

May 5, 2020

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day for a virtual meeting via computer link due to restrictions on public gatherings related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. 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 Lyn Deal  
Councilmember Allison Howe  
Councilmember Kevin Lindell  
Councilmember Doug Schossow  
Councilmember Brian Urdiales

The meeting was also attended by Acting City Manager Brent Nation, Interim Police Chief Jared Crone, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Susan Kurk, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite, Information Technology Director Nelson McCoy and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

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#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

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Councilmember Allison Howe offered a resolution to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 regular meeting as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Brian Urdiales and approved unanimously.

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#### **REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

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Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer said two members of the Planning Commission had applied for reappointment to new terms, and the commission had unanimously recommended their reappointment. Howe made a motion to reappoint Scott Bryan and Dawn Robards to new terms on the Planning Commission, which was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Lindell and approved unanimously.

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#### **BIDS FOR A 64-UNIT COLUMBARIUM FOR THE CEMETERY**

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Community Services Director Ty Hamer reviewed the bid process for this purchase, which was the second part of an expansion of the cemetery's columbarium area for which the council had already approved construction work. Hamer recommended accepting the only bid received and asked for an additional appropriation for crane service and other installation costs not to exceed the budgeted total for the expansion project.

Howe offered a resolution to accept the bid from Coldspring in the amount of \$18,761 for the purchase of a new 64-niche columbarium unit, and to approve additional installation and setup costs not to exceed the total approved budget for the project of \$100,000. That resolution was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-3 FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM**

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Interim Police Chief Jared Crone explained that this was an intergovernmental agreement for the current 2019-2020 school year, and the council had approved and budgeted for a second school resource officer. He said a new IGA for the following school year would come back to the council for approval sometime in the summer.

Howe offered a resolution to approve the Resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement with Morgan County School District Re-3 regarding the school resource officer program. That resolution was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously.

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**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE COVID-19 BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM**

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Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite explained that the city had received 34 qualified applications for these grants, which were reviewed and assigned grant amounts for each applicant. The \$50,000 appropriated by the council for the program was then allocated in the order the applications were received, she said, and the funds were used up before all of the applicants received assistance. Crosthwaite said staff was requesting an additional \$18,500 to award grants to the remaining eight applicants who did not receive awards in the first round. Some council and staff discussion followed, with several council members remarking that the program was a great gesture for the business community. Councilmember Lyn Deal offered a resolution to appropriate additional funding as requested for the business assistance grant program, which was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously.

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**CONSIDERATION OF PUBLISHING MONTHLY CITY EXPENDITURES IN THE NEWSPAPER**

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Mayor Ron Shaver said there had been some discussion of this proposal and Deal had asked that it be placed on the agenda. He said publication of monthly city bills was something the city had done in the past and many people had requested that they be published. Deal said she had also received a lot of questions about this issue and there was no reason not to do it.

Councilmember Doug Schossow recalled that during his time as a city employee there was concern among many employees about publication of salaries, and council discussion of that issue ensued, with a consensus emerging to publish the total monthly payroll amount as a lump sum.

Shaver asked that staff reach out to the Fort Morgan Times to obtain an estimated cost to publish the monthly bills and bring this matter back to the council at the next meeting. No formal action was taken.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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**REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

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City Treasurer Jean Kinney told the council that the \$10 million loan for the fieldhouse project had closed the preceding week.

Hamer said the city had received a Great Outdoors Colorado Starburst Award for the Brenda Joy Bike Park project and also learned it had been awarded a grant of \$227,500 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the Twamore Farms trails project.

Deal asked that door-to-door notification be given to residents when road or utility work was planned in their neighborhoods.

Lindell said he had received a call about people inside local businesses not wearing masks and asked that staff remind businesses that masks were required by the state during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Shaver said he had received several very positive comments regarding the condition of the golf course and the direction of the course operations, and applauded the golf course staff.

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## **BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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The regular portion of the meeting ended at 6:49 p.m., and Shaver announced that the next items on the agenda were two scheduled executive sessions. Shaver read the basis for the first session and Lindell offered a resolution to convene the first scheduled executive session, which was seconded by Councilmember Clint Anderson and approved unanimously.

Shaver then read the basis for the second session and Lindell offered a resolution to convene the second scheduled executive session, which was seconded by Urdiales and approved unanimously.

The first executive session had been published as follows:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Economic incentives.

This executive session began at 6:59 p.m. and ended at 8:29 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and council along with Acting City Manager Brent Nation, Crosthwaite, Deputy City Attorney Nina Williams, Jay Stoner and Mark Foster. After completing their presentation and answering questions, Stoner and Foster left the session.

At the conclusion of the executive session Howe reported that the council met in executive session to discuss economic incentives for a proposed multi-unit housing development. Council directed staff to work collaboratively with Williams to gather additional information and gave direction for the first round of negotiations.

The council then convened the second executive session, which had been published as follows:

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This executive session began at 8:38 p.m. and ended at 9:18 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and council along with Nation, Crosthwaite, Williams, Joe Yavorski and Kent Berner. After presenting to council and answering questions Yavorski and Berner left the session. At the conclusion of the executive session Howe reported that the council met in executive session to discuss economic incentives for a waste-to-energy project and confirmed parameters

for negotiations.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the May 5, 2020 regular meeting at 9:19 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver  
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan  
City Clerk