

January 16, 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 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver
Councilmember Clint Anderson
Councilmember Allison Howe
Councilmember Kevin Lindell
Councilmember Dan Marler
Councilmember Lisa Northrup
Councilmember Doug Schossow

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, Chief of Public Safety Paul Schultz, City Attorney Jason Meyers, 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, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Susan Kurk, Fire Chief Mark Frasco, Fire Marshal John Zink and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

APPOINTMENT OF MARCIA FRITZLER TO THE SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Councilmember Allison Howe said the Senior Center Advisory Board had reviewed the application and recommended appointment. Howe offered a resolution to appoint Marcia Fritzler to the Senior Center Advisory Board, which was seconded by Councilmember Lisa Northrup and approved unanimously.

FORT MORGAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Fire Chief Mark Frasco reviewed some highlights from his annual report including the volume and types of calls and the hours of training and certifications completed by volunteer firefighters. Mayor Shaver said he was glad to see the volunteers pursuing additional training which added to the great benefit the department provides to the city. Northrup said the number of hours spent in training was extremely impressive.

Fire Marshal John Zink then reviewed his annual report about educational programs and activities as well as fire inspections and other duties.

CITY MANAGER ANNUAL REPORT

City Manager Jeff Wells reviewed highlights from his annual report including his four areas of focus: fiscal accountability, employee development, economic development and community engagement. He provided examples of accomplishments and ongoing initiatives in each area of focus as well as projects that had been completed and were planned for the future. Wells also discussed the city's financial condition and level of debt, and said the city was in a very good financial position.

Shaver said Wells had assembled a very competent and energetic management team and he felt the city was moving in a positive direction. Wells said the success of the city was due to those people and all of the city's employees who do the work every day.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND INTERIM AGREEMENT FOR INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF THE SOUTHERN WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation reminded the council that the City of Fort Morgan had initiated the start of this phase of upgrading the capacity of the pipeline that supplies the city with its Colorado-Big Thompson water, and this agreement spelled out how costs for this year would be allocated among the communities and water systems participating in the upgrade. Some council and staff discussion followed about the relative shares of the cost, the increased water yield of the project and other issues.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute the second interim agreement with Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Southern Water Supply Project Water Activity Enterprise, for increasing the capacity of the Southern Water Supply Project. That resolution was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF THE KULA PROPERTY

Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer said this petition had been received the previous spring and the city had been working through some issues with Morgan County and the potential developer of the property, which were now resolved so the annexation process was ready to move forward. The property consisted of about eight acres north of the city's industrial park, he said, and was planned for a FedEx distribution facility. Glammeyer explained the next steps in the annexation process.

Howe offered a resolution to approve the Resolution accepting the Petition for Annexation of the Kula Property and scheduling first reading of an annexation ordinance and a zoning ordinance for Feb. 6. That resolution was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 1203, AMENDING THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN LAND USE CODE CONCERNING MINOR SUBDIVISIONS

Mayor Shaver outlined the format to be followed during the public hearing, and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan confirmed that proper legal notice of the hearing had been published. Glammeyer said the ordinance was unchanged since first reading in early January and recommended approval.

No public comments were received either at the hearing or in advance, and no council comments were offered. Howe made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Dan Marler and approved unanimously.

City Attorney Jason Meyers advised the council of its options for action, and Northrup offered a resolution to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1203, amending portions of the City of Fort Morgan Land Use Code concerning minor subdivisions, and authorize publication by title only. That resolution was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION ON PLANS FOR 2018 STREETS PROJECTS

Glammeyer said this was an exciting proposition because of the approval by voters of an additional 1 percent sales tax to be used for streets projects. He said the city planned to spend approximately \$2.8 million on street improvements in 2018 and make upgrades to about four miles of streets, about four times the annual amount improved in the recent past.

Glammeyer reviewed the specific streets targeted for improvement in the first year of the Strictly for Streets program, and the different types of work to be done ranging from chip seal and

surface treatments to full rebuilds. He also noted that the street work would be coordinated with utility upgrades so newly refurbished streets would not have to be excavated for such things as water lines.

Council and staff discussion followed about the project list, timing of the work, joining forces with other agencies to reduce costs and other issues. The council consensus was that the list of first-year projects was very appropriate and staff should proceed as discussed, but no formal action was taken.

UPDATE ON STORMWATER UTILITY

Glammeyer reminded the council that it had seen several scenarios for a stormwater fee in late 2016, and although staff had been directed to work toward implementation in 2017 it was decided to focus on the streets sales tax initiative first. With that approved, staff was presenting the same proposal for creation of a stormwater utility and implementation of a fee, he said.

Glammeyer explained that the fee was expected to generate about \$300,000 a year, with fees for all classes of property set proportionally relative to the \$5 monthly residential fee, and the income would be supplemented by city General Fund revenues and grants and used to do storm drainage improvement and upgrade projects.

Council and staff discussion followed about the background of the proposed stormwater utility, the potential for cooperating with the Colorado Department of Transportation on large projects, legal issues regarding how the new utility would be structured and would fit into the city organization and other issues.

Wells explained the next steps and said staff would bring back ordinances and other measures to create the utility and implement the fee, and the council consensus was to move forward as discussed. No formal action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the disbursements and payroll for December
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Jan. 9, 2018 City Council special 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Paul Albani-Burgios, a reporter for the Fort Morgan Times, introduced himself to the council and said he would now be covering the activities of the council for the local newspaper.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells announced that the practice of taking council members on tours of city departments would begin with the second meeting in February. The tours are done every two years following

election years, and allow council members to become familiar with the people, operations and equipment they will be discussing and considering during development of the budget for the following year.

Chief of Public Safety Paul Schultz said the police department and the school district had hosted their first youth outreach session that day for about a dozen high school students, and he said the event was a success and would probably become a quarterly occurrence.

Wells reminded residents of the dangers of frozen water pipes and tips to avoid them.

Howe provided an update on the activities of the Trails Master Plan committee on which she was serving.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the Jan. 16, 2018 regular meeting at 7:21 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk