

October 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 6:00 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 Acting City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan, City Attorney Jason Meyers, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation, Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Susan Kurk, Chief of Public Safety Paul Schultz, Management Intern Daniella Cabrera, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Library/Museum Director Chandra McCoy, and Court Administrator Amanda Dunn

PRESENTATION BY BRUSH MAYOR CHARLES R. BAIN

Mayor Charles R. Bain of Brush thanked the City of Fort Morgan for sending two crews to assist with storm cleanup and recovery after several tornados hit the area on July 29. Bain commended the city for its kindness and its offer to help, and said the Fort Morgan crews did an outstanding job.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC ART AND REQUEST TO EXPEND LEFTOVER FUNDING FOR A MURAL ON THE LIBRARY EXTERIOR

Library/Museum Director Chandra McCoy provided an update on the bronze sculptures that were purchased in 2017 in conjunction with the Fort Morgan Heritage Foundation. McCoy noted that some of the sculptures needed cement bases, which were being created. She said two of the sculptures had already been placed in City Park outside the library entrance and two more would be placed at the dog parks. McCoy requested that the money remaining in the budget from the Heritage Foundation be used to have artist Joe Marler construct another mural like the one he had done on the front of the library. Discussion followed regarding the existing mural and the proposed one which would depict Glenn Miller. Councilmember Lisa Northrup offered a resolution to approve the request to expend leftover funding to place a mural on the library exterior, which was seconded by Councilmember Allison Howe and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO FOR A BIKE PARK

Management Intern Daniella Cabrera and Community Services Director Ty Hamer advised that the grant being applied for would be for \$45,000 and there was \$15,000 in the budget to match the grant, and those funds would be used to complete the bike park features around the skate park that had been built in Brenda Joy Park the previous year. Much discussion followed regarding the construction and use of the bike track. Howe offered a resolution to approve the

Resolution supporting the grant application for a local parks and outdoor recreation grant from the state board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund for a bike park at Brenda Joy Park, and to authorize the mayor to sign the grant application, which was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL USE PERMIT ALLOWING A HOME BUSINESS IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE AT 824 FREMONT AVENUE

Mayor Ron Shaver reviewed the format for the hearing and Court Administrator Amanda Dunn confirmed that proper legal notice of the hearing had been published. Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer said the request was for a permit to operate a dance studio out of a private home. He said the Planning Commission reviewed the application on Sept. 24 and unanimously recommended approval of the application. Glammeyer said the Planning Commission discussed traffic and was satisfied that this issue has been addressed with the applicants.

Applicants Loren and Susan Boyett were present and addressed concerns regarding drop off and pickup of children, as well as parking, traffic and the use of the alley. The Boyetts said their intent was to enhance activities for children in the community.

Northrup made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Lindell and approved unanimously.

City Attorney Jason Meyers advised council of its options for action, and Howe offered a resolution to approve the special use permit allowing a home business in a residential zone at 824 Fremont Avenue, with the condition that the special use was personal to the applicant and could not be inherited. That resolution was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF RATE STUDY FOR THE GAS DEPARTMENT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT

Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation indicated that this would be the first of several presentations by the city's rate consultants for the various utilities, which generally adjust their rates every year or two. Mike McFadden, who has been the city's gas rate consultant since 1995, reviewed his presentation and his recommendation that the city's gas supply charge be increased to account for deferred costs of gas. Council and staff discussion of the rationale for the increase and the structure of gas rates followed. McFadden recommended that the gas rate increase be made effective for bills after Oct. 1.

COUNCIL ACTING AS THE BOARD OF THE NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT AND SYSTEM ENTERPRISE – RESOLUTION ADJUSTING GAS RATES

Nation said rate increases are usually done around the same time of year and big energy users are used to this process. Northrup asked why this was not done earlier in the year and Nation responded that in order to avoid "guessing" at the cost of gas it is done as close as possible to the onset of the heating season. Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution adjusting the gas rates of the Gas Department and System Enterprise of the City of Fort Morgan, effective for bills after October 1, 2018, which was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR'S DAY OFF THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Acting City Manager John Brennan requested that the council continue its longstanding tradition of granting city employees a paid holiday on the day after Thanksgiving. He said there is

virtually no traffic in city offices on that day and this also helped put the city on par with the number of paid holidays offered by most municipalities in Colorado. Councilmember Dan Marler said this holiday should be referred to as Council's Day Off and stated that it is well deserved. Howe offered a resolution approving the Mayor's Day Off on the day after Thanksgiving (Nov. 23), which was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously.

2019 BUDGET CALENDAR

Brennan explained that what was being presented at this meeting was a final draft of the 2019 city budget. He said the council had seen most elements of the budget during the course of the year as the budget was developed, and other elements such as salary and benefit costs, transfers from reserves and administrative allocations had now been added. So this was the first time the council was seeing the entire package all at once. Brennan asked if the council had any questions and there were none. He said the budget as presented here would be used as the basis for preparation of the annual appropriations ordinance which would be presented for first reading at the council's next regular meeting on Oct. 16. Northrup acknowledged the hard work of employees in putting the budget together.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dunn presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration as follows:

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- A. Minutes of the September 18, 2018 City Council regular meeting
- B. Second reading and final approval of Ordinance No. 1220, rezoning three lots in the same block of Deuel St., and authorization to publish by title only
- C. Second reading and final approval of Ordinance No. 1221, rezoning an entire block in the downtown area, and authorization to publish by title only

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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Chief of Public Safety Paul Schultz updated the Council on the status of negotiations with the local school district regarding a second school resource officer, and also advised council that the police department would be sponsoring an FBI leadership training that was all grant funded. He also noted that there had been a murder in Fort Morgan the previous week and the FMPD had responded to the scene in one minute and 40 seconds from the time of the emergency call. Nation reminded the council of the upcoming annual utility BBQ on Oct. 10. Brennan extended his thanks to all of the contributors for the utility BBQ.

Brennan also announced that the results of the most recent survey by the Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities had been released and Fort Morgan again had the lowest residential electric rates in the state.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunn announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular portion of the meeting ended at 7:13 p.m., and Mayor Shaver announced that the next item on the agenda was a scheduled executive session. Northrup made a motion to convene this executive session, which was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously. The executive session had been published as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees; AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: City Attorney contract.

The executive session began at 7:24 p.m. and ended at 9:50 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and council along with Meyers. At the conclusion of the executive session the council returned to the regular open meeting, where Northrup reported that the council had met in executive session for the purpose stated on the agenda. No motion was made.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the Oct. 2, 2018 regular meeting at 9:50 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk