

January 2, 2018

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver  
Councilmember Clint Anderson  
Councilmember Christine Castoe  
Councilmember Allison Howe (arrived at 6:26 p.m.)  
Councilmember Kevin Lindell  
Councilmember Dan Marler  
Councilmember Lisa Northrup

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, Chief of Public Safety Paul Schultz, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation, Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Economic Development Specialist Jeni Elrick, City Attorney Jason Meyers, Fire Marshal John Zink, Human Resources/Utilities Director Susan Kurk and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 19, 2017 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

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Councilmember Christine Castoe offered a resolution to approve the minutes of the Dec. 19, 2017 City Council regular meeting as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Lisa Northrup and approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0, with Councilmember Allison Howe not yet in attendance at the meeting.

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### **UPDATE ON YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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City Manager Jeff Wells said the council had budgeted for an initiative in 2018 to get young people more involved with the city, and Community Services Director Ty Hamer reviewed the staff's initial proposal for a youth advisory council. The proposal envisioned a board of five Fort Morgan High School students as well as adult representatives from the city staff, the council and the school faculty.

Discussion followed about whether to limit the membership to students of FMHS or include students who live within the city but attend other schools. Wells said he understood the City Council wanted the youth council to be as inclusive as possible, and said a more formal proposal would be brought back after staff had a chance to discuss options with school officials. The council gave direction to move forward as discussed but no formal action was taken.

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### **BIDS FOR GIS CONSULTING SERVICES**

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Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation said the city's new GIS person was doing a great job but it was clear that the city would need an outside consultant for some tasks and projects on an ongoing basis. He said the city received a lot of interest in this opportunity and got four formal proposals, and he was recommending acceptance of the only local proposal from Adaptive Resources Inc., which was already familiar with the city's system and operations. Northrup offered a resolution to accept the proposal from Adaptive Resources and authorize the mayor to enter into a service agreement with the company. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (6-0, Howe not yet in attendance).

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF FIRM POWER AGREEMENT WITH WAPA**

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Nation said this was similar to a measure approved a couple of years earlier pertaining to the city's electric power obtained from the Loveland Area Projects of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). This resolution related to power from another segment of WAPA's system based in Salt Lake City. Nation noted that the extension would last until 2057, and noted that WAPA power was the cheapest obtainable by the city and it was wise to renew the agreement.

Councilmember Howe arrived at the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution accepting and authorizing the mayor to execute Contract Number 17-SLC-0846 between the City of Fort Morgan and the Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration for firm electric service. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously (7-0).

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OLD HIRE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR 2018**

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Wells said this measure would fund the city's obligation to the Old Hire Pension Plan for 2018, as dictated by the most recent actuarial study for the plan.

Northrup offered a resolution approving the Resolution authorizing additional funding for the Old Hire Police Pension Plan for 2018, which was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously.

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**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE CODE CONCERNING MINOR SUBDIVISIONS**

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Wells noted that this was an example of parts of the municipal code that were not as user-friendly as they might be, which he said Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer would continue to bring to the council to improve the code.

Glammeyer said this change would make the minor subdivision process simpler and more efficient when the city was the owner of the property in question. He said it was not uncommon for municipalities to do this, especially in cases like Fort Morgan's where the city owns all of its utilities.

Councilmember Dan Marler questioned whether this could be perceived as a double standard that was an advantage to the city but not private developers. Glammeyer said that was not the intent, and if he saw an individual case where the public interest may be affected he could take it through the normal full process of subdivision review.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending portions of the City of Fort Morgan Land Use Code concerning minor subdivisions, and to schedule second reading and a public hearing on the ordinance for Jan. 16. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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None.

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**REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

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Nation told the council of a water line issue that originated with a frozen pipe in the county judicial center and led to a broken valve and leak in the main line on Beaver Avenue. He said

the issue was ongoing, and Councilmember Northrup passed along kudos from county staff for the city's response to the incident.

Chief of Public Safety Paul Schultz presented the mayor with an award plaque the city had received for its participation in National Night Out.

Wells reminded the council of the organizational special meeting the following week and noted City Attorney Jason Meyers' article in the recent Colorado Municipal League magazine. He also announced that Library/Museum Director Chandra McCoy would be graduating soon with her second master's degree.

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## **BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the Jan. 2, 2018 regular meeting at 6:55 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver

Mayor

/s/ John Brennan

City Clerk