

February 16, 2016

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the meeting room at the Fort Morgan Water Treatment Plant. The regular meeting took place after the council and staff completed a tour of the water treatment facility. The Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver
Councilmember Clint Anderson
Councilmember Christine Castoe
Councilmember Kevin Lindell
Councilmember Dan Marler
Councilmember Lisa Northrup

Absent: Councilmember Joe Segura Jr. (excused)

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, Police Chief Darin Sagel, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Engineering/Public Works Director Brad Curtis, Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation, Community Services/Economic Development Director Josh Miller, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, City Attorney Jason Meyers, Golf Professional/Golf Course Manager Ty Hamer, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Al O'Canas and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

APPOINTMENT OF JACK DARNELL TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Ron Shaver said this application had been taken to the Airport Advisory Board and was recommended for appointment to fill the last remaining vacancy on that board. Councilmember Kevin Lindell made a motion to appoint Jack Darnell to the Airport Advisory Board, which was seconded by Councilmember Lisa Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, with Councilmember Joe Segura Jr. absent).

UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY SNAPSHOTS AND VISION STATEMENTS FOR THE PLAN

Engineering/Public Works Director Brad Curtis reviewed the status of the Comprehensive Plan process, and said the snapshots being presented for council approval outlined existing conditions in the city and why these areas of focus were important. He said the staff and consulting firm Logan Simpson would revise these snapshots for clarity and ease of understanding by the public, but staff wanted council's approval for the direction the process was moving.

Several council members remarked that they thought the snapshots were interesting and well done and provided valuable information for the plan. Curtis said the plan team would continue gathering public input for the plan and begin to develop the next steps.

Councilmember Christine Castoe made a motion to accept the vision statements and the general context and content of the snapshots for the Comprehensive Plan. That motion was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

Curtis then showed a video made by Fort Morgan High School students Aubrey Wells and Hallie Wickham, who were involved with the Comprehensive Plan team and process. The video

showed scenes of Fort Morgan and described what a Comprehensive Plan is and how to get involved in its development. Curtis said he was looking for council's go-ahead to release the video to the public through websites and social media. The council consensus was that the video was well done and should be distributed.

BIDS FOR A 4-WHEEL-DRIVE, ¾-TON PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation said this was the first of three items regarding bids for trucks for his various departments.

Nation reviewed the bid process for this purchase of a truck for the Water Distribution Department, for which three bids were received. Staff was recommending acceptance of the low bid from Weld County Garage in the amount of \$36,448, along with various options and equipment to make the vehicle ready for city use, with the total expenditure not to exceed \$45,000, which Nation said was under the budgeted amount.

Northrup offered a resolution to accept the bid from Weld County Garage for a pickup truck for the Water Distribution Department with the total expenditure not to exceed \$45,000. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

BIDS FOR A 4-WHEEL-DRIVE, ¾-TON PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

Nation reviewed the bid process for this purchase, for which five bids were received. In this case staff was not recommending the lowest bid because that bid was for a Dodge vehicle that could take up to six months to be delivered, Nation said, so the recommendation was to take the next-lowest bid from Weld County Garage in the amount of \$36,448. This request would also include needed options and equipment with the total cost not to exceed \$45,000, he said.

Northrup offered a resolution to accept the bid from Weld County Garage for a pickup truck for the Wastewater Collection Department with the total expenditure not to exceed \$45,000. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

BIDS FOR A 4-WHEEL-DRIVE, ¾-TON PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE LIGHT & POWER DEPARTMENT

Nation reviewed the bid process for this purchase, which also received five bids. Nation said he was recommending the bid from Weld County Garage in the amount of \$36,171 even though that was several hundred dollars higher than the low bid, because the dealer location was closer for repairs and the other two trucks were being purchased from this source.

Northrup offered a resolution to accept the bid from Weld County Garage for a pickup truck for the Light & Power Department with the total expenditure not to exceed \$45,000. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

RESOLUTION DELEGATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE QUAIL DUNES GOLF COURSE TO THE MAYOR AND GOLF COURSE MANAGER

Community Services/Economic Development Director Josh Miller said the current 3.2 beer license at the golf course was coming up for renewal, and staff had been contemplating this change to a tavern liquor license for a couple of years. Miler and Golf Pro Ty Hamer said the change would improve the food and beverage service at the course and allow the offering of a wider menu of products including craft beers, wine and liquor. Hamer said the desire was not

become a bar but to offer things like canned Bloody Marys and margaritas, and the change would also be attractive to organizers of golf tournaments. He pointed out that it would involve the cost of installing locking cabinets for liquor storage, and that the wider offering would also be more profitable for the course.

Miller said the change would also likely help reduce the practice of golfers bringing liquor onto the course on their own, and Hamer said it could lead to new attractions like golf clinics with wine tastings, dinners and other events. Miller and Hamer also answered several council questions regarding the change and its implications.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution delegating the City Council's authority to apply for a tavern liquor license on behalf of the City of Fort Morgan to the mayor and the golf course manager. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES AND FEE WAIVERS FROM MUSTANG BASEBALL

Miller said this was a request that had come to the council each spring for a number of years, and would allow the Mustang Baseball Club to use city fields for its practices and games. The fees to be waived totaled just under \$4,500, he said, and the club would pay a \$500 deposit for use of the fields. Miller said the approval of this request would cover the club's use of all city baseball fields with the exception of Legion Field, because the ownership, maintenance and use of that field was still under negotiation with Morgan County and the local school district.

City Manager Jeff Wells said the eventual agreement regarding Legion Field could come back to the council in the future, but this approval would cover the use of fields other than Legion Field.

Castoe offered a resolution to approve the request for in-kind services and fee waivers for the use of city facilities by the Mustang Baseball Club and that the approval did not include Legion Field. That resolution was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE FOR REPAIRS TO THE EXCEL ELECTRIC SUBSTATION

Nation described the situation that led to this emergency repair, which was needed to avoid a potential power outage for Cargill Meat Solutions, the city's largest utility customer. The city utilized a specialized contractor for installation of the component because of the nature of the repair, he said. Then-Mayor Terry McAlister approved going ahead with the repair, and that approval now needed to be ratified by the council, Nation said.

Castoe offered a resolution to approve the Resolution ratifying the emergency expenditures for an interrupter circuit switch in the Excel substation with the expense not to exceed \$23,392.20. That resolution was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE FAA AND CDOT FOR THE AIRPORT

Curtis explained that the grants from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Colorado Department of Transportation would be used to update the airport's long-range master plan. He said Fort Morgan was a part of a group of airports that traded their annual funding allocations among them so that each airport would get all of the funding at certain intervals to accomplish larger projects.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution accepting a grant from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Colorado Department of Transportation-Aviation and authorization

for the mayor to execute the grant agreement. That resolution was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

City Clerk/PIO John Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the disbursements and payroll for January
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Feb. 2, 2016 City Council regular meeting

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine business by the Council and will be enacted with a single motion and a single vote by roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is deemed necessary, that item should be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Castoe offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells said the renovation and painting of the Rainbow Bridge had been completed and he had received several compliments on the project. Wells reported on several other items and said the reformatting of his monthly report to the council was still in the works and would be provided to the council soon.

Nation announced that the City of Fort Morgan had received the first runner-up award in a taste test of municipal water samples at the recent meeting of the Colorado Rural Water Association, and presented a plaque to Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Al O'Canas for display at the plant.

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer said the city had participated as a sponsor of the Colorado Plains Medical Center Health Fair the preceding weekend and distributed fliers and prizes related to the Quail Dunes Golf Course. Boyer said a new online employment application and tracking system would be going live the following day.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The regular portion of the meeting concluded at 7:32 p.m., and Mayor Ron Shaver announced that the next items on the agenda were two scheduled executive sessions. Councilmember Kevin Lindell made a motion to convene the first scheduled executive session, which was seconded by Councilmember Christine Castoe and approved unanimously. This executive session had been published as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Economic incentives.

This executive session began at 7:36 p.m. and ended at 8:22 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and five council members (Segura absent) along with City Manager Jeff Wells, City Attorney Jason Meyers and Community Services/Economic Development Director Josh Miller. At the conclusion of the executive session the council returned to the regular open meeting, where Castoe reported that the council had met in executive session for the purpose stated on the agenda. Castoe made a motion directing staff to move forward with economic incentives as discussed in executive session, which was seconded by Councilmember Lisa Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

Northrup then made a motion to convene the second scheduled executive session, which was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent). This executive session had been published as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Property purchases.

This executive session began at 8:26 p.m. and ended at 9:00 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and five council members (Segura absent) along with Wells, Meyers, Miller and Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation. At the conclusion of the executive session the council returned to the regular open meeting, where Castoe reported that the council had met in executive session for the purpose stated on the agenda. Castoe made a motion directing staff to move forward on negotiating property purchases as discussed in executive session, which was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

Mayor Shaver adjourned the Feb. 16, 2016 regular meeting at 9:02 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk