

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday September 12, 2011

Mayor Steve Blakeman called the Regular Council meeting to order on Monday, September 12, 2011 to order at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Jim Rexford, Fred Devish, Dale Petersen and Ben Glenn. Visitors were Ron and Linda Caylor, Virgil Hilkemeier, Rhonda Smith, Robert Smoot, Hunter Roberts, Tanner Massie, Luke Kuenzel, Heidi Lindberg, and Molly Mattson.

Mayor Blakeman asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the September 12, 2011 Bill List. Councilman Devish moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Rexford 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

Clerk, Tara Ferrell, asked for a Finance Meeting to discuss a recent SRF loan payment. Clerk Ferrell also inquired if the Town would be willing to pay for the cost of Flu Shots from Crook County Public Health for Town employees. The Council agreed to the clerk's request. The clerk presented the Council with some information from the Wyoming Department of Revenue Liquor Division.

Chief, Ed Robinson, informed the Council of warranty work being done on the transmissions of two of the police patrol cars. Chief Robinson requested the Council approve offering the open police officer position to Wyatt Bertram, a Wyoming Certified officer from Baggs. Councilman Devish motioned to approve the offer of employment to Wyatt Bertram at the beginning police salary wage of \$15.95 an hour, Glenn 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

Bill Carson of Stetson Engineering gave the Engineers Report and submitted two pay requests. The first request was for contract work by DRM on the Town's water and sewer lines at a cost of \$144,544.91. Councilman Devish motioned to approve the pay request for work completed, Rexford 2nd, all ayes, motion carried. Stetson also submitted a pay request of \$82,471.27 for contract work completed by Timberline Services on the Early Water Line Project. Mr. Carson addressed the Council about the water line break and assured the Council that its contractors would cover all costs of the water line break.

Administrator, Dan Blakeman, offered thanks to everyone who helped with the waterline break. Administrator Blakeman presented the Council with a list of write-offs related to Ambulance Billing. Councilman Peterson motioned to approve the Ambulance write-off list, Glenn 2nd, all ayes, motion carried. Administrator Blakeman updated the Council about the pre-bid session which will start September 19, 2011 for the West View Park Concession Building. The Administrator also informed the council of a request by Visionary Communications to lease space on the Town's white water tower, to provide wireless high speed internet to the community. Councilman Peterson motioned to approve a 5 year lease contract with Visionary Communications, Devish 2nd, all ayes, motion carried. Administrator Blakeman introduced the Council to Ordinance No. 8-2011 amending Landfill fees.

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2011

TITLE 18, CHAPTER 1., SECTION 18-109 — GARBAGE COLLECTION

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-109 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 18 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING, 1979 REGARDING GARBAGE COLLECTION TO REPEAL SUBSECTION (a)(1)(C); AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Glenn motioned to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 8-2011 amending the Town Code regarding Garbage Collection, Devish 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Director, Marc Wood, updated the Council on the progress of the street sign replacement project. The maintenance department completed the winterization of the swimming pool and is working on the drainage problems at Robinson Park.

Fire Department: No report.

Councilman Rexford apprised the council of a minor meeting the Planning Committee held with Mr. Mike Moore about subdividing his property.

Attorney, Jim Peck, introduced Ordinance No, 9-2011 to the Council concerning a fire ordinance discussed in a previous council meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2011

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TITLE 13, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 13-304-15

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-304-15 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING, 1979, TO PROHIBIT OPEN FIRES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman Devish motioned to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 9-2011 amending the Town's open fire policy, Rexford 2nd, all ayes, motion carried. Mr. Peck requested an Executive session to address litigation and personnel issues.

Mayor Blakeman requested a public meeting for September 27th to vote on the Town's acquisition of the elementary school as Town property. Mayor Blakeman invited all residents of Moorcroft and the surrounding area to come to the meeting and add their input.

The Council moved into executive session at 8:22 PM to address litigation and personnel issues. Mayor and Council came out of executive session at 9:30 PM with no further business, and no decisions made.

With no further business, Mayor Blakeman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Steve Blakeman, Mayor

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Tara Ferrell, Clerk/Treasurer