

September 11, 2012

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister
Councilmember Scott Bryan
Councilmember Debra J. Forstedt
Councilmember Lisa Northrup
Councilmember Joe Segura Jr.
Councilmember Ronald Shaver

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, Police Chief Keith Kuretich, Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Fire Chief Erik Christensen, Parks Superintendent Doak Duke, Streets Superintendent Jim Willis, Network Administrator Nelson McCoy, Golf Professional Tyler Tarpley and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

BIDS FOR REPAIR OF HAIL DAMAGE TO CITY VEHICLES

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer reviewed the bid process for this item, which would repair an estimated \$41,786 in damage caused to 22 city vehicles by a hail storm on June 7. Boyer said he contacted all four local auto body repair shops and two submitted bids, and he was recommending splitting the work between those two shops.

The city would be responsible only for the \$10,000 insurance deductible, Boyer said, and this deductible payment would also apply to the repair of several city roofs which would be presented to the council in the near future, because the damage to both the vehicles and the roofs was considered to be a single event.

Councilmember Debra Forstedt then announced that she would step down from the council vote on this matter as she was related to one of the bidders, and she left the room.

Councilmember Scott Bryan offered a resolution to authorize the repair of the vehicles and the splitting of the work between the two shops, with Fort Morgan Auto Body repairing 14 vehicles at a total cost of \$21,009 and Griffith Auto Body fixing eight vehicles at a cost of \$20,777. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Ron Shaver and approved on a vote of 5-0, with Forstedt stepping down.

Forstedt then returned to the meeting.

2013 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR – PRESENTATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

City Manager Jeff Wells noted that this was a review of capital improvement items only under the General Fund, as capital items in other city funds were reviewed during discussion of those funds. Wells said the General Fund capital items were funded by a one-cent sales tax dedicated to that purpose. Staff had projected revenues based on this tax as well as other sources like grants and carryover funding from the 2012 budget, Wells said, and discussed the prioritization of what it considered needed capital purchases from this fund.

Wells listed the capital projects and vehicle/equipment purchases that had been requested by various General Fund departments, and identified several alternatives for determining which

capital items to keep in the 2013 budget, which were all based on the council's goals and objectives as outlined in a visioning session earlier in the year. The council discussed the costs and relative importance of various proposed items, and also questioned the staff about other possible solutions to these capital needs including equipment sharing or trades.

One of the alternatives prepared by staff included \$600,000 for the initial construction of Acoma Avenue, which had long been a council goal, while the second delayed that project and used the funding to pay for other projects and purchases, Wells said. The third alternative was similar to the second but also called for using capital reserve funds to pay the cost of Acoma Avenue construction. Discussion followed about the need for Acoma Avenue as well as the costs and what that funding would buy.

Mayor Terry McAlister said he did not like the idea of using reserve funds for construction of the road, and other council members agreed that this alternative should be eliminated from consideration. McAlister asked if the staff could revisit the priority list and include some level of funding to be reserved for use in building Acoma Avenue in the future, and advise the council on what other capital items could be funded under that scenario. Wells said that could be done, and he would include \$100,000 in the 2013 capital improvements budget to be saved for future Acoma Avenue construction. Staff would then work to revise and fine-tune the priority list based on that premise and this council discussion, and bring back a new capital budget proposal for presentation at the Sept. 25 meeting, Wells said.

PRESENTATION ON A PROPOSAL FOR AN IN-HOUSE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT LEASING PROGRAM

Wells said this was a preliminary presentation to see if the council believed such a program would be worth investigating further. A city leasing program would create a fund to purchase all needed vehicles, which would then be leased from this fund by the various city departments, he said. This would pay interest charges to the city rather than an outside entity, and the lease payments would also continually replenish the fund so that future vehicle needs could be met without various city departments having to compete for limited capital funding.

The council consensus was to direct staff to research this idea further and put together more information and a proposal for future consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells reported on the annual car show scheduled for the coming weekend, and updated the council on the progress of the conversion to Caselle financial software. He noted that the new feature of online access and payment for utility bills was working well and proving to be popular.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk/PIO John Brennan announced upcoming meetings, and announced that the city was still actively seeking applicants for the City Council vacancy for Ward 1. He encouraged people to call him for more information.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the September 11, 2012 regular meeting at 8:02 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister

Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan

City Clerk