

Town of Moorcroft
Regular Meeting of the Council
Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

Town Council Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Austin Smith, Councilmembers Heidi Humpal, and Dan Blakeman **Absent:** Robert Stewart

Town Representatives Present: Clerk/Treasurer Jesse Connally, Police Chief Bill Bryant, Public Works Tech Dave Elliott and HDR Engineer Heath Turbiville

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

Guests Jordan Pitchford and Jodi Brooks with Crook County WIC spoke with Council about services they provide to Crook County. They requested a room in the MTC a few days a month at no cost. Council asked that they send a draft MOU to review prior to the next scheduled council meeting.

Guest Mike Shober and Quentin Rogers with Powder River Energy spoke with Council about the upcoming LaBelle Prairie Project. Council thanked them for their information on the solar energy project.

Guest Elaine Buckmiller updated Council regarding the repair to her sewer line on Goshen Street. Buckmiller requested that Council review town ordinances.

Guest Ben Hulings with Visionary updated Council on the fiber install project.

Consent Agenda: **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to approve consent agenda items 1, & 2; Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Council May 13th, 2026 and May Bill List #4. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Blakeman motioned to approve May Bill List #5. Councilmember Blakeman seconded. Councilmembers Blakeman, Smith and Mayor Petersen ayes, Councilmember Humpal abstained, motion carried.**

Public Works Tech Dave Elliot gave the public works department report. **Councilmember Smith motioned to approve Paintbrush Sanitation port-a-potty (at Westview Park) for \$295/month which includes weekly cleanings from June 1 to August 31. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Splash Pad will open June 1st, 2026.

Councilmember Blakeman thanked the Fischbach family for all the work they did at the Texas Trails Park. Basketball Hoop at Westview Park will be installed the first week of June.

Clerk Connally gave her department report. **Councilmember Blakeman motioned to approve the engagement letter between the Town of Moorcroft and Casey Peterson, LTD for the**

town's audit and financial statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th, 2026. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Bryant gave his department report

Heath Turbiville, HDR, gave update on town projects to council. Lead Service Line workshop scheduled for June 1st at 9am. Splash Pad warranty walkthrough May 28th at 8am.

Councilmember Blakeman motioned to adopt the current Level 2 County Fire Ban. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Smith extended the Council's thanks to the all the firefighters for their quick response to the by Warbonnet off Hwy 16 on May 27th.

No EMS report.

New Business: **Councilmember Smith motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 6-2026: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027. Councilmember Humpal seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Blakeman motioned to approve CSI to fix the HVAC in Town Hall and for it to come out of the Clerk's budget. Motion died due to lack of a second. Council asked that multiple bids be brought in before a decision is made. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve advertising for a Public Works Director to start no earlier than July 1st, 2026. Councilmember Stewart seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Blakeman motioned to hire Design Construction to stripe three blocks of main street and paint curbs spending no more than \$3000 for the project. Councilmember Humpal seconded. Councilmember Humpal, Smith and Blakeman ayes, Mayor Petersen abstained, motion carried. Councilmember Humpal would like to see the painting done prior to Jubilee. Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve amended Resolution 5-2026: Appointments; Finance Committee as Austin Smith and Dan Blakeman and the Planning Committee as Robert Trigg (Chairman), Dan Blakeman (Secretary), Bob Stewart and Jeff Holberg. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Councilmember Smith motioned to approve Justin Thomas to receive a \$1/hour raise for obtaining his Level I Well System Operator License. Councilmember Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.**


Old Business: **Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve hiring Laiden Huckins for the summer help position at \$15/hr, start date of May 22nd, 2026. Councilmember Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Noonan shelter material should arrive today, Councilmember Blakeman will check on this. Clean Up day still on for May 30th, 2026. Mayor Petersen stated that Clerk Connally is on salary and asked that she be compensated for working on Saturday. **Councilmember Humpal motioned to approve paying Jesse Connally her hourly wage for the Clean Up day on May 30th, 2026 up to 8 hours. Councilmember Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** All other employees working that day will also be

paid their regular rate, due to Monday the 25th being a holiday. Workshop scheduled June 10th, 2026 at 6pm to speak with Saint Patrick's Catholic Church regarding their project.

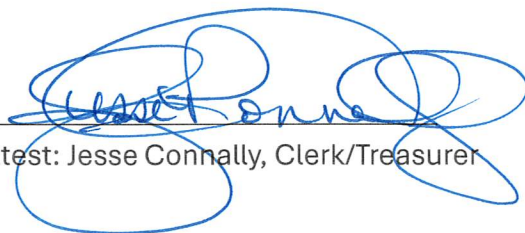
Councilmember Smith motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 9:09pm. Councilmember Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Council moved into executive session at 9:09pm.

The regular meeting of the council reconvened at 9:50pm with no action taken.

Councilmember Humpal motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:51pm. Councilmember Blakeman seconded. All ayes, motion carried.



Austin Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem



Attest: Jesse Connally, Clerk/Treasurer