

September 1, 2020

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Clint Anderson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Clint Anderson
Councilmember Lyn Deal
Councilmember Allison Howe
Councilmember Kevin Lindell (via computer link)
Councilmember Doug Schossow
Councilmember Brian Urdiales

Absent: Honorable Mayor Ron Shaver (excused)

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Steve Glammeyer, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Interim Police Chief Jared Crone, FMPD Commander Loren Sharp, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Recreation Superintendent Steve Samson, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite, Chief Building Official Mike Kirkendall, Water Resources/Utilities/Interim Public Works Director Brent Nation, Fire Chief Trae Boehm, Municipal Court Administrator Jason Orvis, Streets Superintendent Jim Willis, Parks Superintendent Doak Duke, Golf/Cemetery Superintendent Matt Underwood, Library/Museum Director Chandra McCoy, Fire Marshal John Zink, Golf Pro Adam Blake and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 18, 2020 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Councilmember Allison Howe offered a resolution to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 city council regular meeting as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Doug Schossow and approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0, with Mayor Ron Shaver absent.

RECOGNITION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite said this was the first Business of the Month award given since the program was suspended in the spring due to the coronavirus pandemic. She announced that this recognition for September would go to Padink's Boutique, a business that relocated to Main Street during the pandemic and demonstrated resilience and creativity. Sandy Schneider-Engle of the Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce said she was thrilled to be a partner with the city in the Business of the Month program and excited that Padink's had been chosen.

Padink's owner Tricia Baumgartner was presented with a certificate and a sandwich-board sign to place in front of her business for the month, and thanked the city for the honor.

REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES AND FEE WAIVERS FOR THE FALL HARVEST CAR SHOW

Recreation Superintendent Steve Samson said this was an application that was received each year by the organizers of this very popular event, who had worked with the Northeast Colorado Health Department to ensure that it met the COVID-19 requirements for large gatherings. He said

many city departments worked together to make his plan work., and he recommended waiving he fees for use of city facilities as in past years.

Schossow offered a resolution to approve the in-kind services and fee waivers totaling \$5,733.90 for the Fall Harvest Car Show, which was seconded by Councilmember Brian Urdiales and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent).

COUNCIL ACTING AS THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY – FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR STINKER STORES CO INC.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan explained that this application was received on Aug. 13 and had been reviewed by his office, the police department and the attorney’s office, and council’s formal acceptance of the application was the next step. That would mark the start of the 30-day waiting period before a public hearing could be held, and Brennan explained the rest of the process and recommended acceptance of the application.

Howe offered a resolution to accept the application for a new Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License (Off Premises) for Stinker Stores CO Inc., at 601 Main St. and to schedule a public hearing on the application for Oct. 6. That resolution was seconded by Schossow and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent).

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite explained that this ordinance would make slight revisions to the section of the Fort Morgan Municipal Code pertaining to the city’s Historic Preservation Board to allow the city to apply to the state for designation as a certified local government. She said being a CLG was a valuable tool for cities like Fort Morgan with large numbers of historic buildings, providing access to grants and preservation resources. She said the historic board had reviewed the requirements for CLG designation and unanimously recommended moving forward. Councilmember Lyn Deal spoke about some of the benefits of the designation and Deputy City Attorney Nina Williams reviewed the code changes made by this ordinance.

Deal offered a resolution to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Section 2-9-10, Historic Preservation Board Established, of the Fort Morgan Municipal Code, and to schedule a public hearing on the ordinance for Sept. 15. That resolution was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent).

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BYLAWS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Crosthwaite said this measure was related to the CLG designation and would make some changes to the bylaws of the city’s Historic Preservation Board to conform with the requirements of CLG designation.

Deal offered a resolution to approve the Resolution amending the bylaws of the City of Fort Morgan Historic Preservation Board, which was seconded by Schossow and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent).

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CRITERIA FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION

Crosthwaite said this resolution also pertained to the CLG process, and would make changes to the city’s criteria used to apply local historic landmark or district designation.

Deal offered a resolution to approve the Resolution amending the criteria for historic landmark/district designation, which was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent).

BIDS FOR LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR THE MOBILE DATA TERMINAL PROJECT AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FMPD Commander Loren Sharp said it had been a longtime goal to have in-car computers for police patrol officers, and this would accomplish that. He said the department had arranged a deal that would save \$26,000 if 20 vehicles were outfitted with computers this year, rather than phasing them in as originally planned. The first part of the project was to purchase the computers, for which the state bid process was used because the installation and upfitting of the cars depended on the type of computer selected. So Sharp recommended accepting the state bid price and purchasing 20 laptops.

Schossow offered a resolution to accept the state bid for the purchase of 20 Dell Latitude 5310 laptop computers to place in each patrol vehicle, for a cost not to exceed \$27,240. That resolution was seconded by Urdiales and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent).

BIDS FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR MDTs AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sharp noted this was the second part of the mobile data terminal project, which covered the upfitting of the vehicles and installation of equipment to accommodate the laptops. Only one bid was received, from a company the department had done business with for several years, and Sharp recommended accepting that bid.

Schossow offered a resolution to accept the bid from L.A.W.S. of Centennial, Colo., in the amount of \$12,858.60 to upfit the police vehicles, with total expenditure not to exceed \$14,000. That resolution was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent).

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 1245, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE BY REFERENCE

Mayor Pro Tem Clint Anderson outlined the format to be followed during the public hearing, and Brennan confirmed that proper legal notice of the hearing and the ordinance had been published. Chief Building Official Mike Kirkendall said the ordinance was unchanged from the version presented on first reading, when many council questions were answered. No public comments were received either during the hearing or in advance. Howe asked how the city would spread the word about the changes, and Glammeyer and Williams outlined that process.

Schossow made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Howe and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent). Williams explained the council's options for action. Howe offered a resolution to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1245, an ordinance adopting the 2015 International Residential Code by reference and making conforming amendments to the Fort Morgan Municipal Code, and authorization to publish by title only. That resolution was seconded by Schossow and approved unanimously (6-0, Shaver absent).

2021 BUDGET CALENDAR – CONTINUATION OF PRESENTATIONS OF 2021 BUDGETS FOR GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS

Interim Police Chief Jared Crone, Fire Chief Trae Boehm, Kirkendall, Municipal Court Administrator Jason Orvis, Streets Superintendent Jim Willis, Library/Museum Director Chandra McCoy, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Golf/Cemetery Maintenance Superintendent

Matt Underwood and Parks Superintendent Doak Duke reviewed the proposed 2021 budgets for the Police, Fire, Building Inspector, Municipal Court, Streets, Library/Museum, Golf Pro Shop, Golf Maintenance, Parks and Cemetery departments, highlighting changes and answering council questions. Hamer also introduce new Head Golf Professional Adam Blake. Hamer, Underwood and Duke spent some extra time explaining how they had split the Golf and Parks/Cemetery budgets into separate budgets to improve transparency and proper accounting of costs for each element of those operations. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jerry Wathen of 1100 Linda St. congratulated Glammeyer on his appointment as city manager, and told the council that the new Gene Doty Senior Center was a beautiful building but the acoustics were terrible, making it a very noisy environment and difficult to hold conversations. Staff said they were aware of that issue and were looking into ways to correct it.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Glammeyer said the first pieces of the steel frame for the new recreation fieldhouse had been erected that day, and staff was working on a community event to allow the youth of the community to sign their names or make handprints on two large beams that would remain exposed inside the new facility. Glammeyer also said he and Crosthwaite were continuing to make visits to businesses to introduce him and get his name and face out in the community.

Crosthwaite also announced that the city had been awarded a Revitalizing Downtown grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation that would be used for signage and pavement markings on Main Street to educate drivers and bicyclists that they share the road.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson adjourned the Sept. 1, 2020 regular meeting at 7:49 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk