

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

Town Council Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Austin Smith, Councilmembers Heidi Humpal, Dan Blakeman and Robert Stewart

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant, Fire Chief Jeff Holberg, Town Attorney Pat Carpenter and HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville

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

Guest Brad McKee with KARE EMS spoke with Council regarding an EMS District Board.

Neal Gray with Moorcroft Senior Citizens asked Council about placing a water heater in the Town Hall section of the MTC. Gray stated that the center may be willing to share up to half of the cost, but they would need to discuss it at their meeting. **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to go forward with installing a water heater with the understanding that \$3000 cost be divided with the Senior Center. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Monte Reichenberg with Moorcroft Interfaith Community spoke with the council regarding possible assistance with the cost of a 6-yard dumpster.

The regular meeting of the council was paused at 7:15pm to do the bid opening for the Moorcroft Town Center Window Replacement Project Phase II. There were three bids received: 1) Bear Lodge Construction - \$34,571.66; 2) Woolsey Construction - \$47,000; 3) Glenn Construction - \$33,980.

Mayor Petersen arrived and took over meeting from Pro-Tem Smith at 7:23pm.

Nancy Feehan, Vicki Paddock and Lucinda Fitzgerald spoke with the council about Starfish.

Robert Trigg with Moorcroft Chamber asked council to approve the Jubilee Committee's requests (for road closures and open container areas) for the Jubilee celebration. Chief Bryant advised Council that the requests were standard each year. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to grant the chamber's requests. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Cindy Mosteller with West Texas Trails Museum spoke with Council regarding the Walking History Tour. Mosteller asked for permission to place the boards by bolting them to the concrete. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to allow West Texas Trails Museum to install signage for the walking tour. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Consent Agenda: **Councilmember Smith** motioned to approve consent agenda items 1, 2 & 3; **Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Council April 22nd, 2026; Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Council April 27th, 2026; and May Bill List #1.** **Councilmember Humpal seconded.** Councilmember Blakeman asked that the minutes from April 22nd be amended to show that he was present at the meeting. Clerk Connally will amend minutes. **All ayes, motion carried.** **Councilmember Humpal** motioned to approve **May Bill List #2.** **Councilmember Blakeman seconded.** **Councilmembers Humpal, Blakeman, Stewart and Mayor Petersen ayes, Councilmember Smith abstained, motion carried.**

Public Works Tech Dave Elliot gave their department report.

Clerk Connally gave her department report.

Chief Bryant gave his department report

Heath Turbiville, HDR, gave update on town projects to council. Landfill bids were open, evaluation is ongoing. Powder River Phase II warranty walkthrough is May 15th at 10am. Pathway Project site visit was May 13th at 9am, application period opens June 1st. Councilmember Blakeman asked Turbiville to look over the window bids prior to the council awarding the project.

Jeff Holberg gave the fire department report.
No EMS report.

New Business: Mayor Petersen spoke with Council about the debt retirement of CWSRF#163 (Goshen Street Waterline, sewer portion) Loan in the amount of \$160,635.46 using Specific Purpose Tax (SPOT 1%) funds. **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to approve May Bill List #3; Payoff Loan to Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments - CWSRF#163.** **Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 6-2026: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027. **Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve Resolution 6-2026 and to move investments from WyoStar to Wyoming Class. **Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve advertising for a Public Works Director to start no earlier than July 1st, 2026. **Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Interviews will be held for summer help starting at 7:15am, Monday May 18th. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to allow interview committee to offer employment to summer help and set wages at \$15.00/hour for two positions, 40 hours a week. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

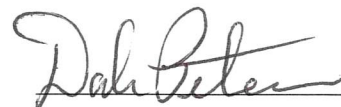
Mayor Petersen asked Turbiville if he had the opportunity to look over the window bids. Turbiville advised yes and he recommended to approve low bidder for the project. Both phases of the project and in all the bids. **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to award Glenn Construction. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Start date June 1st, 60 working days.

Old Business: Continued discussion regarding the residential sewer line issue on Goshen Street. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to pursue having HDR getting some plans and permitting to extend the main and to cap the fee costs at \$7000. Councilmember Stewart seconded. Councilmembers Stewart, Humpal and Mayor Petersen ayes. Councilmembers Blakeman and Smith nays, motion carried 3/2.**

Clean up day will be May 30th but changed to using roll off dumpsters located at the Town Shop. 8am-5pm or until the last roll off dumpster is filled, whichever comes first. **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to pay to get rid of 240 cubic yards of trash from the town or 8 roll offs. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Councilmember Blakeman motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation at 10:01pm. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 10:01pm.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 10:26pm with no action taken. **Councilmember Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:26pm. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**



Dale Petersen, Mayor



Attest: Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer