

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Mayor Steve Blakeman called the Special Council meeting to order on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 to order at 7:04 PM. Council members present were Jim Rexford, Dale Petersen and Fred Devish. Council member Ben Glenn was absent. Visitors were: Ron and Linda Caylor; Ed Robinson; Jim Hadley; Dana Blakeman; Kim and Tracy Jones; Kelsey Williams; Joe Kissack; Merle Clark, Crook County Library; Amanda Richendifer; Bill Carson; Steve Blakeman, CCSD; Dorothy Baron; Mary Lou Petersen; Chandler Lawrence; Nancy Feehan, Rachelle VerBurg; Kortney Lovett; Brady Blakeman; Chance Sullivan; Allison VerBurg; Lon Streib; Sara and J.B. King; Ashley Workman; and Mary Workman.

Mayor Blakeman welcomed the community to the Special Council Meeting, and opened the floor for discussion about the acquisition of the elementary school, by the Town of Moorcroft.

Mayor Blakeman thanked Super Intendant Lon Streib and the School Board for their approach in giving the Town ample time to work on the Elementary School Project. Mayor Blakeman also thanked the community for their attendance and willingness to share their thoughts with the Town Council. Mayor Blakeman discussed the importance of making the correct decisions about the building both financially and factually. If the building is used solely for recreational facilities, then the Town will be burying itself financially, therefore the Town is looking into several options in which the building can be used to fulfill varying needs of the community. Mayor Blakeman listed several ideas for income, including Senior Housing, and Rental Incomes. Mayor Blakeman stated that he believed the building would be an asset to the community.

Councilman Devish expressed his belief that the acquisition of the elementary school will help strengthen the community, and with the support of the citizens, community, local government and the county, the project will work.

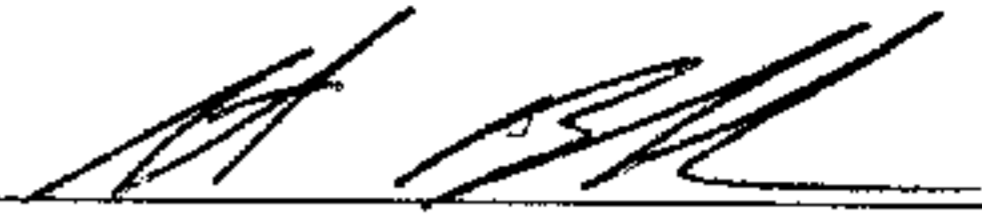
Councilman Rexford commented in favor of using the building to support a Senior Center for the community.

Councilman Petersen acknowledged that the Town is in a unique situation to be able to accept the elementary school as Town property. The building is structurally sound and could have a lot of good uses. If the Town does vote to keep the building, then the community has to do their part to help the project work.

With no further comments, Mayor Blakeman stated that he would entertain a motion for the appropriation of the elementary school for the Town of Moorcroft once the building is vacated by the School District.

Councilman Devish motioned that the Town of Moorcroft take possession of the Moorcroft Elementary building, in its entirety, when it is vacated by the School District, Rexford 2nd. After discussion the mayor asked for a roll call vote with Councilman Rexford voting, ya; Councilman Devish voting, ya; Councilman Petersen voting, ya; and the Mayor voting, ya; all ayes, motion carried.

With no further business, Mayor Blakeman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.



Steve Blakeman, Mayor

Attest: 

Tara Ferrell, Clerk/Treasurer