

July 7, 2020

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 Lyn Deal
Councilmember Allison Howe
Councilmember Kevin Lindell (via computer link)
Councilmember Doug Schossow
Councilmember Brian Urdiales
Absent: Councilmember Clint Anderson (excused)

The meeting was also attended by Acting City Manager Brent Nation, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Interim Police Chief Jared Crone, Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Susan Kurk, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite, Electric Superintendent Doug Linton, Inventory Control Manager Doug Hofman, Gas Superintendent Tony Behrends, Sanitation Superintendent Bob Evins, Assistant City Engineer Derrick Mills and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEVE GLAMMEYER AS CITY MANAGER

Mayor Ron Shaver described the process followed by the council in recruiting and screening applicants for the vacant city manager position, and said the council was delighted to have an internal candidate in Public Works Director Steve Glammeyer. After narrowing a field of more than 30 applicants to two and interviewing Glammeyer, Shaver said, the council decided that going with an in-house sure thing was the best choice and would save time and money.

Councilmember Alison Howe offered a resolution to approve the Resolution appointing Steven Glammeyer as city manager and approving an employment agreement in connection therewith. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Doug Schossow and approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0, with Councilmember Clint Anderson absent (excused) and Councilmember Kevin Lindell voting remotely by computer link.

Glammeyer then thanked the council for entrusting him with this tremendous responsibility and thanked city staff for their support. Mayor Shaver thanked Acting City Manager Brent Nation who had filled in while the position was vacant, and Nation then stepped down from the dais and Glammeyer took the city manager's seat.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL 2019 FINANCIAL AUDIT

City Treasurer Jean Kinney explained that the final copy of the 2019 audit was essentially the same as the draft presented to the council about a month earlier, with the exception of some information pertaining to a single audit related to a grant that had not been completed by the time the draft was distributed. That information identified a significant deficiency in the process of grant reporting and accounting and Kinney said staff had developed a corrective plan that was also outlined in the audit.

Howe offered a resolution to accept the 2019 financial audit as presented, which was seconded by Schossow and approved unanimously (6-0, Anderson absent).

PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A RESIDENTIAL USE IN THE DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT

Mayor Shaver reviewed the format to be followed during the public hearing, and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan confirmed that proper legal notice of the hearing had been published. Glammeyer reviewed the application, which was for a special use permit to allow a second-floor apartment at 304 Main St., with two bedrooms and a primary access from the alley. He said the request was unanimously recommended for council approval by the city Planning Commission, and no comments for or against the proposal had been received. Glammeyer said staff recommended approval with the condition that the special use would run with the land in perpetuity until such time as the use were to be abandoned for a period of more than six months. Applicant Donny Edson answered a few council questions and said his family had been investing in property downtown for several years and hoped to do more similar projects in the future. No public comments were received either during the hearing or in advance, and no council comments were offered. Schossow made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Lyn Deal and approved unanimously (6-0, Anderson absent). City Attorney Geoff Wilson explained the council's options for action, and Schossow offered a resolution to approve Case 20-011 SU, a special use permit for a second-floor residential unit at 304 Main St., as was recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to the condition that the use run in perpetuity with the land until such time as the use has been abandoned for a period of more than six months. That resolution was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously (6-0, Anderson absent).

BIDS FOR THE TWAMORE TRAILS PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Community Services Director Ty Hamer reviewed the bid process for this project, which would create new trails, parking access and other passive recreation amenities at the city-owned property across the South Platte River from Riverside Park. The total project budget was approximately \$331,000 with about \$225,000 coming from a Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant. Three bids were received and Hamer recommended acceptance of the low bid with some extra contingency funding included. Some council and staff discussion followed about elements of the project, the trail layout and other issues. Howe offered a resolution to accept the bid from Darin Neb Excavating in the amount of \$272,320 with total expenditure not to exceed \$300,000 for the initial phase of the Twamore Trails construction project. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Brian Urdiales and approved unanimously (6-0, Anderson absent).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO EXPEND ALLOCATED CARES FUNDING ON COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES TO BE REIMBURSED AFTER SPENDING

Kinney explained that Fort Morgan had been allocated more than \$671,000 in COVID-19 pandemic relief funding through the federal CARES Act, which could be spent on any costs the city incurred in adapting its operations, facilities or programs to the guidelines related to the pandemic. The funding was on a reimbursement basis, Kinney said, so staff was asking for authorization to spend city money on these costs with the understanding that the expenditures would be paid back by CARES money. Some council and staff discussion followed about some of the potential uses for the funding, including further grants to assist local businesses impacted by the pandemic.

Schossow offered a resolution to approve the Resolution authorizing city staff to expend allocated CARES Act funding on Covid-19 related expenses to be reimbursed after spending. That resolution was seconded by Urdiales and approved unanimously (6-0, Anderson absent).

2021 BUDGET CALENDAR – PRESENTATION OF BUDGET EXPENDITURES FOR THE ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITATION FUNDS

Glammeyer said this was the first of many budget presentations the council would hear in the coming months. Electric Superintendent Doug Linton, Glammeyer, Kinney, Inventory Control Superintendent Doug Hofman, Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation, Information Technology Director Nelson McCoy, Gas Superintendent Tony Behrends and Sanitation Superintendent Bob Evins reviewed the proposed 2021 expenditures for the electric, public works/engineering, building maintenance, utility billing, inventory stores, utility director, information technology, gas and sanitation departments, highlighting changes from the previous year's budget, covering proposed capital expenditures and answering council questions. No formal action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes of the June 11, 2020 City Council special meeting
- B. Approval of the minutes of the June 16, 2020 City Council regular meeting
- C. Approval of the minutes of the July 1, 2020 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.

Howe offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Urdiales and approved unanimously (6-0, Anderson absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jack Harvel of the Fort Morgan Times told the council of a call he had received about illegal fireworks in the city and asked if the police department did any enforcement on these issues, and also asked the council for its rationale in choosing Glammeyer as city manager. Interim Police Chief Jared Crone outlined his department's efforts toward illegal fireworks and the difficulty of catching perpetrators of such acts. Several council members spoke highly of Glammeyer and said the council easily reached consensus on him as the choice for city manager.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Glammeyer said he was looking forward to his new role and appointed Nation as the interim public works director to fill Glammeyer's previous position until a permanent replacement could be found. Nation told the council of a backflow violation the city had been cited for due to a missed deadline, and said each individual water customer would receive a letter explaining what had happened. Nation also mentioned a grass fire that had occurred earlier that same evening near the city water treatment plant but had not caused any known damage.

Howe questioned why information on new recreation programming had not been distributed in Spanish, whether a new marketing position had been hired and whether the county had applied for Protect Our Neighbors status in the hierarchy of reopening phases related to COVID-19.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the July 7, 2020 regular meeting at 7:43 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk