Town of Moorcroft Regular Meeting of the Council Monday, August 24th, 2020

Town Council Present: Mayor Dick Claar, Councilmen Paul Smoot, Dale Petersen, and Ben Glenn **Town Representatives Present:** Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Schneider, Chief Bill Bryant and HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville

Mayor Claar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Cindy Mosteller, West Texas Trails Museum, was present to request closing Weston street on September 12, 2020 from 4 pm until 10 pm and to relax open container for the Annual Heritage Round Up. Councilman Glenn motioned to approve the request and Councilman Petersen seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Chip Neiman, House District #1 representative candidate, introduced himself to the Council and audience. Several topics were discussed.

Councilman Smoot motioned to approve the August 10, 2020 minutes and August 2020 Bill List 2 and Councilman Petersen seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve Bill List 3 and Councilman Smoot seconded. Councilman Glenn abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Clerk Schneider updated the Council on a couple of grants she is currently working on. The State has responded to the MRG application for the Powder River Water Phase II and is requesting additional sources of revenue to be pledged in order to move forward. At this time, the Council has decided to wait and reapply next June. The next budget meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 6:00 pm prior to the regular scheduled council meeting. The Esri agreement was discussed. Council would like to have Tim Lyons to be invited to the next scheduled Council meeting to discuss the agreement further. Clerk Schneider gave the treasurer/financial report. The bid opening for the Noonan Park has been changed to September 8th, 2020 and will be advertised as such due to the holiday on September 7th.

Mayor Claar gave the Public Works report. He stated that Cory has recommended hiring Scott Green as a full time public works operator at \$19.50 per hour with benefits. Councilman Petersen motioned to approve the hiring of Scott Green at \$19.50 per hour with benefits beginning August 31st, 2020 and Councilman Glenn seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Bryant gave the police department report. Mary Lou Petersen thanked the police department for working and enforcing the weed ordinance.

Heath Turbiville updated the Council on the town's projects. Discussion was had on the water tower removal. Heath will work on getting more information and a special meeting will be scheduled once all the information is received.

With no further business, Councilman Glenn motioned to adjourn at 8:42 pm and Councilman Petersen seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

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ATTEST:

Cheryl Schreder, Clerk/Treasurer