was denied this funding cycle; letter of interest can be submitted again in February. Clay Sewer: surveyor should be here this week. Well Abandonment/N. Little Horn Street Project: preparing numbers, will have for next meeting. Cemetery: Plat has been submitted to Planning Commission. Vac Truck: Out to bid pending approval will be brought to next meeting.

No Fire or EMS report.

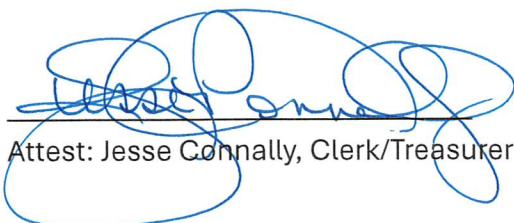
New Business: Mayor Petersen opened quotes for the repair to the MTC retaining wall. One bid was received, Glenn Construction \$8,800.00. **Councilman Smith motioned to approve Glenn Construction for the retaining wall repair project. Councilman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilman Blakeman motioned to move Carl Moss' wage to \$19.00/hr. Councilman Stewart seconded. H. Blakeman, Stewart, D. Blakeman, Petersen ayes, Smith nay, motion carried. Councilman Stewart motioned to table the well abandonment discussion to the next council meeting. Councilwoman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Old Business: **Councilman Smith motioned to move all projects on the capital projects list forward, as far as identifying specific and sending items out for quotes/bids. Council having the right to refuse all quotes/bids. Councilman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilwoman Blakeman motioned to approve AV Tech to install a sound system in the council chambers in the amount of \$4,304.93 to come out of specific purpose. Councilman Stewart seconded. D. Blakeman, Stewart, H. Blakeman, Smith ayes, Petersen nay, motion carried.** Councilmembers took on different projects to gather quotes and information to bring back to the next meeting.

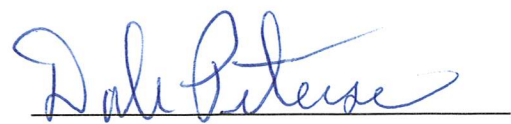
Councilman Blakeman motioned to go into executive session for legal purposes. Town Attorney stated based on W.S.S. 16-4-405(a)(3) and 16-4-405(a)(9). **Councilman Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Council moved into executive session at 8:20pm. Council out of executive session at 9:46pm.

Councilman Blakeman motioned to go into executive session for personnel. Councilman Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 9:47pm. Council out of executive session at 10:29pm.

Councilman Blakeman motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:30pm. Councilman Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.



Attest: Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer



Dale Petersen, Mayor