

February 15, 2011

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 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister
Councilmember Scott Bryan
Councilmember Sharol Lyn Deal
Councilmember Debra J. Forstedt
Councilmember Brent M. Nation
Councilmember James A. Powers
Councilmember Ronald Shaver

The meeting was also attended by Acting City Manager/City Attorney Jeffrey Wells, Police Chief Keith Kuretich, Director of Water Resources Gary Dreessen, Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis, Community Development Director David Callahan, City Treasurer Terri Schafer, Community Services Director Patti Evans, FMPD Lieutenant Darin Sagel, FMPD Administrative Assistant Sheila Bass, numerous other FMPD personnel and City Clerk John Brennan.

FORT MORGAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Fire Chief Brad Parker delivered the department's annual report to the council, touching on the number and types of calls, levels of personnel, fire inspections and violations, fire prevention education efforts and other aspects of the department's operation.

Mayor McAlister and Acting City Manager Wells noted the good work by the department and the amount of money the volunteer department saves for city taxpayers.

PRESENTATION OF FORT MORGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL AWARDS

Police Chief Keith Kuretich presented the annual awards bestowed by the FMPD on local citizens as well as department personnel.

Honored with Citizen Citations for Meritorious Service were Jorge Manez, Brenda Zion of OneMorgan County, Cassandra Gonzales, Chad Strange, Bryan Wulf and Lonny Elliott. FMPD personnel honored with Letters of Commendation were Sgt. Doug Schossow, Officer Kevin Miller, Officer Tim Malone, Sgt. Jim Parks and Morgan County Coroner Don Heer. Safe Driving Awards went to Officer Anthony Gagliano, Community Service Officer Erik Cook, Sgt. Steve Brown, Officer Luis Vazquez and Malone.

The Police Department Employee of the Year Award was given to Sheila Bass.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE WATER CODE UPDATE

Wells told the council that the process of developing this update began several years ago, and the approach revamps the way the city deals with water. He said the update had been thoroughly studied and modified numerous times. Dreessen said it had probably gone through a half-dozen versions, and Wells said the city's water advisory board had voted unanimously to approve recommending this version.

Councilmember Powers said the water advisory board probably does the best work of all of the city's boards and commissions, and also acknowledged the work of Assistant City Attorney

Jerrae Swanson. Powers then offered a resolution to approve the ordinance updating the water code on first reading, which was seconded by Councilmember Nation and approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING CITY BANKING ACCOUNTS

Wells said this was a routine resolution approved annually for the authorized signatures on city bank accounts, and reflected changes in personnel since the last approval. Powers asked why the acting city manager was not among the signatures authorized, and Treasurer Schafer said the staff did not want to have to change the resolution again when a new city manager is appointed. She said the city clerk, attorney and treasurer are the usual signatures authorized. Councilmember Forstedt made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Bryan and approved unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT BY THE ELKS LODGE

Clerk Brennan reviewed the application and supporting documents, which would cover several special events on different dates in an effort to cut down on the number of council approvals required. Powers made a motion to approve the posting of the property and to schedule approval of the permit application at the March 1, 2011 meeting. That motion was seconded by Councilmember Shaver and approved unanimously by the council acting as the local liquor licensing authority.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN SNEED TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Director Callahan noted that Sneed had served on the airport board since 1998 and had agreed to be re-appointed. Councilmember Nation made a motion to approve the re-appointment, which was seconded by Powers and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION AND ACTING AS THE LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

Clerk Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration, said Consent Agenda being in words, letters and figures as follows, to wit:

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Liquor License renewal application – 7-Eleven West store
- B. Approval of disbursements and payroll for January
- C. Approval of the minutes of the Jan. 25 special meeting
- D. Approval of the minutes of the Feb. 1 regular meeting

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine business by the Council and will be enacted with a single motion and a single vote by roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is deemed necessary, that item should be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Councilmember Nation then asked that the January disbursements item be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. The council agreed, then Powers offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, which was seconded by Forstedt and approved unanimously.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2010, the vote upon roll call being as follows: Ayes: Mayor McAlister; Councilmembers Bryan, Deal, Forstedt, Nation, Powers and Shaver. Nays: none.

Nation then questioned the expenditure of \$17,518.47 to Dell computers, saying that he did not recall that expense coming before the council for approval. Treasurer Schafer said the expense was for the purchase of 40 new computers, and that the matter did come before council as part of the approval of the software upgrade package approved for the finance department. Nation said he did not recall the computers being part of that package, and the council asked for documentation of the approval.

Nation also questioned a payment of approximately \$18,000 to McLaughlin Water Engineers for engineering services, and asked if part of this was for on-call services. Dreessen said he believed so, and that the payment was for all of 2010 and included services for both the water treatment and wastewater treatment plants. He said McLaughlin usually waits to bill for all services in a given year in December, and that was why the expense was showing up now.

Nation also questioned a large check to Lamp Rynearson Associates for about \$28,811, and noted that the same company had received a payment for about \$8,000 in the previous month. Nation said he recalled that the council had only authorized payment of \$30,000 to this company. Engineer Curtis said the \$28,000 payment was for a storm sewer survey, and that he believed the previous \$8,000 payment was probably for the final installment of a separate contract for the fire training facility.

Wells said the city staff would provide the documentation requested on the computer and Lamp Rynearson disbursements and bring the item back for consideration on the consent agenda at the next regular council meeting on March 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Brennan announced upcoming bids and meetings. Wells told the council that city staff had a productive meeting with a county commissioner and surrounding landowners regarding the city's plans for the airport, and would provide the council with regular updates on that issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting concluded at 7:53 p.m., and Powers then made a motion to convene a scheduled executive session. That motion was seconded by Shaver 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: Storm sewer line tie-in.

The executive session convened at 8:05 p.m. and concluded at 8:45 p.m., and was attended by the council members and mayor along with Wells, Curtis and Jack Odor, chairman of the city water advisory board.

Following the session the council returned to the open regular meeting, where Powers reported that the council had discussed the scheduled topic. Powers made a motion to direct the acting city manager to negotiate under the parameters discussed in the executive session. That motion was seconded by Forstedt and approved unanimously

Mayor McAlister adjourned the February 15, 2011 regular meeting at 8:47 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister
Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan
City Clerk