

October 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 Acting City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan, City Attorney Jason Myers, 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, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Susan Kurk, Management Intern Daniella Cabrera, Executive Assistant Sharon Velder, City Manager Jeff Wells and Court Administrator Amanda Dunn.

BIDS FOR THE CENTREPOINTE PLAZA DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer reviewed the bid process for this project which came in under estimate. Glammeyer requested that the bid from McAtee Construction dba Simon in the amount of \$3,576,746.35 be approved by council. Glammeyer discussed the \$350,000 contingency line item in the budget and explained that the project would come in closer to \$3.3 million if these monies were not utilized. He said work on the project was slated to start in November. Councilmember Lisa Northrup offered a resolution to approve the bid from McAtee Construction dba Simon in the amount of \$3,576,746.35 for the CentrePointe Plaza Development Construction Project. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Clint Anderson and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY 52 CURB RAMPS PROJECT

Glammeyer reviewed the grant funding to upgrade the handicap ramps along North Main Street from Platte Avenue to Riverview Avenue. He explained that the initial bid posting brought forth one bid that far exceeded the \$75,000 budgeted for this project. Glammeyer then consulted with CDOT which encouraged the reposting of the bid and agreed to provide additional funding for this project. After reposting the bid and receiving three responses, Glammeyer requested that council approve the bid from Can Do Concrete Construction in the amount of \$121,012. Councilmember Allison Howe offered a resolution approving the bid from Can Do Concrete Construction in the amount of \$121,012 for the State Highway 52 Curb Ramps Project. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Lindell and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERVIEW COMMITTEE FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE CANDIDATES, AND DIRECTION ON SCHEDULING A MEETING TO INTERVIEW FINALISTS

Acting City Manager John Brennan discussed how this process worked in 2009 when the Municipal Court Judge was appointed. Brennan requested that two members of council be

appointed to the interview committee together with Brennan, Court Administrator Amanda Dunn, City Attorney Jason Meyers, Chief of Public Safety Paul Schultz, Human Resources Director Susan Kurk and Human Resources Generalist Jennifer Cuckow. Councilmembers Clint Anderson and Doug Schossow volunteered to be on the committee. Discussion followed regarding when the council interviews would take place. Northrup offered a resolution appointing members to the interview committee for municipal judge candidates and the scheduling of council interviews of finalists on Nov. 20, 2018. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Dan Marler and approved unanimously.

FIRST READING OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, TO ADOPT THE 2019 BUDGET, SET THE MILL LEVY AND APPROPRIATE MONIES TO VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN, AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE

Brennan advised that there were no changes to the mill levy and there were no changes to the budget included in council's packets since the last review. Northrup offered a resolution to approve the first reading of the Annual Appropriations Ordinance, to adopt the 2019 budget, set the mill levy and appropriate monies to various funds within the City of Fort Morgan, and to set a public hearing on the ordinance for Nov. 6, 2018. That resolution was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2019 SCHEDULE OF FEES

Brennan advised that the council was previously provided with a red-lined version of the schedule of fees for review, and the copy of the schedule of fees in the council packet had all changes accepted and was the final version. Howe offered a resolution to adopt the 2019 Schedule of Fees, which was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

Court Administrator Amanda Dunn presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the disbursements and payroll for September
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Oct. 2, 2018 City Council regular meeting
- C. Approval of the minutes of the Oct. 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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Councilmember Dan Marler stated that he had heard concerns of residents about the fact that the city advocated for and passed a 1 percent sales tax for street improvements in 2017 while having millions of dollars in financial reserves. Marler said there were good reasons for this and encouraged anyone who would like to talk about it or have an explanation of the reasons to call

him or any member of council. Brennan added that the same applied to any member of the city's senior staff, who would also be happy to explain this issue. Mayor Shaver and Councilmember Lindell briefly explained some of the rationale for the sales tax.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Brennan reviewed a few construction projects wrapping up.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dunn announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular portion of the meeting ended at 6:30 p.m., and Mayor Shaver announced that the next item on the agenda was a scheduled executive session. Lindell made a motion to proceed to this executive session, which was seconded by Northrup 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 Manager position.

The executive session began at 6:40 p.m. and concluded at 9:07 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and council along with City Attorney Jason Meyers, who left the session at 6:42 p.m. Meyers was also called in for a brief consultation late in the session.

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 stated purpose. Northrup then offered a resolution to return City Manager Jeff Wells to his position and remove him from administrative leave. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Dan Marler and approved on a vote of 5-2, with Mayor Shaver and Councilmember Doug Schossow voting against.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the October 16, 2018 regular meeting at 9:08 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk