

January 5, 2021

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 Brian Urdiales

Absent: Councilmember Doug Schossow

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Steve Glammeyer, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Police Chief Loren Sharp, Community Services Director Ty Hamer, Water Resources/Utilities/Public Works Director Brent Nation, Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite, City Attorney Geoff Wilson, FMPD Commander Steve Brown, and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

SWEARING-IN OF THREE FORT MORGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Mayor Ron Shaver administered the oath of office to new FMPD officers Austin Brown, Abigail Lutalo and Marcos Montalvo-Munoz, who were gathered at the police department with family, friends and other FMPD staff. Police Chief Loren Sharp then introduced and provided some brief biographical information on each officer.

RECOGNITION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

Economic Development Specialist Sarah Crosthwaite announced The Art Spot as the winner of this recognition for the first month of 2021.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING DEPARTMENT YEAR-END REPORT FOR 2020

Crosthwaite reviewed a presentation outlining the activities and accomplishments of her department during the preceding year, and several council members praised her performance.

PROPOSAL TO WAIVE CITY LIQUOR LICENSING FEES FOR 2021

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk/PIO John Brennan outlined his proposal, which mirrored a measure announced by the state Liquor Enforcement Division in December. It would waive certain licensing and renewal fees for on-premises liquor licensees, which had been particularly heavily

impacted by the pandemic, and would result in a projected loss of revenue of about \$6,000 for calendar year 2021.

Councilmember Kevin Lindell offered a resolution to approve the proposal authorizing the City Clerk's Office to waive liquor license application and renewal fees for calendar year 2021 according to the guidelines contained in Liquor Enforcement Division Bulletin 20-27 and the accompanying fee schedule. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Brian Urdiales and approved on a unanimous vote of 6-0, with Councilmember Schossow absent (excused).

UPGRADE TO THE DIGITAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SERVER AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Loren Sharp said this system was first deployed about 10 years ago and stores all of the department's digital evidence. The system had been completely over capacity since last summer, he said, and it needed to be upgraded to expand its capacity. It would be a sole source purchase because it was an upgrade to an existing system, he said.

Lindell offered a resolution to allow the sole source purchase for the upgrade of the police department DIMS system at a cost not to exceed \$16,998. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Lyn Deal and approved unanimously (6-0, Schossow absent).

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FORT MORGAN CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE

City Attorney Geoff Wilson explained that these rules are created by the council as required by the city charter and revised by the council as needed. He said he was asked to update the rules and did so with input from the council and senior staff, and the result was not a major overhaul but involved a few changes and additions as well as some reorganization of the document.

Wilson said a final draft of the revised rules had been sent to council members the preceding week, and that had prompted a suggestion for a change to the section regarding council votes during remote or off-site meetings where the voting lights system in the council chambers was not available. Wilson proposed an amendment to make this language less restrictive and the council agreed to this by consensus.

Some council and staff discussion followed about the sections on council's use of social media, council attending meetings of city staff, and other areas of the rules.

Lindell offered a resolution to approve the resolution amending the Fort Morgan City Council Rules of Procedure with the amendment proposed by Wilson during this meeting regarding Rule 3. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Jon Kaper and approved unanimously (6-0, Schossow absent).

RESOLUTION UPDATING SIGNATORIES FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY BANK ACCOUNTS

City Treasurer Jean Kinney explained the changes that needed to be made to this resolution, which was updated periodically as staff changes and other factors required different signers on various city bank accounts.

Kaper offered a resolution to approve the Resolution updating signatories for the operation of city held bank accounts, which was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously (6-0, Schossow absent).

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BYLAWS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Crosthwaite said this measure made a minor change to the bylaws to conform with requirements to become a Certified Local Government, a designation for which the city had applied.

Deal offered a resolution to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Section 2-9-10 of the Fort Morgan Municipal Code, regarding the Historic Preservation Board and its officers, and to schedule a public hearing on the ordinance for Jan. 19. That resolution was seconded by Lindell and approved unanimously (6-0, Schossow absent).

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration as follows:

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- A. Approval of the minutes of the Dec. 15, 2020 City Council regular meeting
- B. Approval of the re-appointments of Heath Kuntz and Vernon Tryon to new terms on the Airport Advisory Board
- C. Approval of the re-appointment of Robert Snyder to a new term on the Library Advisory Board

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.

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

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

City Manager Steve Glammeyer outlined some of the grant programs the city had planned for 2021, including business assistance and relief grants, and provided updates on major capital projects including the fieldhouse and the high density residential development in CentrePointe Square.

Mayor Shaver thanked fellow council members and staff for their expressions of sympathy and floral arrangements sent to him after the passing of his father.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

Mayor Shaver adjourned the Jan. 5, 2021 regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

/s/ Ronald Shaver
Mayor

/s/ John Brennan

City Clerk