Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, July 8th, 2026

Town Council Present: Mayor Dale Petersen, Councilmembers Heidi Humpal, Austin Smith, Dan Blakeman and Robert Stewart.
Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant, Public Works Technician Dave Elliott, Town Attorney Pat Carpenter, Fire Chief Jeff Holberg, Heath Turbiville, HDR and Noah Messick, HDR

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

Guest Claude Trigg spoke with the Council about American Legion and Auxiliary being able to utilize a space in the MTC as they are currently revitalizing Post 25. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Mayor Petersen and Councilmember Stewart will show Legion members around the MTC and see what is available for them. Trigg also spoke with Council about the 9-11 Memorial area they lease from the school district, as he would like to see a Veteran/First Responder memorial on the land also. Trigg will attend the next Crook County School Board meeting to speak with them (the landowners) about the memorial and bring the information received back to the Council at the next meeting.

Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve consent agenda items 1 & 2; Council Meeting Minutes from June 24th, 2026 and July Bill List #1. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Tech Elliott gave department report.

Clerk Connally gave her department report. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve Moorcroft Chambers request to block off North and South Big Horn Ave moving the no parking time starting at 8:00am to 12:00am on July 11th. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Stewart motioned to move $14,400 from WYClass Insurance Reimbursement to General Fund to pay for repairs to the MTC roof. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Chief Bryant gave his department report.

Planning Committee Secretary Dan Blakeman gave the committee report. Discussion was had regarding three variance requests; one for Moorcroft Interfaith Community and two for Lincoln Subdivision. Council asked for these requests to be presented in writing. Councilmember Humpal asked the Planning Committee to state in future meeting minutes that they voted to "recommend" for council to approve a variance, not that the committee voted and "approved" the requests. Councilmember Stewart asked the Mayor for a recess, Mayor Petersen granted a

5-minute recess at 7:42pm. Meeting resumed at 7:47pm. Discussion resumed on the MIC variance request. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to allow Interfaith the variance they need to build on the north side of their building, with the contingency that they apply for a building permit and have the approval of the building inspector. Councilmember Blakeman seconded.** Mayor Petersen stated moving forward, that now with an active Planning Board (Committee) and any further variances of any type have to go through the Planning Board and has to be in writing. The Planning Board can either recommend or not recommend for the variance to be approved. **Mayor Petersen called for a vote. All ayes, motion carried.**

Discussion was had regarding the two variance requests for Lincoln Subdivision. Mayor Petersen would like the Planning Committee to set a special meeting for next week to look at corrections on the plat, written variance requests with the criteria identified, spelled out, with either the Planning Board giving a favorable or unfavorable recommendation to the Council at the next meeting. Attorney Carpenter would like to see the meeting include himself, the Town Engineer, the Developer and the Planning Committee. Meeting will be set for July 16th, 2026, at 6pm. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to expend public funds to have the town attorney and engineer attend the next planning committee meeting. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

HDR Engineer Turbiville updated the Council on the Town projects. Landfill: Contractor would like to start in August. MRG funding was approved for the clay sewer line replacement. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve task order #16 to allow for the design, bidding, administration and construction management of the clay sewer line replacement project in the alley between Crook Street and Goshen Street. Councilmember Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Bidding documents are being prepared for vac truck. **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to do the DEQ permit to construct for the abandonment of well #1. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Jeff Holberg gave the fire report. Robert Holso with Verisk will be in town on August 4th to do the town's ISO rating evaluation. Gas monitors were donated to the fire department. A grant with State Farm was filled out by the fire department which also covered the cost of gas monitors.

No EMS report.

New Business: **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to give permission for the Clerk and Mayor to move forward on the Wyoming Business Council Building Resilient Communities Grant.** It is a 75% grant with a 25% match. **Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve Resolution 8-2026, setting planning committee meetings adding that the planning meetings be recorded. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Blakeman motioned to approve Ordinance 7-2026: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 SUBDIVISIONS OF LOTS IN ITS ENTIRETY, TO THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember**

Stewart motioned to approve Amanda Critel as the nominee for the EMS District Board member. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Quotes for the pier system for the shade structure to be built at Noonan Park were Radix Construction $3600.00 and Glenn Construction $3000.00. **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to approve the quote for Glenn Construction of $3000.00. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Funding will come out of the 1% Special Purpose funds for park improvements. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve and adopt the revised Town of Moorcroft Employee Handbook. Councilmember Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Old Business: **Councilmember Humpal motioned to table the Red Cross Shelter agreement.** Awaiting updates to the agreement. **Councilmember Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried**. Capital Projects: Clerk Connally will get a second water fountain ordered. Public Works Tech Elliott will get plumbing quotes to install two new water fountains at the MTC. Floor scrubber will be tabled until the next meeting to see how the current one is working since repairs were made. Elliott was asked to gather quotes for Council on industrial mowers. Councilmember Blakeman will research costs to replace a snowplow truck. Workshop was scheduled for 6:00pm prior to the next council meeting on June 22nd to discuss capital projects.

Councilmember Stewart motioned to move into executive session to discuss personnel. Councilmember Blakeman seconded, All ayes, motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 9:16pm.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 10:17pm. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to hold a special meeting on July 20th at 9:00am for the purpose of conducting public works interviews and Council will move into executive session to do so. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Humpal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:18pm, Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Dale Petersen

Dale Petersen, Mayor

Jesse Connally

Attest: Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer