

October 14, 2008

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Jack L. Darnell called the special meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. This followed a work session which began at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Jack L. Darnell
Councilmember Sharol Lyn Deal
Councilmember Terry McAlister
Councilmember James A. Powers
Councilmember Terri P. Schafer
Councilmember Ron Shaver
Councilmember Alberta M. Simmons

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Pat Merrill, City Attorney Jeffrey Wells, Police Chief Keith Kuretich, City Treasurer Pixie Jones, Utility Director Bob Weimer, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Jody Prentice and City Clerk Andrea Strand.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE CITY CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED FROM THIRD PARTIES

Mayor Darnell announced that each third party request for a contribution by the City of Fort Morgan related to the 2009 Budget would be announced and voted on separately. Treasurer Jones offered an apology to the Third Parties and to Council. She had misunderstood that Council wanted Forms 1099 from the individual groups and she had asked the groups to send their financial information. She also informed Council that she had received a request from the Fort Morgan High School Music Booster Club and had included it in the Table File. She recommended that it be a part of the other contributions.

Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce Requested \$6,000

Councilmember Shaver offered a motion to approve \$6,000 as the City's Contribution to the Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Deal. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, Powers, Shaver and Simmons. Nays: Councilmembers Schafer and McAlister.

Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Requested \$18,000

Councilmember Powers offered a suggestion to approve \$18,000 for Morgan County Economic Development Corp., but retain \$6,000 in our own funds in the event the City would like to offer grants to existing businesses. The Mayor agreed it was a good idea, but he was concerned that this would be a big hit to Morgan County Economic Development Corp. He suggested \$3,000 be retained by the City.

Councilmember Shaver offered a motion to approve \$15,000 as the City's contribution to the Morgan County Economic Development and retain \$3,000 for in-house economic development. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, McAlister, Powers, Schafer and Shaver. Nays: Councilmember Simmons.

United Way of Morgan County Requested \$1,500

Councilmember Simmons commented that she would like to see the amounts on this and all other requested remain as last year and offered a motion to approve \$1,000 as the City's contribution to United Way of Morgan County. Her motion was seconded by Councilmember McAlister. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, McAlister, Powers, Schafer, Shaver and Simmons.

Youth 4-H Livestock Sale Requested \$1,000

Councilmember Powers offered a motion to approve \$1,000 as the City's contribution to the Youth 4-H Livestock Sale. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Schafer. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, McAlister, Powers, Schafer, Shaver and Simmons.

Fall Harvest Car Show Requested \$6,000

Councilmember Simmons offered a motion to approve \$4,000 as the City's contribution to the Fall Harvest Car Show. Her motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, McAlister, Powers, Schafer, Shaver and Simmons.

Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments Requested \$10,000

Councilmember Powers offered a motion to approve \$10,000 as the City's contribution to the Northeastern Colorado Association of Local Governments. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Schafer. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, Powers, Schafer, Shaver and Simmons. Nays: Councilmember McAlister.

Daughters of the American Revolution Requested \$750 – 1,000

Councilmember Deal mentioned it would be appropriate to refer this organization to the Museum as they could assist with the book that the group would like to publish. Councilmember Powers offered a motion that the City not contribute to the Fort Morgan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, but encouraged them to approach the Fort Morgan Museum for assistance with their project. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Schafer. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, McAlister, Powers, Schafer, Shaver and Simmons.

Sexual Assault Response Advocates Requested \$5,000

Councilmember Shaver offered a motion to approve \$2,500 as the City's contribution to S.A.R.A. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers. Councilmember Schafer suggested the City approve the \$5,000 requested. The original motion of \$2,500 was called. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Councilmembers Deal, McAlister, Powers and Shaver. Nays: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Schafer and Simmons.

Platte Valley Festival Band requested \$500

Councilmember Deal offered a motion to approve \$500 as the City's contribution to the Platte Valley Festival Band. Her motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, Powers, Schafer, Shaver and Simmons. Nays: Councilmember McAlister.

Other Contributions – \$1,100

Councilmember Powers offered a motion to contribute \$50 out of the \$1,100 to the Fort Morgan High School Booster Music Club. His motion was seconded by Councilmember Shaver. The votes by roll call were: Ayes: Mayor Darnell; Councilmembers Deal, Powers, Schafer, Shaver and Simmons. Nays: Councilmember McAlister.

Councilmember McAlister commented that while he voted against some of the contributions, his votes were not reflections against the organizations because they wanted the groups to prosper, but he felt Council should watch the spending.

The total amount approved by the City of Fort Morgan for 2009 as Contributions to Third Parties was \$44,100.

Mayor Darnell adjourned the October 14, 2008, special meeting at 7:50 p.m. and then held a work session, followed by a special meeting of the Riverview Commons General Improvement District Board of Directors.

Mayor

City Clerk