

November 20, 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 Lt. Darin Sagel, City Treasurer Jeanne Kinney, Community Development Director David Callahan, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, Legal Intern Jason Meyers and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Mayor McAlister reviewed the process to be followed for the public hearing, and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan confirmed that legal notice of the hearing had been published in the Fort Morgan Times on Nov. 9. City Manager Jeff Wells reminded the council that the budget had been reviewed extensively and presented to the council at previous meetings, and that all individual funds as well as the overall budget were balanced. No public comments were received, and Brennan told the council that no written or oral comments on the ordinance had been received by his office.

Councilmember Debra Forstedt made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Scott Bryan and approved unanimously.

Wells explained to the council that the budget would be continually monitored and any issues brought before the council.

Bryan then offered a resolution approving the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1131, An Ordinance Levying a Tax Upon the Taxable Property of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, and Appropriating Money to the Several Funds of Said City. Forstedt seconded that resolution, which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration, as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements and Payroll for October
- B. Approval of the minutes of the November 6, 2012 City Council regular meeting

Forstedt offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells reported on the kickoff party for the Christmas Capital of the Plains promotional campaign in which the city was participating, saying it was successful and many people were enthused about the campaign, which would feature many activities in the downtown area on Thursday evenings and Saturdays during the holiday season.

Wells also told the council that the Airport Advisory Board had unanimously approved a motion to recommend that the council take all means and necessary action to move the runway project forward and preserve the current and future economic vitality the airport brings to the community. Wells said city staff was still trying to work with the landowners involved and would provide further reports to the council as any new information became available.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings, and provided information on several other upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The regular portion of the meeting concluded at 6:16 p.m., and Forstedt then offered a motion to proceed to the first of two scheduled executive sessions. That motion was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously. The first executive session had been published as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Pending litigation.

This executive session began at 6:25 p.m. and ended at 7:45 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and council members along with Wells, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, Legal Intern Jason Meyers and Fort Morgan Police Lt. Darin Sagel. Following the conclusion of the executive session, the council returned to open session where Forstedt reported that the council met in executive session to receive legal advice regarding pending litigation, and the council was so advised. No motion was made and no action was taken.

The council then convened the second scheduled executive session, which had been published as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Purchase of property near airport.

This executive session convened at 7:49 p.m. and concluded at 8:26 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and council along with Wells, Meyers, Community Development Director David Callahan, Robert Duncan, Jeff Warkowski and Alex McKean.

Following the conclusion of the executive session, the council returned to open session where Forstedt reported that the council met in executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding the purchase of property near the airport, and the council was so advised. No motion was made and no action was taken.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the November 20, 2012 regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister
Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan
City Clerk