

May 19, 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 Brian Urdiales
Absent: Councilmember Doug Schossow (excused)

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, Information Technology Director Nelson McCoy, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

RECOGNITION OF TY HAMER FOR COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER PROGRAM

Randy Harrison of the University of Colorado-Denver School of Public Affairs attended the meeting to recognize Community Services Director Ty Hamer for his completion of the school's Certified Public Manager Program. Harrison described the rigorous professional development program and complimented Hamer's capstone project, and several council members applauded Hamer for the achievement. No action was taken

CHANGE ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE FIELDHOUSE PROJECT

Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer explained the need for these services during the fieldhouse construction and said it made more sense to retain the same project design team from RS&H rather than seek bids. In response to a council question about change orders Glammeyer said this was essentially an amendment to the original contract with RS&H, and was done this way because the total cost of the project was not known when the original contract was executed. He said the cost of this contract addition would come from the \$10 million project budget. Councilmember Allison Howe offered a resolution to approve a change order to the contract with RS&H for construction administration services not to exceed \$330,000, which was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Lindell and approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0 with Councilmember Doug Schossow absent.

PROPOSAL TO PUBLISH MONTHLY CITY EXPENDITURES IN THE NEWSPAPER

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan told the council of the price quote he received from the Fort Morgan Times for publishing the city's monthly expenditures in the paper, as directed by the council at its previous meeting. Brennan said the paper had offered to print the monthly bills in its weekly edition at the same price as the daily Times, which would mean larger circulation.

Councilmember Lyn Deal offered a resolution to publish the monthly bills in the Fort Morgan Weekly, which was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously (6-0, Schossow absent).

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF FORT MORGAN

Acting City Manager Brent Nation said this measure was proposed to ensure the city stayed qualified for any disaster assistance or emergency funding that might become available from the state or federal governments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He emphasized that it did not impose any restrictions on behavior or business at this time.

Howe offered a resolution to approve the Resolution further extending the public health declaration in the City of Fort Morgan, which was seconded by Deal and approved unanimously (6-0, Schossow absent).

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the disbursements and payroll for April
- B. Approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2020 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 Lindell and approved unanimously (6-0, Schossow absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Councilmember Kevin Lindell said he had seen that Denver was going to allow restaurants to expand seating to sidewalks and streets to allow for more seating when indoor capacity was limited by COVID-19 restrictions. He said he knew staff was working on this but he would like to see businesses able to pre-apply even before restaurants were allowed to reopen.

Deal asked whether the city ever used contractors to help with spring cleanup, and Nation said staff could explore that option but that a proposed-waste to energy project could greatly change the city's solid waste disposal practices.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Glammeier updated the council on Strictly for Streets paving projects, and Human Resources/Risk Management Director Susan Kurk provided an update on the city manager search.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings, and also described plans for a graduation parade for Fort Morgan High School, made necessary because of restrictions on large gatherings under the pandemic guidance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular portion of the meeting ended at 6:54 pm., and Mayor Shaver announced that the next item on the agenda was a scheduled executive session. Lindell made a motion to convene this executive session, which was seconded by Deal and approved unanimously (6-0, Schossow absent).

The 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.

The executive session began at 7:02 p.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and five councilmembers (Schossow absent) along with Nation, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite and Deputy City Attorney Nina Williams.

At the conclusion of the executive session Howe reported that the Council met in executive session to discuss economic incentives for a proposed housing development in CentrePointe, and provided instruction to staff and legal counsel, including the parameters for contract negotiation. No action was taken.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the May 19, 2020 regular meeting at 8:02 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk