

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant, HDR Engineers Heath Turbiville and Noah Messick and Public Works Dave Elliott.

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

Representatives from American Ramp Company spoke with council regarding an open grant application that could assist the town in adding a bike/skate amenity to a local park. Council asked for cost estimates and designs to look at. No decision was made.

Elaine Buckmiller addressed council regarding a broken sewer line near her home. Buckmiller asked that it be on record that since there is an existing issue, if there is sewer backup into her basement that she will not be responsible for the cost of damage or cleanup. Elliott will get estimates to have sewer repaired.

Morgan Ellsbury with Crook County came to council to ask for a high use bulk water rate for the County as they purchase water from us. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve Crook County Government to use the water load out for 3 cents per gallon. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Collin Skelley & Trevor Johnson were present to each request a variance at their properties. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve the fencing variance to go from 4 foot to 6 foot for Collin and Madison Skelley on 405 N. Yellowstone. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the variance for Trevor Johnson at 409 N. Yellowstone Ave for the lean-to in the back by the alley. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the minutes of regular meeting of the council for Wednesday March 11, 2026 and approve the bill list #3. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Technician Dave Elliott gave their department report. Quotes were received to have an electrical panel box replaced at the MTC. Quotes: Daryl's Electric: \$4189.00, Good Electric: \$5352.00 & Ampled Electric: \$8521.05. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve Daryl's Electric to replace the panel box for \$4,189.00. Councilmember**

Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve a \$1.00/hr raise for Cordell Picerno for gaining his CDL back to November of 2025. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Connally gave her department report. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve Mayor Petersen to sign the Crook County Joint Resolution for the Specific Purpose tax proposition to be voted on at the primary election. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Stewart motioned to allow Moorcroft Post Prom to be at the Fire Hall again contingent on finding locations to store the ambulances and fire trucks. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Humpal, Stewart, Smith and Petersen ayes, Blakeman nay, motion carried.**

Chief Bryant gave his department report.

Heath Turbiville, HDR, gave update on town projects to council. Pathways application window is open. Landfill Closure will be ready to advertise around March 31st. Lead Service Line project is awaiting the state documents.

Fire Chief Holberg gave fire department update.
No EMS report.

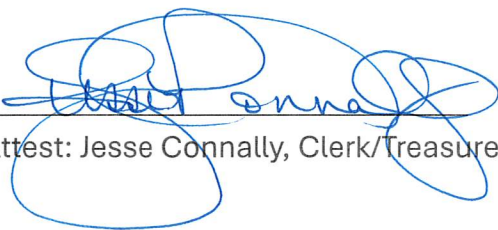
New Business: Discussion was had on one final cleanup day before the Landfill Closure project begins. **Councilmember Humpal motioned for a cleanup/free dump day for in-town residents, with town water bill, only on May 30, 2026, from 8am-5pm. Items must follow the allowed list posted on website and no yard waste. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the cost of materials purchased through Gillette Steel up to \$5500 for park shelter. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Blakeman motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance #5-2026: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO RANGE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. RT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC DBA RANGE ON BEHALF OF ITSELF AND ITS OPERATING AFFILIATES (“RANGE”) TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (“SYSTEM” OR “THE SYSTEM”) IN MOORCROFT, WYOMING (“TOWN” OR “THE TOWN”). Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve the Moorcroft High School Ag students to build four barbeque grill pits for our parks for \$600.00. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Mayor Petersen advised that there will be surplus items put on towns facebook page, website and newspaper to run for 3 weeks. Bids due by 5pm on April 22nd, 2026 and will be opened during the April 22nd meeting at 7:15pm. Items must be bid separately from the others.

Councilmember Smith motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 9:26pm. Councilmember Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 9:26pm.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 10:03pm, with no action taken. With no further business, **Councilmember Stewart motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:04pm, Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**



Dale Petersen, Mayor



Attest: Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer