

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, July 12th, 2023

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

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Schneider, Attorney Pat Carpenter, Police Chief Bill Bryant, Public Works Director Cory Allison, HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville and K.A.R.E. Director Lexi McKee

Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 3 and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve Consent Agenda item 4 and Councilmember Stewart seconded. Councilmember Petersen, Stewart, Humpal and Mayor Glenn ayes. Councilmember Smith abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried. Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve Consent Agenda item 5 and Councilmember Smith seconded. Councilmembers Petersen, Smith, Humpal and Stewart ayes. Mayor Glenn abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Gary Thompson presented his building permit with the new changes. The new permit is now for a 1 foot variance behind his property line. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to approve the revised building permit and Councilmember Humpal seconded.** Discussion was had. Mayor Glenn stated that Mr. Thompson will be required to remove 28 inches of the wall, which Mr. Thompson agreed to do. **Councilmembers Smith, Stewart, Humpal and Mayor Glenn yay and Councilmember Petersen nay. Motion carried.**

Clerk Schneider gave her department report. She reported she submitted the grant to Wyo Energy for the windows. She stated there are some upcoming funding opportunities that might be a good fit for the MTC.

Cory Allison updated the Council on the public works department. He stated they have started crack sealing and he would like to purchase one more tote. The tote cost \$3700 and would come from the streets and alley budget. **Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve the purchase of the tote to be purchased from the streets and alley budget and Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Discussion was had on swings and park equipment. Cory will work with Clerk Schneider on possible grants for equipment. Cory stated the summer seasonal position is open as Wyatt Cook resigned and he has only received one application. He would like to recommend William Ripley to be hired to fill the position at the same wage and hours as prior approved. **Councilmember Stewart motioned to hire William Ripley for the full time summer seasonal help, with no benefits, beginning July 17th and ending August 31st, 2023 at \$16.50 per hour, 40 hours per week and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Discussion was had on the cemetery. Mayor Glenn requested Cory to check prices to gravel to the fence line. Cory stated the shaft on his pickup had been having some issues and is currently being worked on at Enhancement Services. Cory and Councilmember Petersen stated that Doug and Lee Hughes have generously donated a beautifully crafted sign to be placed at Noonan Park. The sign will be placed once the Splash Park has been completed.

Chief Bryant reported Jubilee numbers were down, but his department did keep busy over the weekend. He stated Officer Dawson is doing good. His department is continuing to work on the junk and week ordinance.

Heath Turbiville stated he had met with DEQ on the landfill. The funding application will be pushed back to October. The IJA has available funding that might work for the phase for Powder River Water and Heath will work on that application. A resolution will need to be done by the next meeting.

Lexi McKee, K.A.R.E. director, updated the council on the ambulance department. The new banner has been hung. A new EMR class will begin in August.

Clerk Schneider read Resolution 6-2023 for approval: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TOWN OF MOORCROFT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve Resolution 6-2023 and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

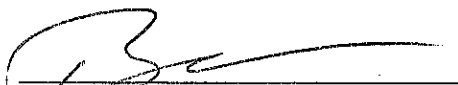
Clerk Schneider read Resolution 7-2023 for approval: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL BUDGET 2022-2023. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approval Resolution 7-2023 and Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**

Clerk Schneider presented the job description for the public safety/office clerk position. A workshop will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 pm to discuss the job description, Moorcroft Town Center and the splash park.

Discussion on the cemetery pinning was had. The cost is estimated to be around \$36,500, of which the offset can be taken from specific purpose tax.

Councilmember Smith requested to move into executive session at 7:57 pm to discuss personnel and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 8:12 pm with no action taken. Councilmember Smith motioned to adjourn at 8:12 pm and Councilmember Petersen seconded. All ayes, motion carried.


Ben Glenn, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer