

Town of Moorcroft  
Regular Meeting of the Council  
Monday, February 27, 2017

**Town Council Present:** Councilmen Owen Mathews, Dick Claar and Ben Glenn

**Absent:** Mayor Sproul and Councilman Paul Smoot

**Town Employees Present:** Clerk/Schneider Cheryl Schneider, Public Works Director Cory Allison, Attorney Jim Peck, and HDR Engineers Heath Turbiville and Nick VanWye

**Absent:** Police Chief Doug Lundborg

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Claar and the pledge of allegiance was said. Attorney Peck stated that since the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem were both absent that the council should elect a mayor pro-tem for the meeting. **Councilman Glenn motioned to make Councilman Claar mayor pro-tem for this meeting and Councilman Mathews seconded. Motion passed 3/0.**

Rachel Kimsey, Dewey's Place, was present to update the council for the days requested for extended hours for the bars. **Councilman Glenn motioned to approve the 24 extended hours for Jubilee on July 8<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>, and New Years on December 31<sup>st</sup>. and Councilman Mathews seconded. Motioned passed 3/0.** Discussion was had for Rachel to come back to the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to requested approval for the Beer Garden for Jubilee.

**Councilman Mathews motioned to accept the Consent Agenda and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion passed 3/0.**

**Councilman Glenn motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss personnel and Councilman Mathews seconded. Motion passed 3/0.**

The Regular Meeting of the Council was called back into session at 7:35 p.m. No action was taken.

Clerk Schneider gave the Clerk's report. She stated there was interest in the town's properties that are for sale. Attorney Peck went over what was required in order to sale the properties.

Heath Turbiville gave the Engineer's report. He stated that part of the SRF Part II application is to have a public meeting to finish up the environment and to advertise for 15 days before the meeting. The public meeting will be March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. for public comment, prior to the regular council meeting. Discussion was had that March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first deadline for the Cease and Transfer and Moorcroft is #3 in priority for funding.

PW Director Cory Allison stated that Robert Jespersen has resigned from his position at the MTC.

**Councilman Mathews motioned to accept Robert Jespersen's resignation and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion passed 3/0.** He also stated that he has an employee out with an injury. He would

like to recommend Dennis Ehresman at the landfill to work part time to fill in. **Councilman Mathews motioned to approve Dennis Ehresman as a temporary part-time, non-benefited "at will" employee at the maximum of 30 hours a week as so long needed at \$15.00 per hour and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion passed 3/0.** He requested to hire an additional temporary part-time "at will" employee with no benefits as well to sit in the landfill office for approximately 20 hours a week at \$12.65 per hour. **Councilman Owen motioned to find a temporary, non-benefited "at will" part-time employee at \$12.65 per hour and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion passed 3/0.** He stated the fence is up at the baseball field. Allison stated he would like to hire a couple of high school or college students for summer help to mow since his department will be doing the water reports. Council requested that he wait until we get to budget and to make sure LGLP will cover them. If approved, the positions will be advertised. Discussion was had to re-advertise the part time MTC custodial position. **Councilman Mathews motioned to advertise and fill the part time, temporary custodial position at the MTC and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion passed 3/0.**

Councilman Glenn requested the use of the MTC for the volunteer fireman to work out. Clerk Schneider asked if they could sign the liability forms. He reported the EMS classes are going well.

Attorney Peck read the Ordinance 1, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading into record. **Councilman Mathews motioned to approve Ordinance 1, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion passed 3/0.** Attorney Peck read the Ordinance 2, 2017 Reading into record. **Councilman Mathews motioned to approve Ordinance 2, 2017 and Councilman Glenn seconded. Motion passed 3/0.** He updated the council on information on the PREC franchise and VCN lease as well as the MTC lease with CCSD.

Old Business: RV park Ordinance will be discussed at the upcoming workshop on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Mathews discussed writing and drafting and Ordinance for standing committees and defining these committees.

Councilman Claar reported that Dell Atkinson is no longer with NEWEDC. Brandy Harlow is the new director and will attend the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to introduce herself to the council and to discuss the grant.

Jay Bonderson, Midwest Assistance, reported on a couple of upcoming trainings.

Councilman Claar thanked all the employees for doing a good job for the town.

With no further business, Councilman Mathews motioned to adjourn and Councilman Glenn seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

  
Cheryl Schneider, Clerk/Treasurer

  
Dick Claar, Temporary Mayor Pro Tem