

May 3, 2016

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the Council Chambers of City Hall after completing a tour of the Streets, Sanitation and Building Departments and City Hall offices. 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, Management Intern/Economic Development Specialist Chelsea Gondeck, City Attorney Jason Meyers, FMPD Lt. Jared Crone, Museum Curator Brian Mack, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2016 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Councilmember Christine Castoe offered a resolution to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 City Council regular meeting as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Dan Marler and approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0, with Councilmember Joe Segura Jr. absent.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 15-21 TO BE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mayor Shaver read the proclamation and presented a signed and sealed formal copy of the document to Fort Morgan Police Chief Darin Sagel. Sagel thanked the council and the community for their support and said he was proud of his department and all of his officers.

PRESENTATION ON “MORGAN COUNTY” PICTORIAL HISTORY BOOK

Fort Morgan Museum Curator Brian Mack, one of the co-authors of this recently published book, presented copies to the council members and described the project that resulted in the book. He said that although his name and that of co-author Linda Midcap appear on the book cover, many others including the entire museum staff contributed to making the project possible. He said the book contained more than 200 photographs and would be a good promotional tool for the city and the museum as well as a fundraiser for the Fort Morgan Heritage Foundation.

APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO THE AD HOC ADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer reviewed the background on the formation of this committee and read the names of the members he proposed for appointment to the group. Castoe made a motion to appoint the members listed by Boyer to the Ad Hoc ADA

Advisory Committee, which was seconded by Councilmember Lisa Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALTERATIONS TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER

Fort Morgan Police Lt. Jared Crone explained that the Fort Morgan Humane Society operates the city's animal shelter under a lease and service agreement, and the organization wanted to construct a new outdoor dog run at the facility at its own expense. The agreement required city approval for any modifications to the facility, Crone said, and staff was recommending approval to allow the new dog run to be built by the humane society. Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution authorizing alterations to the animal shelter by the Fort Morgan Humane Society, which was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

BIDS FOR RIVERSIDE PARK PAVING PROJECTS

Engineering/Public Works Director Brad Curtis said \$650,000 in capital improvement funds had been budgeted for these projects, which would resurface the parking lots at the swimming pool and the Canfield trailhead along with other improvement. Curtis reviewed the bid process and said four bids were received, and recommended accepting the low bid from PLM Asphalt & Concrete of Aurora in the amount of \$354,010. Curtis asked that the total expenditure be approved up to \$400,000 for contingencies, and noted that additional improvements related to the projects would be done by on-call contractors and come from the same budget.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the bid from PLM Asphalt & Concrete for \$354,010 and authorize the mayor to execute the necessary agreements, with the total expenditure not to exceed \$400,000. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

BIDS FOR A 4-WHEEL-DRIVE 3/4-TON BI-FUEL PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation said this purchase had been delayed by the final paperwork for a grant from the state Department of Local Affairs that would pay up to \$13,000 toward the cost of the truck, but that grant funding had now been obtained. Nation reviewed the bid process and said the staff was recommending the second-lowest bid because the lowest bid was for a Dodge truck that would involve a very long wait to obtain the truck from the factory. Nation also requested additional funding for add-on options and equipment to outfit the truck for city use.

Northrup offered a resolution to accept the bid from Johnson Auto Plaza of Brighton in the amount of \$38,442.36 for a Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Double Cab truck and authorize additional expenses for options and equipment with the total cost not to exceed \$46,000. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

BIDS FOR FIBER TO THE HOME NETWORK DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

Nation said the selected company would design a network to provide broadband internet service using the city's existing fiber optic system as the foundation, and 12 bids were received. He explained that the proposals were reviewed by a staff team, which resulted in all seven members of the team choosing the same three finalists, who were then interviewed in person by a smaller selection team. After much discussion the selection team chose its preferred bidder for a variety of reasons, and that company was also the lowest bidder, Nation said.

City Manager Jeff Wells said a great deal of time was spent evaluating the proposals and it was done thoroughly.

Castoe offered a resolution to accept the proposal from Manweiler Telecom Consulting Inc. of Centennial, Colo., in an amount not to exceed \$160,305 and to authorize the mayor to execute the necessary agreements. That resolution was seconded by Marler and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF ONE SHARE OF FORT MORGAN RESERVOIR & IRRIGATION CO. WATER

Nation said the city was always looking for additional water to buy and this share was offered for sale, which would also include accompanying single shares in two water lateral companies. Castoe offered a resolution to approve the Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement for the purchase of one share of Fort Morgan Reservoir & Irrigation Company, one share of Platte Avenue Lateral Company and one share of Sergeant Lateral Company. That resolution was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A NETWORK INTEGRATION TRANSMISSION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA

Wells explained that this agreement would cancel the city's agreement for transmission of electric power with the Western Area Power Administration and allow MEAN to provide these services, with the understanding that if the city were to cease its relationship with MEAN that organization would cooperate with the city to restore the agreement with Western.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska concerning rights to network integration transmission services. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Segura absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

None.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk/PIO John Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings, and noted that the city had scheduled a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the following Monday to celebrate the completion of the new Acoma Avenue, which would provide an east-west connection south of the railroad tracks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular portion of the meeting ended at 6:49 p.m., and Mayor Shaver announced that the next item on the agenda was a scheduled executive session. Castoe made a motion to convene this executive session, which was seconded by Marler 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: Water purchase agreement.

The executive session began at 7:10 p.m. and concluded at 7:52 p.m. and was attended by the mayor and five council members (Councilmember Joe Segura Jr. absent) along with City Manager Jeff Wells, City Attorney Jason Meyers and Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation. At the start of the executive session Councilmember Lisa Northrup recused herself from the executive session due to a potential conflict of interest and left the room.

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 then made a motion to instruct negotiators to proceed with negotiations according to the parameters discussed in the executive session. That motion was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Lindell and approved on a unanimous vote of 5-0, with Segura absent and Northrup having recused herself.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the May 3, 2016 City Council regular meeting at 7:53 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk