

September 25, 2012

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister
Councilmember Scott Bryan
Councilmember Debra J. Forstedt
Councilmember Lisa Northrup
Councilmember Joe Segura Jr.
Councilmember Ronald Shaver

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeffrey Wells, Police Chief Keith Kuretich, Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis, Municipal Court Administrator Christina Thyne, FMPD Lt. Darin Sagel, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, FMPD Lt. Jared Crone, Fire Chief Erik Christensen and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

2013 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR – CONTINUE PRESENTATION OF BUDGETS FOR GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS

Staff members including Municipal Court Administrator Christina Thyne, Police Chief Keith Kuretich, Fire Chief Erik Christensen, City Clerk/PIO John Brennan and City Manager/Interim City Attorney Jeff Wells reviewed the budgets for the Municipal Court, Police, Fire, City Clerk and City Attorney departments, and answered council questions. No action was taken.

2013 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR – CONTINUE PRESENTATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET

Wells explained that the list of proposed capital purchases and projects had been revised based on direction from the council at the Sept. 11, 2012 meeting. The allocation toward the Acoma Avenue project had been reduced from \$600,000 to \$100,000, with the balance of those funds allocated to other projects and purchases.

Discussion followed about funding already in city reserves for Acoma Avenue, and the council consensus was to address the topics of reserve levels and restricted vs. unrestricted reserves at a budget retreat scheduled for Oct. 9.

Councilmember Lisa Northrup questioned why a seeder for the golf course was not included on the revised capital list, and Wells and Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis said that was an error and would be corrected before the Oct. 9 budget retreat.

No formal action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells reported that the city had not heard back from the Longacre family, and had been unable to make direct contact with the Rasmussen family, in relation to the city's offer to purchase land

and an avigation easement for the airport runway project. He said city staff would contact the parties and report back the following week.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced upcoming meetings and the city's Utility Week barbecue and open house scheduled for Oct. 3. He also reminded residents that the deadline to apply for the City Council vacancy from Ward 1 was Oct. 1.

McAlister and Wells reviewed their recent meeting with Amtrak officials regarding the city's train depot and passenger rail service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular portion of the meeting concluded at 7:03 p.m. Mayor McAlister then moved to the next item on the agenda, a scheduled executive session. Councilmember Debra Forstedt made a motion to convene this executive session, which was seconded by Councilmember Ron Shaver and approved unanimously. This session had been published on the agenda as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION for a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: Appointment process.

The executive session began at 7:15 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and council members and City Manager/Interim City Attorney Jeff Wells. At the recommendation of Wells the tape recording of the session was stopped at 7:16 p.m. because the session constituted a privileged attorney-client communication. The recording resumed at 7:54 p.m.

The executive session concluded at 7:55 p.m. and the council returned to the open meeting, where Mayor McAlister asked Councilmember Forstedt to report on the executive session. Forstedt said the council met in executive session to receive legal advice on the appointment process, and would take that advice under advisement. No motion was made.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the September 25, 2012 special meeting at 7:56 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister
Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan
City Clerk