

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday September 26, 2011

Mayor Steve Blakeman called the Regular Council meeting to order on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 7:00 PM. Council members present were Jim Rexford, Fred Devish and Dale Petersen Councilman Ben Glenn was absent. Visitors were Ron and Linda Caylor, Vicki Paddock, Lark Durnell, Dustin and Owen Mathewes, Shawn Noyes, Amanda Richendifer, Trevor Gray and Mason Schuricht.

Visitor Lark Durnell asked the Mayor and Council for a donation for the Weather Bug System she is currently working on for the School. Councilman Petersen motioned to allocate \$ 1000.00 to Ms. Durnell for the Weather Bug System, with each of the Town's department contributing a portion from their respective budgets, Devish 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Blakeman requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including the September 26<sup>th</sup> bill lists. Councilman Devish moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Rexford 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.

Clerk, Tara Ferrell, asked the Council to approve a utility write-off list for old and outstanding utility bills. Clerk Ferrell also informed the Council of her attendance at the upcoming WAMCAT conference in Casper, and updated them on the daily operations of the Clerk's Office.

Chief, Ed Robinson, informed the Council of a Notice from the Wyoming Liquor Division concerning one of the Town's liquor establishments. Due to a failure to pay sales tax to the State of Wyoming on liquor sales, the business has a hold on its liquor license. The Council requested that Chief Robinson issue a written warning to the business. Chief Robinson also informed the Council that the new Police officer will be starting work on approximately October 1.

Jerry Hunt of Western Engineering gave his report. Mr. Hunt submitted two pay requests for contractors working on the Madison Project. The first pay request was for Engineering America for the amount of \$61,478. Councilman Rexford motioned to approve the pay request for Engineering America for the amount of \$61,478, Devish 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried. The second pay request was for Electrofab for the amount of \$124,457. Councilman Devish motioned to approve the pay request for Electrofab for the amount of \$124,457, Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.

Bill Carson of Stetson Engineering gave his report.

Administrator, Dan Blakeman, apprised the Council of the upcoming attendance of the Crook County School Board at the Special Council Meeting to be held September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Elementary Cafeteria. The new maintenance shop will be nearing completion by the end of October and the Town needs to start preparing for the move. Administrator Blakeman asked the Council if they would like to sale the 5 lots containing the current maintenance building after its demolition. The Council believes this is an issue in which they need to involve the Town Attorney. Administrator Blakeman asked to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Public Work's Director, Marc Wood, notified the Council of the continuing efforts of the maintenance department to repair the street lights in Town, and replace the old street signs. Public Work's Director Wood also notified the Council of the upcoming replacement of 273 meter pits in order to get water-

meters out of customer's houses. Councilman Petersen asked Director Wood to look into the repair of part of the fence around the baseball fields and see if there is something that can be done about the amount of weeds on the fields.

Mayor Blakeman requested a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 8-2011.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8-2011**

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**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 Devish motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 8-2011 amending the Town Code regarding Garbage Collection, Rexford 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Blakeman asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 9-2011.

**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 Petersen motioned to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 9-2011 amending the Town's open fire policy, Devish 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried. Mayor Blakeman asked that all Ordinances be placed on the bulletin board outside the Town Hall while they were in the process of being voted on, to insure disclosure to the general public.

Mayor Blakeman invited everyone to attend the Special Council meeting to be held September 27<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the acquisition of the Elementary School as Town property after it is vacated by the School District.

Councilman Devish moved to go into executive session at 7:45 PM to discuss personnel and legal issues, Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried. Mayor and Council came out of executive session at 7:57 PM. Councilman Petersen motioned to suspend the EMS Administrator position until further notice, Rexford 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion carried.

With no further business, Mayor Blakeman adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.