

June 7, 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 Lt. Jared Crone, Director of Water Resources Gary Dreessen, Community Services Director Patti Evans and City Clerk John Brennan.

READING OF A PROCLAMATION BY THE GREELEY INDEPENDENCE STAMPEDE COMMITTEE

Mayor McAlister read the proclamation from the Greeley Independence Stampede Committee declaring Sunday, July 3, 2011, to be City of Fort Morgan Day at the Greeley Independence Stampede.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF A DONATION TO THE CITY BY THE WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB FOR THE LIBRARY/MUSEUM CHESS BOARD PROJECT

Community Services Director Patti Evans explained that the Women's University Club had approached her in September about using its remaining funds for a worthwhile community project. She introduced Jodie Schoemaker and Jo Kline of the club, who said the group had been in existence since 1911 with a mission to promote higher education among women. Its focus for the last 50 years has been on scholarships, Schoemaker said, but when the decision was made to dissolve the club they wanted to use their remaining money on a more enduring and tangible project. Kline noted that the chess board would be unveiled on Saturday, June 11, at 10 a.m., and encouraged the council and community to attend. Councilmember Forstedt made a motion to accept the donation of \$3,350 from the club for use toward the expenses of the chess board project. The motion was seconded by Bryan and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF CHECK FROM WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY CLUB

Schoemaker, Kline and club member Janet Hobbs then presented the check for \$3,350 to Mayor McAlister, who thanked the club for its work and the donation

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE SALARY SURVEY PROPOSAL

Wells noted that this survey had been discussed by the council several weeks ago during a work session on employee compensation, and he had been communicating with the Mountain

States Employers Council about the best way to pursue such a survey. It was recommended that the city conduct a new survey because there were questions about the process used and data gathered for a previous survey undertaken by the former human resources director. He said he had approached the MSEC to get an idea whether the cost of the survey would require it to be put out for bid, and he believed that it would require a bidding process. Wells recommended that the council put out a request for proposals on a salary survey, and try to get bids back for council review in late June or early July. He also said MSEC had suggested that the city also do a comparison of its benefits package in conjunction with the salary survey, which he was advised by MSEC would cost an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000. Councilmember Shaver made a motion to direct Wells to put the salary survey out to bid, which was seconded by Forstedt and approved unanimously. Forstedt clarified that this would include the benefits comparison as well.

APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION FROM THE ELKS LODGE – ACTING AS THE LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

Clerk Brennan explained the application, and that the requirements for posting notice at the property as well as all paperwork and fees had been completed. Powers made a motion to approve the special events permit, which was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION

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. Approval of Second Reading of an Ordinance regarding disposal of city property and request to publish by title only
- B. Approval of bids for Optimist Park drainage improvements construction and authorization for the mayor to execute the contract
- C. Approval of bids for city public works/public safety radio system
- D. Approval of request for fee waiver for in-kind services for BobStock
- E. Approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2011 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.

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

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of June 2011, the vote upon roll call being as follows: Ayes: Mayor McAlister; Councilmembers Bryan, Deal, Forstedt, Nation, Powers and Shaver. Nays: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells noted the many community activities that had happened in the city the preceding weekend, and thanked the city staff, volunteers and others who had made this possible.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Brennan announced upcoming bids and meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting concluded at 7:23 p.m., and Forstedt then made a motion to convene the first of two scheduled executive sessions. 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: Purchase of property and/or water.

The executive session convened at 7:35 p.m. and concluded at 7:50 p.m., and was attended by the council members and mayor along with Wells. Following the session the council returned to the open regular meeting, where Councilmember Forstedt reported that the council met in executive session to determine matters relative to positions subject to negotiations. Based on those discussions, Forstedt made a motion to proceed with negotiations as discussed in executive session. That motion was seconded by Councilmember Powers and approved unanimously.

Forstedt then made a motion to convene the second scheduled executive session. That motion was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously. This second 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: Economic development.

The executive session convened at 7:56 p.m. and concluded at 8:34 p.m., and was attended by the council members and mayor along with Wells. Following the session the council returned to the open regular meeting, where Forstedt reported that the council met in executive session to determine matters relative to positions that may be subject to negotiations, and that the council will proceed as discussed. No motion was made.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the June 7, 2011 regular meeting at 8:36 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister
Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan
City Clerk