

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
December 13th, 2023

Town Council Present: Mayor Ben Glenn, Councilmembers Austin Smith, Bob Stewart and Heidi Humpal

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Schneider, Attorney Pat Carpenter, Public Works Director Cory Allison and HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville

Mayor Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll call was taken with Councilmember Petersen excused.

Guests Monte Reichenberg and Randy Blakeman, Moorcroft Interfaith Community, were present to discuss the purchase of the property at the Moorcroft Town Center for the relocation of the food bank. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to sell the property legally described as Lot 3 and Lot 4 of the 3rd Addition of the Town of Moorcroft to the Moorcroft Interfaith Community and Councilmember Humpal seconded.** Discussion was had on the terms of the sale. **Councilmember Stewart amended his motion to include to sell for the cost of the appraisal and advertising, with the restrictions to be included and the project to be started within five years of sale and Councilmember Humpal amended her second. All ayes, motion carried.** Attorney Carpenter stated he needs a copy of the organized charter or bylaws from the Moorcroft Interfaith Community. Monte stated he would provide the IRS determination letter, along with a letter that stated the officers of the organization.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve Consent Agenda line items 1 & 2 and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve Consent Agenda line item 3 and Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmembers Stewart and Humpal ayes. Councilmember Smith abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Clerk Schneider discussed having Attorney Carpenter draft a lease for the Crook County School District for the parcel located by the Moorcroft Town Center. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve Attorney Carpenter to draft the lease and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Discussion was had on the request for a variance for discount for a kennel license for a family that is moving to Moorcroft and operates a kennel. Councilmember Humpal stated she did visit with the owner, and she stated that they could plan to attend the second meeting in January as they will be in Moorcroft. Discussion was had on the current Ordinance and adding different language and to look at the cost of the current kennel rates. Clerk Schneider reminded the Council of the upcoming WAM conference in Cheyenne in late February. She asked if she could know who would be attending by February 1st to receive the early bird registration. Clerk Schneider discussed the WyoWarn agreement and will have Attorney Carpenter look over the agreement before it is signed.

Public Works Director Allison updated the council on the public works department. He stated the fire garage door was hit again due to the malfunction of the door. The cost to have the door repaired and the malfunction repaired would be about \$2500.00. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the repairs for the cost of \$2500.00 and Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Discussion was had on the repair of the line to the lagoon. Cory stated the cost estimate from Vasquez is \$1296.00, plus freight for the materials and \$1600 for labor to dig. He stated he does have the money in his budget. **Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the estimate for both materials and labor and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Cory presented the estimate for the cost estimate on the updating on the town's SCADA system, including travel. The cost estimate is from Innovative Tech, the current provided and is \$3072.50. He stated he has budgeted for the update in this year's budget. **Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the estimate for the update and Councilman Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Chief Bryant did not have anything to report from his department.

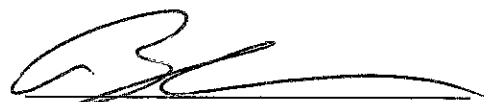
Heath Turbiville discussed having a workshop to discuss the Powder River Water II project. A workshop will be scheduled for December 20th at 6:00 pm, adding the splash park to the agenda.

Dan Blakeman, Public Safety, discussed the AFG grant and requested for it to be added to the January 10th agenda. He stated there have been issues with only one administrator and suggested adding another person. Councilmember Smith suggested adding someone from the EMT department.

Brad McKee, KARE, updated the council on the EMT department and presented an end of the year report.

Discussion was had on the December 27th regular scheduled meeting. **Councilmember Smith motioned to cancel the meeting and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

With no further business to discuss, **Councilmember Stewart motioned to adjourn at 8:05 pm and Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**



Ben Glenn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer