

October 15, 2013

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 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 Lisa Northrup
Councilmember Joe Segura Jr.
Councilmember Ronald Shaver

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, Engineering/Public Works Director Brad Curtis, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, Interim Police Chief Darin Sagel, Community Services Director Josh Miller, Assistant City Attorney Jason Meyers and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

PRESENTATION BY DAVID AMIN OF HAMPTON INN

David Amin addressed the council, saying his family was the developer of the Hampton Inn hotel that had opened in September at the southeast corner of Main Street and Riverview Avenue. Amin noted that the new hotel was three times the size of the Days Inn that it replaced, and the sales taxes collected at the new hotel were five times the amount of the earlier hotel. Amin thanked the City Council, city staff and residents for their support of the project, and said the value of the incentives offered by the city and the expertise of the city staff in overcoming obstacles to the development made the project possible.

Several council members remarked that the new hotel greatly improved the look of the intersection at the primary entry point for Fort Morgan and they were glad the project had been done.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CLOSING CITY OFFICES THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Mayor Terry McAlister said the city had traditionally given the day after Thanksgiving to employees as an extra paid day off, and that he would like to do that again this year. City Manager Jeff Wells noted that experience showed little in the way of customer traffic or business demands on that day.

Councilmember Debra Forstedt made a motion to allow city employees to have Nov. 29 off as a paid holiday, which was seconded by Councilmember Scott Bryan and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RESTATEMENT OF THE FORT MORGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT MONEY PURCHASE PENSION PLAN

Wells said this plan covered most of the employees of the FMPD, and was monitored annually and updated periodically to comply with changes in the law and other requirements for tax-exempt pension plans. He said this restatement of the plan had been approved by the city's Police Pension Board and received an affirmative vote of at least 65 percent of the membership of the plan.

Councilmember Lisa Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution adopting the restatement of the Fort Morgan Police Department Money Purchase Pension Plan, which was seconded by Councilmember Ron Shaver and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NEW CITY FINANCIAL INVESTMENT POLICY

Wells explained that the last time a new investment policy had been adopted was in 1993, and much had changed in the markets and the investment world, as well as state and federal laws, in the ensuing 20 years. He said the new policy spelled out what investments the city could make and called for oversight by an investment committee to review and advise the city on its investments.

Wells also noted that the new policy was more restrictive than state law in the limitations it placed on investments, which was done deliberately to improve the security of city investments and limit risk. In answer to a council question, Wells said the city had retained a professional investment advisory firm to help guide the city, and the firm would invest city funds based on policy set by the council.

Shaver offered a resolution to approve the Resolution approving the new city financial investment policy, which was seconded by Forstedt and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION REGARDING SIGNERS ON CITY BANK ACCOUNTS

City Treasurer Jean Kinney told the council a few minor changes had been made in the proposed resolution included in the meeting packets and a final version had been placed in the council members' table files. She explained that this resolution was done periodically as staff changes occurred, and some new provisions were added to improve internal accounting controls in response to recommendations from the city's financial auditors.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution regarding the establishment and operation of city bank accounts, which was seconded by Councilmember Joe Segura Jr. and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION ON CITY PROJECTS

Wells said he was required to present an annual report to the council and still planned to do that in January, but wanted to give the council a shorter, more informal update on the recent efforts of city staff. Wells conducted a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the city's focus, efforts and accomplishments in four areas: Employee Development, Fiscal Health and Accountability, Community Development and Economic Development. He reviewed goals, initiatives and results in each area, along with future plans to continue progress.

2014 BUDGET CALENDAR – FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2014 BUDGET, SET THE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY AND APPROPRIATE MONIES TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY

Wells reminded the council of the great amount of work that went into the development of the 2014 budget, and said the ordinance adopting the budget was being presented to the council for approval on first reading. Wells asked that the council also set a public hearing on the budget ordinance at the next council meeting on Nov. 5, when the ordinance would be presented for second reading and final approval.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve on first reading an Ordinance levying a tax upon the taxable property in the city of Fort Morgan and appropriating monies to the various funds of the

city, and to set a public hearing on the ordinance for Nov. 5. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Christine Castoe and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

City Clerk/PIO John Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration, as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the disbursements and payroll for September
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Oct. 1, 2013 City Council regular meeting

Councilmember Forstedt offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Bryan and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells reported on another recent visit by an international delegation, this one from South America, as part of the programs sponsored by the U.S. State Department. He said it was gratifying that Fort Morgan had become a chosen destination for these visits, which brought officials from all over the world to the U.S., and although most destinations were major cities the visitors always spoke glowingly about their experiences in Fort Morgan.

Wells also said he was planning to set up a tour of Riverside Park for council members and staff in the next week or two, to view damage from the devastating flooding of the South Platte River in mid-September. He said the city staff's goal was to get at least part of the park reopened to the public as soon as possible.

Engineering/Public Works Director Brad Curtis announced an incident earlier that day in which a truck had damaged the railroad tracks, causing the emergency closure of the Sherman Street railroad crossing. Curtis also invited the council members to an event celebrating the tenants at the city's airport the following Saturday.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids, upcoming meetings and other announcements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m., and McAlister said the council would move to a scheduled executive session. Forstedt made a motion to convene the scheduled executive session, which was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously.

The executive session had been published as follows:

EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(e); AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES: City fiber network.

The executive session began at 7:38 p.m. and ended at 9:06 p.m., and was attended by the mayor and council members along with Wells and Assistant City Attorney Jason Meyers, Network Administrator Nelson McCoy, Engineering and Public Works Director Brad Curtis and Courtney Violette.

Following the conclusion of the executive session, the council returned to open session where Forstedt reported that the council met in executive session for the reason stated on the agenda. Forstedt then made a motion to direct staff to move forward with negotiations as discussed in the executive session, which was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the October 15, 2013 regular meeting at 9:07 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister
Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan
City Clerk