

August 4, 2015

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 Christine Castoe
Councilmember Kevin Lindell
Councilmember Lisa Northrup
Councilmember Joe Segura Jr.
Councilmember Ronald Shaver

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, Police Chief Darin Sagel, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Community Services Director Josh Miller, Engineering/Public Works Director Brad Curtis, Management Intern Chelsea Gondeck, FMPD Lt. Brian Cantin, FMPD Sgt. Jim Parks, FMPD Officers Jon Renteria, Jessica Schlagel, Trevor Greenwood, Palmer Anguiano, Ted Thyne and Paul Mendoza, and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2015 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Councilmember Ron Shaver offered a resolution to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Christine Castoe and approved unanimously.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW FORT MORGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER DARRON DUNSON JR.

Police Chief Darin Sagel noted that another officer scheduled to be sworn in at this meeting, Kevin Campbell, was unable to attend and would be sworn in at a later date. Sagel then introduced Dunson and provided some brief biographical information about him. Mayor McAlister administered the oath of office to Dunson, and Dunson's father pinned his badge on his uniform.

APPOINTMENT OF LYN DEAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Councilmember Joe Segura Jr. said Lyn Deal was a member of the Historic Preservation Board and had applied for another term on the board. Segura made a motion to appoint Deal to an additional term on the Historic Preservation Board, which was seconded by Councilmember Lisa Northrup and approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF JERRY WATHEN TO THE SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

Community Services Director Josh Miller said there had been a vacancy on the senior center board since late 2014, and Wathen had applied for appointment in early 2015. The board had solicited additional applications and reviewed all applications at its most recent meeting, and was recommending Wathen for appointment.

Northrup made a motion to appoint Jerry Wathen to the Senior Center Advisory Board, which was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously. Wathen thanked the council.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH INTERVENTION INC.

City Clerk/PIO John Brennan said this would authorize the mayor to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding with Intervention Inc. for probation services, with the previous agreement having expired. Brennan said the nonprofit organization charged its probation fees to defendants, so there was no cost to the court, and the savings to the city compared to an in-house probation officer were estimated at \$45,000 a year.

Shaver offered a resolution to approve the Resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Intervention Inc., which was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously.

PROPOSAL FOR COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF A GROUND LEASE AT THE FORT MORGAN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Engineering/Public Works Director Brad Curtis said this item was similar to one approved by the council in recent months, and was related to a loan for construction of a hangar at the airport. If the owner defaulted on the loan the bank would take over the ground lease, but the property itself was not actually being used as collateral.

Shaver offered a resolution to approve the collateral assignment of a ground lease for Adaptive Resources Inc. at the Fort Morgan Municipal Airport, which was seconded by Northrup and approved unanimously.

BIDS FOR THE RIVERSIDE PARK AND QUAIL DUNES HBP PAVING PROJECTS

Curtis reviewed the proposal for paving of deteriorated sections of driveways at the Canfield Park area and the Quail Dunes golf course. Two options had been proposed for the Quail Dunes portion of the project, with one involving removal of existing asphalt and the other simply overlaying the existing pavement with new asphalt. Curtis said staff wanted to maximize the area paved so the second option was being recommended. One company had submitted a bid, he said.

Northrup offered a resolution to accept the bid from Apex Pavement Solutions for Projects A and B1 in the amount of \$164,763.76, with total expenditures not to exceed \$175,000. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CDOT GRANT PROJECT #20666 / TAP M470-011 FOR MAIN STREET SIDEWALKS

Curtis said this was one of three grant requests the city had submitted, with two awarded, and this one would cover installation of Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk ramps on Main Street between Platte Avenue and Riverview Avenue. The grant would cover \$56,250 of the total budget of \$75,000, he said.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution accepting a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation and authorizing the mayor to execute the grant agreement for the construction of ADA sidewalk ramps on Main Street/State Highway 52. That resolution was seconded by Segura and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CDOT GRANT PROJECT #20657 / TAP M470-010 FOR ACOMA AVENUE SIDEWALKS

Curtis said this was the second of the awarded CDOT grants, with this one for sidewalks on the new Acoma Avenue being constructed in conjunction with the new middle school, and it would cover \$187,500 of the total budget of \$250,000.

Northrup offered a resolution to approve the Resolution accepting a grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation and authorizing the mayor to execute the grant agreement for the construction of sidewalks on Acoma Avenue. That resolution was seconded by Castoe and approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RETREAT FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

City Manager Jeff Wells reviewed some issues discussed during the council's retreat earlier in the summer, and said staff wanted to further discuss some of these issues with the council from a budgeting perspective.

Miller said that under the economic development strategic plan, one budget impact would be the retention of an analytics firm to develop data for the city that could be used in retail recruitment efforts. He said he had learned that retail site selectors rely on municipalities to provide data and statistics and he believed doing so would make the city more competitive. Miller also emphasized that retention of existing businesses would be a large part of the city's efforts.

Wells said another budget issue was the proposal to create a new dedicated marketing and economic development position on the city staff. He asked the council for feedback on moving forward with both the analytics and the dedicated staff person. Discussion followed, and most council members agreed that both actions were necessary to keep the city competitive. Wells said these items would be tentatively placed in the budget for 2016, but no formal action was taken.

2016 BUDGET CALENDAR – PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 BUDGET FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND THE CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

Wells explained the projected revenues for the Capital Improvement Fund and then reviewed items the staff had discussed in preparing the proposed budget for this fund, including items that were placed in the budget as well as items that were omitted for one reason or another. Council and staff discussion followed on a number of these items, and whether they should be a priority for 2016 or could wait. Wells and other staff answered numerous questions about specific projects.

Wells said the capital budget as proposed would use some reserve funds, with about 80 percent of the amount taken from General Fund reserves and 20 percent from Capital Improvement fund reserves. He said the proposed capital budget for 2016 would be refined based on council feedback from this meeting and several policies would be re-examined, and the council would get another chance to review this budget when the full budget was reviewed again and then formally presented in October. No formal action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells announced that the city had received a Starburst Award from the Colorado Lottery for its use of Great Outdoors Colorado grant funding to restore and improve the ball fields at Riverside Park. Miller said the city's new billboard along Interstate 76 had been re-installed. Miller also announced that Discmania, an acclaimed European builder of disc golf courses, would create its first U.S. course in Fort Morgan at Riverside Park, and a large disc golf tournament would be held in September to introduce the course.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings, and reviewed highlights of recent news releases.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the Aug. 4, 2015 regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

/s/ Terry McAlister

Mayor

/s/ John Brennan

City Clerk