

October 15, 2019

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 David Fowler
Councilmember Allison Howe
Councilmember Kevin Lindell
Councilmember Lisa Northrup

Absent: Councilmember Clint Anderson (excused)
Councilmember Doug Schossow (excused)

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite, Management Intern Daniella Cabrera, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Susan Kurk, FMPD Commander Loren Sharp and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mayor Shaver read the proclamation and presented a signed and sealed formal copy to representatives of S.H.A.R.E. Inc.

APPOINTMENT OF DAWN ROBARDS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer said this appointment was to fill a vacancy created by the recent departure of member Mike Tibbetts, and would be for the remainder of that unexpired term. Councilmember Lisa Northrup made a motion to appoint Dawn Robards to the city Planning Commission to fill the remainder of an unexpired term, which was seconded by Councilmember Allison Howe and approved on a unanimous vote of 5-0, with Councilmembers Clint Anderson and Doug Schossow absent.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF MUSEUM GALLERIES

Community Services Director Ty Hamer explained that the Fort Morgan Heritage Foundation board of directors had voted at its last meeting to request that the city council rename two museum galleries in honor of Sue Spencer and Vic Ostermiller, two people who had played long and prominent roles in the development and growth of the Fort Morgan Museum. He reviewed some of their contributions and achievements.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution renaming museum galleries as requested by the Heritage Foundation, with the East Gallery to be the Sue Spencer Gallery and the Lower Gallery to be the Vic Ostermiller/Founders Gallery. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Lindell and approved unanimously (5-0, Anderson and Schossow absent).

CONTINUATION OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

City Manager Jeff Wells reminded the council that this item had been discussed at the previous council meeting and it was decided at that time to hold a third public meeting with downtown business owners and the public to try and reach agreement on some outstanding issues. The primary item of contention was the boundaries of the zoning overlay district, and no consensus had been reached at the third public session. Therefore, Wells said, it was decided to use the boundaries of the area on which the council had imposed a moratorium in July on new residential development or permit applications, and let the council determine whether the boundaries should change or remain as in the moratorium ordinance. Some council and staff discussion followed, with Mayor Shaver suggesting that the city waive the fee for a special use permit application for properties in the overlay district.

Debbie Heistermann of 113 Main St. asked the council to eliminate the 100 block of Main Street from the overlay area, because it was not really a part of the historic downtown district. Shaver said that could be addressed at the second reading and public hearing on this ordinance scheduled for Nov. 5. Shaver also noted that some language in Section 1a of the ordinance should be revised to specify Main Street frontage as the place where residential uses would be prohibited. Northrup offered a resolution to approve the first reading of an Ordinance adding a new section to Article 4, Zoning Districts, of Chapter 20, Land Use Code, of the Fort Morgan Municipal Code regarding zoning overlay districts, and specifically establishing a Central Business Zoning Overlay District in the downtown area, with amendments regarding the special use permit fee and the specifying of Main Street for prohibition of residential uses as discussed, and to schedule a public hearing on the ordinance for Nov. 5. That resolution was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously (5-0, Anderson and Schossow absent).

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FINANCING OPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIELDHOUSE PROJECT

Wells introduce Kyle Thomas of D.A. Davidson & Co, who reviewed a PowerPoint presentation about two primary options for financing the estimated cost of \$10 million for the city's planned fieldhouse. The options included certificates of participation or a bank lease, and Thomas explained the specifics and the advantages of each.

Some council and staff discussion with Thomas followed, with several council members stating that the presentation was helpful and informative but there was no need to make a decision on financing at this time. No action was taken.

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ANTON COLLINS MITCHELL FOR FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR

City Treasurer Jean Kinney explained that she had planned to put these services out for bid this year, but because of the large number of big capital projects planned by the city over the next year, several of which would carry over to multiple fiscal years, she felt it would be wise to stay with the same audit firm as those projects were undertaken.

Some council and staff discussion of the pros and cons of retaining ACM followed. Howe offered a resolution to accept the request to extend the service agreement with Anton Collins Mitchell for financial auditing services for an additional year. That resolution was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously (5-0, Anderson and Schossow absent).

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING FEES FOR PET ANIMAL LICENSING

Wells said the council had recently approved an ordinance requiring licensing for pet animals, and staff was now asking for direction on setting the fees for licensing. Wells said staff from the Fort Morgan Humane Society had researched similar fees in a sampling of other communities and recommended \$15 for spayed/neutered animals and \$35 for intact animals. He said whatever fee was decided would be split with two-thirds going to support the Fort Morgan Humane Society's operation of the animal shelter and the remaining third going into a capital fund for maintenance and repair of the shelter.

Council and staff discussion followed, with Shaver suggesting \$30 for intact animals as that amount would be more easily split into thirds. A discounted fee of \$5 for senior citizens was also suggested. No formal action was taken, as Wells said the 2020 Schedule of Fees would be presented for approval at the next council meeting, and the direction given here would be incorporated into that citywide fee schedule.

2020 BUDGET CALENDAR – FORMAL PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 BUDGET AND FIRST READING OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Wells pointed out a couple of changes in the budget since the last review by the council, including the need to add \$24,000 to the police department budget for animal shelter operations. Wells then outlined approximately a dozen new employee positions that had been added to the budget, explaining that the managers of the departments requesting new staff had been required to provide justification of the need. Not all requests were granted, some new full-time positions were added only in exchange for the elimination of a part-time or seasonal position, and some new positions were scheduled to be added later in the year to reduce budget impacts.

Wells then reviewed the amounts taken from reserves in each fund to balance the budget. He said the budget was a flexible document and could change based on new opportunities the council may want to fund or projects that may be sidelined for one reason or another.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve first reading of The Annual Appropriation Ordinance: An Ordinance levying a tax upon the taxable property in the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, and appropriating said monies to the several funds of said city, with the amendment to add \$24,000 to the police department budget for animal shelter operations, and to schedule second reading and a public hearing on the ordinance for Nov. 5. That resolution was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously (5-0, Anderson and Schossow absent).

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan 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. 1, 2019 City Council regular 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 Northrup and approved unanimously (5-0, Anderson and Schossow absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Brian Urdiales of 123 Cheyenne St. spoke to the council about his concerns regarding the new skate park/bike park in his neighborhood, including a lack of parking and restrooms/water fountains, and said there should be more police patrol of the area.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells said a lot of great things were going on in the city, and Glammeyer provided an update on the paving of streets in the CentrePointe subdivision and the US 34 turning lanes related to that development.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings

Mayor Shaver adjourned the Oct. 15, 2019 regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk