

May 7, 2013

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the clubhouse of the Quail Dunes at Fort Morgan Golf Course. The Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister called the regular 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 Christine Castoe
Councilmember Debra J. Forstedt
Councilmember Joe Segura Jr.
Councilmember Ronald Shaver

Absent: Councilmember Lisa Northrup

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, Police Chief Keith Kuretich, Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis, City Treasurer Jeanne Kinney, Water Resources/Utilities Director Brent Nation, Golf Professional Tyler Tarpley, FMPD Lt. Jared Crone, FMPD Sgt. Doug Schossow, FMPD Sgt. Brian Cantin, FMPD Officer Pedro Malave, and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2013 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Clerk/PIO John Brennan pointed out that a revised copy of the draft minutes had been included in the council table files, with a correction to an error pointed out by Councilmember Ron Shaver which had Shaver both making a motion and seconding that motion. Councilmember Debra Forstedt offered a resolution to approve the April 16, 2013 minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Councilmember Scott Bryan and approved on a vote of 6-0, with Councilmember Lisa Northrup absent.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 13-17 TO BE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mayor McAlister read the proclamation and presented a signed and sealed formal copy to Police Chief Keith Kuretich. Kuretich then briefed the council on an event planned for May 13 that included a memorial for officers killed in the line of duty and a special awards ceremony for citizens and FMPD staff. Several council members then expressed appreciation for the work of the city's police department.

BIDS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE EQUIPMENT UPFITS

FMPD Lt. Jared Crone reviewed the bidding process for this item, which would install equipment such as light bars, partitions, sirens, decals and other police equipment to newly purchased vehicles. Crone said all bids were under the amount budgeted. Staff was requesting approval to accept the proposal from the lowest bidder, L.A.W.S. of Englewood, Colo., which had bid \$12,226, Crone said, and the staff was asking for approval of expenditures not to exceed \$14,000 to allow flexibility in choosing specific equipment options.

Bryan offered a resolution to accept the bid from L.A.W.S. with total expenditures not to exceed \$14,000. That resolution was seconded by Shaver and approved on a vote of 6-0 (Northrup absent).

BIDS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN-CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS

Crone also reviewed the bidding process for this item, for which seven bids were received, all but one of which were under the budgeted amount. Crone said staff was recommending acceptance of a bid from Watch Guard of Allen, Texas, in the amount of \$9,560. He said this was not the lowest bid but would allow the police department to stay with the same type of cameras as installed in other vehicles in recent years, which has advantages in consistency, ease of training and retrieval/storage of the videos. Crone noted that the Watch Guard bid was still below the budgeted amount.

Shaver offered a resolution to accept the bid from Watch Guard in the amount of \$9,560, which was seconded by Forstedt and approved on a vote of 6-0 (Northrup absent).

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STRATEGIES AND BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE GOLF COURSE

City Manager Jeff Wells reminded the council of discussion over the past year about the golf course and in particular the subsidy the city provides and the financial sustainability of the course. He said that was one reason for holding this meeting at the course, to allow the council to see the facilities.

Golf Professional Tyler Tarpley then provided a PowerPoint presentation that covered the rounds played and revenues for the preceding year, the goals and objectives for 2013 and an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Tarpley then discussed a rate survey of about 68 courses and how the Quail Dunes greens fees compared to others, and outlined a proposal for revamping the season pass program and fees to increase revenues and make the rates more fair and realistic.

Tarpley and Wells also briefed the council on a public meeting on golf rates hosted by the golf course advisory board, at which these proposals were discussed. They said most golfers seemed supportive of the plans and were willing to pay more if that would help keep the golf course open.

Council discussion followed, with most council members applauding the efforts of Tarpley and his staff and saying that his work was beginning to show dividends and it was good to see a solid plan for moving the course forward.

Wells said it was his impression that the council was comfortable with putting the new season pass plan into the 2014 budget, and staff would bring that back as part of the budget process when the citywide schedule of fees was discussed later in the year. No formal action was taken.

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION ON PREPARING FOR FINANCING OF THE NORTHERN INTEGRATED SUPPLY PROJECT

Wells told the council that NISP was the biggest project the city has invested in, as an answer to long-term future water needs, and financing was a key to the success of the city's effort. Although the city's total investment would be between \$40 million and \$50 million, Wells said he had developed a plan that would make it affordable. He reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that outlined some history of the city's participation in the Colorado-Big Thompson project and current debt related to that project, as well as the permitting process for NISP and how the city could approach financing the new debt this project would bring. Wells said the fact that NISP had been delayed from its original timeline for construction was in the city's favor, and that the

delay would allow the city to save for its NISP investment. The postponed timeline also would allow the city to replace retiring debt with new debt in a way that would not overburden the water fund, although rates would continue to be gradually increased and funding from the NISP surcharge on water bills would be held in a restricted account for this purpose.

The council consensus was for the city to stay on the path outlined by Wells, and no formal action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis told the council that a railroad project by BNSF Railway was scheduled to begin the following day.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the May 7, 2013 regular meeting at 8:04 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister

Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan

City Clerk