

November 3, 2020

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day for a virtual meeting via computer link due to circumstances 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 John Kaper
Councilmember Kevin Lindell
Councilmember Doug Schossow
Councilmember Brian Urdiales

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Steve Glammeyer, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Recreation Superintendent Steve Samson, Recreation Coordinator Kolby Wahlert, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite, FMPD Sgt. Steve Brown, Deputy City Attorney Nina Williams and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 20, 2020 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan informed the council that an error had been discovered by Councilmember Jon Kaper in the draft of these minutes originally included in the council's meeting packets, so the mistake was corrected and a new version of the draft minutes was sent to the councilmembers and the media and that version was being presented for approval.

Kaper offered a resolution to approve the Oct. 20, 2020 city council regular meeting minutes as amended and presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Doug Schossow and approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 27, 2020 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Schossow offered a resolution to approve the minutes of the Oct. 27, 2020 city council special meeting as presented, which was seconded by Kaper and approved unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite said the business of the month for November was Restaurante San Miguel, but owner Gabriel Pablo was unable to be recognized because this meeting had to be held remotely. She said Pablo would receive his plaque and the Business of the Month sandwich board sign soon to place in front of his business and the council congratulated the winner.

COUNCIL ACTING AS THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY – FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR ZAZZY CAFÉ AT 118 W. BEAVER AVE.

Brennan reviewed the submittal and processing of this application, saying that it had been deemed complete and in order by the required city departments and the appropriate fees had been paid. He said staff was requesting that the council formally accept the application and schedule a public hearing after the required 30-day waiting period.

Councilmember Kevin Lindell offered a resolution to accept the application for a new Beer and Wine license for Zazzy Café at 119 W. Beaver Ave. and to schedule a public hearing on the application for Dec. 15. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Brian Urdiales and approved unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF AN EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE FOR A PARKS DEPARTMENT LIFT STATION

City Manager Steve Glammeyer said the pumps in the sewer lift station serving Riverside Park and the Parks Department building had failed and were determined to be worn out and in need of replacement. The pumps had been ordered after getting approval for the emergency expenditure from the mayor, and staff was asking the council to ratify that emergency approval.

Lindell offered a resolution to approve the emergency expenditure to replace the pumps in the parks lift station at a total cost not to exceed \$26,000. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Lyn Deal and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Recreation Coordinator Kolby Wahlert explained that with the new recreation fieldhouse scheduled to open next spring, the city wanted to have new fitness equipment for the new facility. Eight bids were received, four of which were within the budgeted amount of \$25,000, for the proposed 10 pieces of exercise equipment. Wahlert said staff was requesting approval to accept the third-lowest bid because it was from a Colorado company that would offer better service while the two lowest bids were from out of state.

Lindell offered a resolution to approve the purchase of 10 pieces of new fitness equipment from Foundation Fitness of Boulder, Colo., in an amount not to exceed \$22,965. That resolution was seconded by Schossow and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES

Fort Morgan Police Sgt. Steve Brown said the department had decided to put out a request for proposals to run the animal shelter, noting that costs had risen over the years and the PD wanted to be sure the funding was appropriate and being used responsibly and find out if there was another entity that could provide these services. Brown said the department had decided to accept the only bid, from the Fort Morgan Humane Society, the current operator of the shelter, and was asking for council approval of that agreement in the amount of \$50,000 per year.

Lindell offered a resolution to accept the bid from the Fort Morgan Humane Society in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to provide service to the animal shelter. That resolution was seconded by Kaper and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR A REPLACEMENT POLICE PATROL VEHICLE

Brown explained that a patrol car had been demolished when a tree fell on it during a wind storm, and the city's insurance carrier had declared it a total loss. One bid was received to replace that car and Brown recommended accepting it.

Lindell offered a resolution to accept the bid from Mike Shaw in the amount of \$31,916 for a 2020 Dodge Durango, which was seconded by Deal and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT AND UP-FITTING OF A POLICE PATROL VEHICLE

Brown said this would be for the outfitting of the replacement vehicle just approved with all of the special equipment need to function as a police car, like radio, light bar, cage and other equipment. One bid was received and Brown recommended accepting it.

Lindell offered a resolution to accept the bid from L.A.W.S. of Englewood, Colo., for a cost not to exceed \$14,000 to purchase and install the needed equipment into the vehicle just approved by the council. That resolution was seconded by Kaper and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ESCROW AGREEMENT IN CONTEMPLATION OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Deputy City Attorney Nina Williams said this matter had been discussed in executive session previously and an agreement was now being presented for council approval. The agreement called for the proposed purchaser of a 26-acre piece of the Fiebig property to give the city a \$50,000 escrow payment to hold the land for him for a year while he performed due diligence on a project he as planning for the site. If he did not follow through with purchasing the land after a year, the city would keep the escrow payment.

Lindell offered a resolution to approve the Resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an escrow agreement in contemplation of the purchase and sale of real estate and thereby authorizing the sale of real property at Lot 1 Block 2 of the Fiebig Farm Subdivision Property. That resolution was seconded by Urdiales and approved unanimously.

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE 2021 BUDGET

Mayor Ron Shaver outlined the format to be followed during the public hearing, and Brennan confirmed that proper legal notice of the hearing had been published. Glammeyer said the 2021 budget had been reviewed extensively by the council over the course of the year, and the budget ordinance was unchanged from first reading. He thanked the staff and council for all of the hard work that went into the development of the budget.

No public comments were received either during the hearing or in advance, and no council comments were offered. Lindell made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Schossow and approved unanimously.

Williams reviewed the council's options for action on the ordinance, and Lindell offered a resolution to approve Ordinance No. 1247, The Annual Appropriation Ordinance: An Ordinance levying a tax on the taxable property in the city of Fort Morgan, Colorado and appropriating monies to the several funds of said city. That resolution was seconded by Kaper and approved unanimously.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Glammeyer noted that the city had been seeing some concerning COVID issues in and around the city organization, and staff was reinforcing the health department protocols and hoped to contain these issues. He said a community reception and interviews with the two finalists for the police chief position scheduled for the coming weekend had been postponed for this reason. Glammeyer also provided updates on several construction projects.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the Nov. 3, 2020 regular meeting at 6:37 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan
City Clerk