Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, October 14th, 2026

Town Council Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Austin Smith, Councilmembers Heidi Blakeman and Dan Blakeman **Absent:** Mayor Dale Petersen and Councilmember Robert Stewart. **Town Representatives Present:** Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant, Heath Turbiville, HDR, Noah Messick, HDR, Fire Chief Jeff Holberg, Town Attorney G. Nolan Thomas

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

Councilwoman Blakeman motioned to approve consent agenda items 1, 2 & 3; Minutes from Regular Meeting on September 23rd, 2026, October Bill List #1 and October Bill List #2. Councilman Blakeman seconded. H. Blakeman & D. Blakeman ayes, Pro-Tem Smith abstained. Motion carried 2/0/1

No Public Works report. Park rules signs will go up soon.

Clerk Connally gave her department report.

Chief Bryant gave his department report. Quotes were received for the purchase and upfit of a new police vehicle using 287(g) funds received. Quotes received: Bob Ruwart Motors, Inc: $42,143.00; Fremont Motor Company: $43, 450.00 and Sheridan Motor Inc: $44,190.00. Installation by ComTech for equipment (sirens, lights, cage, radios, cameras, etc) $20,313.50 and radar cost of $4,995.00.

HDR Engineer Turbiville updated the Council on town projects. Landfill Closure project is progressing well and closer to completion. Vac Truck: Bid Opening 10/15/26 at 1pm and Well Abandonment: Bid Opening 10/15/26 at 2pm. Clay Sewer Line project: Plans will be ready for review before next council meeting.

Fire Chief Holberg gave fire department report. ComTech will work on fire radios. **Councilman Blakeman motioned to approve fire department to spend $1,770 to tune up fire department radios. Councilwoman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Moorcroft Fire has agreed to be Hulett FD backup, MOU will be written.

No EMS report.

Robert Trigg with Planning Committee updated Council on last planning meeting. Letter of support was requested by planning committee for the re-plat of Fencil Industrial Park Subdivision. **Councilwoman Blakeman motioned for Clerk Connally to write a letter of support for the re-plat of Fencil Industrial Park Subdivision. Councilman Blakeman**

seconded. All ayes, motion carried. OALC is proposing to put 6" concrete on the first 300 ft of Lincoln Street and is requesting a letter of support from the town. **Councilwoman Blakeman motioned to write a letter of support for the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church to do concrete on the road going to the church. Pro-Tem Smith seconded. H. Blakeman and A. Smith ayes, D. Blakeman abstained. Motion carried 2/0/1.** Trigg reported positive progression for Lincoln Subdivision. Clerk Connally will update Wyoming Business Council grant application to include: all curb/gutter and paving, all sewer loops and taps, and what is left of water loops. Councilman Blakeman suggested creating a Lincoln Street Committee during this project to include council members, developers, town engineer and Wyoming Business Council.

New Business: Councilwoman Blakeman motioned to approve two (2) swing sets from Playground Boss in the amount of $10,579.00, to come out of park budget. Councilman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Pro-Tem Smith volunteered to install the new swing sets for no cost to the town. **Councilman Blakeman motioned to move $24,000 from WyClass Town Reserves to General Fund Fire Department Equipment for fire department radio purchases, $12,000 of which will be reimbursed by Moorcroft Fire Auxilliary and placed back into WyClass Town Reserves. Councilwoman Blakeman motioned to table the Westview Park Shelter/Pavillion discussion until the next meeting on October 28th. Councilman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Quotes were received for a mini split unit to be installed in Room #159. TruTemp: $6,350 (without electrical) and Comfort Systems: $8,578 (including electrical). **Councilman Blakeman motioned to use Comfort Systems quote of $8,578 for mini split, this includes electrical also to come out of specific purpose. Councilwoman Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Council discussed MTC Window Project Phase III. Next phase will start at daycare and move east. 3 rooms, 9 windows, 3 mini splits. Entire project including all materials to be bid by contractors. **Councilwoman motioned to send out to bid for the Town of Moorcroft MTC Phase III window project to include mini splits in three (3) rooms and contractor will provide windows. Councilman Blakeman seconded.** Discussion was had on dates. Ad in paper for Oct 22nd & 29th and Nov 5th. Mandatory walk-through October 29th, Bids due to Town Clerk by November 9th by 5:00pm. **All ayes, motion carried.** Council discussed CCSD#1 utilizing the MTC Library for girls wrestling practice. Council is in favor, Attorney Thomas will look into the agreement. Council discussed utilizing the quote from Bob Ruwart Motors for the new car purchase, ComTech for upfitting and purchasing the new radar system. **Councilwoman Blakeman motioned to move $67,456.50 from WyClass Homeland Security (287g funds) to the General Fund Police Department to purchase a new police car, to also include the upfitting and radar system for the car. Councilman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Old Business: Council discussed the possibility of an annual vendor permit. No decisions made at this time. **Councilman Blakeman motioned to hold a workshop at 6:00pm on November 9th to discuss vendor permits. Councilwoman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Councilman Blakeman motioned to move into executive session for personnel. Councilwoman Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 8:33pm.

Council out of executive session at 10:25pm. **Councilman Blakeman motioned to hire Oliver Gorsuch and Ryan Brickley to Public Works Technician positions at $21.00/hour pending all background checks. Pro-Tem Smith seconded. D. Blakeman and A. Smith ayes, H. Blakeman nay. Motion carried 2/1.**

Councilman Blakeman motioned to surplus the town's 20—Hydrovac truck along with the scales and scale house at the landfill. Councilwoman Blakeman seconded. Discussion was had. Councilman Blakeman will take on the task of finding possible values and how/where to advertise the surplus items and possibly moving the garage building from the landfill into town. **All ayes, motion carried.**

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

Austin Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer