

Town of Moorcroft
Special Meeting of the Council
Monday July 20th, 2026

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

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally

Attendees: Mitchell and Jordan Webb, Tia Cranston (Leader), Kari Peterson, Johnathan and Katharine Shiver

Mayor Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call was taken.

Mayor Petersen opened the public hearing and advised that the purpose was for public comment on our proposed seeking of approximately 2.2 million dollars for infrastructure improvements specifically a sewer project on the north side of the interstate along what is referred to as Lincoln Street and associated Bountiful subdivision and for future expansion. Mayor Petersen stated that anyone wishing to make comments to approach the podium and speak with the Council. Council will not be responding to questions or making any decisions at this meeting, this is only a listening session.

Mayor Petersen discussed the process of having this public hearing as it is part of the process that is required for the Wyoming Business Council Building Resilient Communities Grant.

Public Comments:

Mitchell Webb, 105 Lincoln St, addressed concerns he had. He stated he does not want this project to negatively impact or effect him monetarily. Are there going to be curb and sidewalk and now is he going to have to maintain and de-ice sidewalks that he is responsible for? What is the cost going to be for the existing homeowners to tie into the system? How is it going to effect those that already live there? Where would 70 houses go? Will it be a through road? This creates a safety concern for all kids who live there. He spoke with Ben Glenn and he told him it was 18 planned out there. He said he has been here 6 years and he loves that there is 911 people here, he is not opposed to it being a little bigger as long as we could bring in people that are like us, we don't want to import a bunch of people that don't have the same feel that this town has, small town community. He likes that he lives on a dead end road, he doesn't like that they are wanting to put in 18 houses but he doesn't want 18.

Councilmember Stewart mentioned that he feels his pain as when he bought his house he had an empty field behind him and now there is a motel and a physical therapy business.

Mitchell Webb then asked how is this going to effect everyone who lives there, will this make his value more or less?

Johnathan Shiver, 818 Bountiful, addressed the Council. He and his wife do not necessarily oppose it. He said that his septic system just failed and he was able to fix it himself and squeaked out by only paying \$3,000 to repair it and on one hand it would be great to have a sewer system but on the other hand he is opposed to be forced to hook up to it. He also asked if with the town paying 25% does that increase the utility bill for the Town of Moorcroft, what is that going to look like? He said it would cost him about \$5,000 to cut and trench for him to the city sewer. He said he is in favor of it but he does not want to be forced to do it.

Councilmember Smith advised why the Council is not answering questions tonight. When the Town looks for grants and anticipates spending public funds the Council is required to gather public input. He agreed that there are lots of questions to go along with this and that the Council also has questions of their own.

Mr. Shiver continued by saying that he is in favor of the sewer system because this entire area, according to septic companies, it sucks for septic systems. He again stated he was for it, but there are some very legitimate questions and stated he did not see anyone taking notes.

Clerk Connally, Councilmembers Smith and Humpal stated they are all taking notes and that the meeting was also being recorded.

Jordan Webb, 105 Lincoln St, stated she is against being forced to do something. They currently have a septic that works just fine. She is also curious why we need a sewer system for 70 homes? She said that she is confused and said that the family north of Robinson's land have no plans to sell land.

Councilmember Smith advised that the intent is that annexation is a real thing. Whenever there is a project Council tries to anticipate the future. He stated by anticipating larger infrastructure is better than spending money for 20 homes now and then having to upgrade and spend more later.

Jordan Webb said that was why she came to verify and didn't want to go off of he said she said at the gas station. She said she can speak for the entire neighborhood that they don't want 70 homes out there.

Mayor Petersen said that this is all for future expansion. We don't know what is going to be built and nothing is being built at this time except the existing Bountiful subdivision and there is a reach to the north and there are houses in Henderson subdivision that could in the future be an option. You don't want to build something that is too small and come back and spend more than necessary being it is tax payer dollars. Council has to look at the big picture, gather input, and what is best for the community. This is designed to a certain level of capacity.

Jordan Webb stated that she can speak for the community that lives out there already that they do not want to be negatively impacted by any of this whether it is sewer or us having to foot the

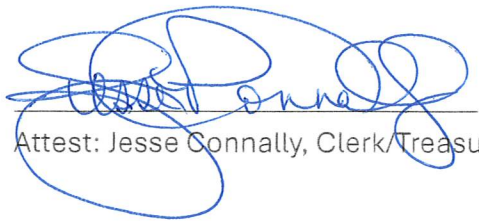
bill because you guys want the road paved out there, sidewalks, if it is going to negatively impact any of us we don't want it. She said she can clearly speak for the majority of the people that live out there, especially if it comes to a monetary issue. Times are tough. They don't want it to negatively impact their family and neither does anyone else.

Katherine Shiver, 818 Bountiful, if the road is paved and goes past the church – everyone from Highway 14 everyone will cut through the neighborhood to get to the interstate on ramp. Johnathan Shiver asked if the Council had considered that.

Councilmember Smith stated that currently the intent is for that to be emergency access only. We want to keep traffic going through town.

Mitchell Webb wants a question added for the record. If a home ties into a sewer system that goes through what's got to be done with the septic system? Can you leave it? Or does it have to be dug out and caved in? This is an added expense to the homeowner. How does this have to be handled?

With no other comments, Councilmember Smith motioned to adjourn, Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Special meeting ended at 6:24pm.

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Attest: Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer

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Dale Petersen, Mayor