

August 2, 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 Brent M. Nation
Councilmember James A. Powers
Councilmember Ronald Shaver
Absent: Councilmember Debra J. Forstedt

The meeting was also attended by Acting City Manager/City Attorney Jeffrey Wells, Police Chief Keith Kuretich, Fire Chief Brad Parker, Director of Water Resources Gary Dreessen, Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis, Community Development Director David Callahan, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, Community Services Director Patti Evans and City Clerk John Brennan.

PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER MASTER PLAN AND DISCUSSION OF LEASE AND FINANCING OPTIONS

Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis reviewed the facility master plan, which had been presented to the council last year. He said the city staff envisions this facility as an overall training center for nearly all city departments, including police, fire and public works, which could also fill a regional need for northeast Colorado. Police Chief Keith Kuretich and Fire Chief Brad Parker said no such facilities exist in the region, and area departments must travel to the Front Range for suitable training facilities. They said there was interest among other law enforcement and fire departments across the region to use the Fort Morgan facility if it is built.

Parker said the fire department has already constructed a burn building on the site using old shipping containers, with volunteer firefighters doing the work to outfit the structure's interior. Parker also noted that his department keeps two fully operational fire engines at the property on East Burlington Avenue, which makes it a secondary fire station south of the railroad tracks.

Kuretich and Parker said they agreed that the next priority for development of the training center should be a driving track. They noted that many city departments could benefit from such training, and Kuretich said CIRSA has noted that there is little training available for driving, which is one of the most risky responsibilities of city personnel.

Acting City Manager and City Attorney Jeff Wells said the city hopes to leverage some grant funding to help develop the property over time, and fees charged to other agencies that would like to use the facility for training could be used for future development of the training center.

Mayor Terry McAlister said it seemed like a good idea and the only question was how to pay for it. Wells said city staff was exploring options and trying to look for creative financing options.

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 the minutes of the July 19 Regular Meeting

B. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Morgan County for the 2011 Coordinated Election and a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign

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 Brent Nation offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Ron Shaver and approved on a vote of 6-0, with Councilmember Debra Forstedt absent.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of August 2011, the vote upon roll call being as follows: Ayes: Mayor McAlister; Councilmembers Bryan, Deal, Nation, Powers and Shaver. Nays: none. Absent: Forstedt.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Brennan reviewed upcoming bids and meetings, and announced that candidate packets for the 2011 municipal election were now available. He also noted that city utility bills would be a day or two late because of a software conversion, and the due date on the bills would adjusted by two days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting concluded at 7:32 p.m., and Councilmember James Powers then made a motion to convene a scheduled executive session. That motion was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously (Forstedt absent). 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.

The executive session convened at 7:46 p.m. and concluded at 8:25 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 Powers reported that the council had met in executive session and discussed the scheduled topic. Nation made a motion to direct the acting city manager to negotiate under the parameters discussed in the executive session. That motion was seconded by Powers and approved unanimously (Forstedt absent).

Mayor McAlister adjourned the Aug. 2, 2011 regular meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk