

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday August 8, 2011

Mayor Steve Blakeman called the Regular Council meeting to order on Monday, August 8, 2011 to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Jim Rexford, Fred Devish, Dale Petersen and Ben Glenn.

Visitors Toby and Jesse Connally requested a variance on the open container ordinance for the Cody Hinckhouse Benefit to be held on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Chancy Williams band will play at Dewey's on September 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by an auction on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Councilman Petersen motioned to grant a variance from 8 PM September 1<sup>st</sup> to 2 AM September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4 PM September 3 to 2 AM September 4<sup>th</sup>, from sidewalk to alley and vacant lot to converse curb outside Dewey's Bar, Rexford 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed. Susie Millard requested a permit for an extra dispensing room on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Rexford motioned to grant Dewey's Bar a catering permit for September 1<sup>st</sup>, Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried. Linda Caylor requested the council waive the open container ordinance for the Mud Bog to be held on the town's property north of the interstate on August 27<sup>th</sup> and grant a catering permit from 10 AM on August 27<sup>th</sup> to 2 AM August 28<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Devish motioned to grant the variance and catering permit, Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried. Ann Grant of 58 Country Lane requested a tap into the town's water supply for her mobile home. After discussion the council agreed that her property is in town limits, but they would like more time to discuss financial options for the tap. The Mayor and Council will address the issue further at a Special Council meeting to be held August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The Council reviewed a water line break issue for Jim Farnsworth. Councilman Petersen motioned to accept their payment as a fulfillment of their obligation, Rexford 2<sup>nd</sup>, Glenn objected, motion carried. Casey Gates requested a variance on the ordinance for property lines at 105 N. Belle Fourche. Councilman Devish motioned to grant variance, Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried. Bob Smoot made a request of the council for help with fuel costs for the Honor Farm Inmates. The council will look into the streets and alleys budget and get back to him.

Mayor Blakeman asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Petersen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Rexford 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Ferrell is working on balancing the books and is unable to give an official Treasurer's Report at this time. Hopes to have the issues solved by the end of the week.

Chief Ed Robinson is currently advertising the vacant officer's position.

Jerry Hunt gave the engineers report. Submitted a pay request for Electrofab for \$82,112.58

Bill Carson gave the engineers report. Submitted a pay request for \$84,344.00 to DRM for the water and sewer project.

Councilman Rexford moved to grant both pay requests, Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes motion carried.

Administrator Dan Blakeman and Mayor Steve Blakeman will attend the Congressional Fact Finding Trip on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be in Moorcroft August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM to meet with the Mayor and first responders about the uranium mine going in up the D-Road. At the beginning of the month the Town had \$21,000 worth of utility debt from outstanding customer bills, as of August 8<sup>th</sup> that amount has been cut in half by the town turning off water to customers with bills more than 2 months overdue. A charge of \$25 will be billed when the water is shut off, and again when the water is turned back on for a total of \$50 for the Town's expense of shutting off overdue customers. The Mayor and Council need to finalize a decision on the Skid steer and Compactor for the Landfill. The lease agreement for 6 years for both pieces of equipment is less than was budgeted for the Compactor alone. Councilman Devish motioned to purchase both pieces of equipment on a 6 year lease for \$68,000, Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried. The council and administrator discussed future options for burn permits in relation to garbage, fire pits, and hazardous waste.

Public Works Director Marc Wood reported that the maintenance department has been spraying weeds, sweeping the streets and planning future snow routes. They are also working on street signs, pruning trees in the parks and testing sprinkler systems for leaks. Director Wood is also looking into top-soil options for Robinson Park.

Fire Department: Engine 1 has a recall on the driver and captains seats; needs to go to Rapid City for repairs. Doug Leis asked for the Town to reimburse repairs for the Fire Departments batteries and mobile chargers. Councilman Rexford motioned to approve the Fire Departments request of \$828.37 for equipment repairs, Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.

Commission Board; No report.  
Jim Peck – Attorney; No report

Mayor Blakeman requested a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance No. 7-2011.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 7-2011**

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**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF A TRACT OF LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT; CHANGING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT TO INCLUDE SAID TRACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance #7-2011, Glenn 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Blakeman thanked the Maintenance Department for their help with the emergency in Hulett and the Office Staff for their help collecting payments from overdue customers.

Councilman Petersen invited the public to attend an Open House and BBQ at the elementary school on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Councilman Rexford will attend a WWARS training session on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business, Mayor Blakeman adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

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Steve Blakeman, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tara Ferrell, Clerk/Treasurer