

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
November 8th, 2023

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

Town Representatives Present: Deputy Clerk Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant and HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville

Mayor Glenn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Krissy Hinkhouse, Moorcroft Chamber of Commerce, asked Council to approve the Parade of Lights on December 10, 2023 starting at 5pm. Line up on Robinson Drive near Robinson Park and route would be North up Big Horn Ave to Crook Street.

Councilmember Humpal motioned to allow the Parade of Lights on December 10, 2023 starting at 5pm end time unknown. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Krissy Hinkhouse also asked Council to grant permission to decorate the light poles below the town's snowflakes the same as was done the previous year.

Councilmember Humpal motioned to allow decorating the light posts under the town's snowflakes for Christmas. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve consent agenda items 1-3 and Councilmember Stewart seconded. Mayor Glenn abstained due to conflict of interest. Councilmembers Petersen, Humpal, Stewart and Smith ayes, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Connally gave the Clerk's report. Connally asked that Ordinance 2-2023 be changed to Ordinance 3-2023, due to an error in numbering, during the 2nd reading. Wyoming Energy Grant contract arrived and is ready for Mayor Glenn's signature. Town Hall office will be closed November 10, 2023 in observance of Veterans Day.

Public Works Director Allison provided Council a written department report. Councilmember Smith asked about adding handicap parking lines as he has received complaints about handicap parking. Councilmembers Smith and Humpal will meet with Allison to discuss this.

Chief Bryant gave the Police Department report. Bryant advised Council that he received the contract from the Attorney Generals Office on the Fire Department and Police Department grants. Bryant asked Council for their approval to start spending the grant money.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the funding for the Police Department grant for the new reporting system until it is reimbursed. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the funding for the Fire Department's grant until it is reimbursed. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Heath Turbiville updated Council on the town's projects. Turbiville also congratulated Council on their being awarded for the Powder River Water project. Councilmember Petersen thanked Mayor Glenn for the speech he gave to the SLIB Board. Discussion was had on landfill closure. Workshop scheduled for 6:00 pm before the next council meeting on November 22, 2023 to discuss landfill.

Councilmember Petersen requested to go back to maintenance to discuss the wall in the MTC weightroom. Weights are hitting the wall and damaging it. Council will ask Cory to look into placing aluminum plating on the wall and building or buying an additional weight rack for free weights.

No new business.

Mayor Glenn asked Deputy Clerk Connally to read Ordinance 3-2023 on 2nd reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING IN ITS ENTIRETY TITLE 12, CHAPTER 1 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF MOORCROFT, WYOMING

Councilmember Petersen motioned to approve Ordinance 3-2023 on 2nd reading and Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

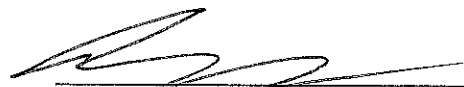
Jordan Roberts, Moorcroft Volunteer Fire Department returned to give Council an update on different options from the company he has been in communication with about grant writing. Councilmember Smith attended the meeting with the company and felt they were legitimate. Councilmember Smith felt it would be a good program to use, but wanted to wait to see what Council was going to do with the Public Safety position. Mayor Glenn thanked Roberts for his time looking into the company and bringing Council the information.

Councilmember Petersen motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:40 pm to discuss personnel. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Regular meeting of the Council reconvened at 8:10 pm. **Councilmember Smith motioned to offer Dan Blakeman the Public Safety position at \$20.00 per hour, working 60 hours per month, with a minimum of 10 hours per week put in at the Fire Hall during normal operating business hours. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmember Petersen stated a non-benefited position. All ayes, motion carried.**

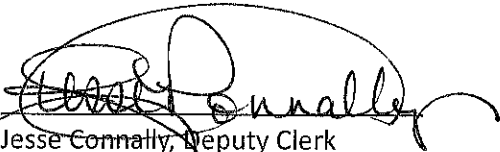
Pat Carpenter asked Council for an update on the land sale. Deed restrictions were discussed during a workshop and last meeting. Clerks Office will send the information to Carpenter.

With no further business to discuss, **Councilmember Humpal motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. and Councilmember Petersen seconded. All ayes motion carried.**



Ben Glenn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jesse Connally, Deputy Clerk