

August 16, 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, Fire Chief Brad Parker, Director of Water Resources Gary Dreessen, Light & Power Superintendent Doug Linton and City Clerk John Brennan.

PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR IN-KIND SERVICES FOR FALL HARVEST CAR SHOW

Fire Chief Brad Parker introduced Dave Cornwell, who along with Parker was serving as co-president for the 2011 Fall Harvest Car Show. Cornwell said it was the 11th year for the show, and thanked the city for all of the support it had given to the annual event over the years. He said the 2011 show was scheduled for Sept. 16-18 and would follow the same format as previous years, so the car show committee was asking the city for the same in-kind services and fee waivers as in the past, including use of City Park and the gazebo, the Showmobile, picnic tables, rollout trash containers and street closures.

Several council members remarked that the car show was one of the biggest events in the city and a great benefit to local businesses. Councilmember Debra Forstedt made a motion to approve the request for services and fee waivers, which was seconded by Councilmember Scott Bryan and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION ON DOWNTOWN SOUND SYSTEM

Acting City Manager/City Attorney Jeff Wells explained that a speaker system for the downtown commercial area had been considered for several years, and noted that the Fall Harvest Car Show committee had dedicated some funding to assist with the installation of the sound system. In addition to the car show, Wells said the system would have many other benefits including amplifying the sound of concerts in the park, announcing of the annual Christmas parade and other uses.

Wells said the car show committee had generously donated \$3,500 toward the system, and the city had obtained estimates from a consulting firm in the range of about \$10,000 to \$13,000 for the total cost of the system and installation. This includes some costs that could be absorbed by the city's electric department doing some of the work, such as pulling wire and hanging the speakers, he said. The city staff would like to have the system completed in time for this year's car show, which Wells said was very optimistic but may be possible. He said the staff was looking for direction from the council on spending the necessary money, which was not budgeted for 2011 but could be used from other line items in the current budget. Some funding

could be taken from the electric engineering budget and the remainder from the economic development budget, Wells said.

Several council members said the system would be a great benefit, and mentioned other cities and towns that have sound systems and the fact that Christmas music was once played in Fort Morgan's downtown throughout the holiday season.

Councilmember James Powers made a motion to expend a sum not to exceed \$9,500 from city funds for the establishment of a downtown sound system. That motion was seconded by Councilmember Ron Shaver and approved unanimously.

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

Wells explained one entry on the city disbursements under Item E on the Consent Agenda, noting that this expenditure for workers' compensation funding for June and July was essentially a transfer from all city departments into the self-insurance fund, which pays the premium, deductibles and other costs for workers' compensation coverage.

City Clerk John Brennan then 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 an Application for Renewal of a 3.2 Percent Beer Retail License for Walmart Store #5033 at 1300 N. Barlow Road
- B. Approval of an Application for Renewal of a Beer and Wine Liquor License for Wonderful House Restaurant
- C. Approval of an RFB for on-call video surveying and cleaning of the city storm water system
- D. Approval of an agreement with BNSF Railway regarding Safe Routes to School
- E. Approval of the disbursements and payroll for July
- F. Approval of the minutes of the Aug. 2 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 Shaver offered a resolution to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Forstedt and approved unanimously.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of August 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 said he wanted to make the council and public aware of some difficulties in implementing the new software upgrade in the utility billing department, which led to some incorrect bills. He

said any resident who felt there was a problem with a bill could come to the utility billing department and the staff would either explain the bill or make any appropriate corrections. He also noted that city crews had been doing some road work which required cutting into pavement that had been installed in recent years, and plans were now in place to avoid doing this and to coordinate infrastructure upgrades with road projects. Mayor McAlister mentioned that residents could now pay utility bills with credit cards.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Brennan announced upcoming bids and meetings, and reminded residents of the availability of nominating petitions for council and mayor seats in the 2011 municipal election. Brennan also asked for RSVPs from council members for the District 1 fall meeting in Sterling on Sept. 22.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting concluded at 7:34 p.m., and Forstedt then made a motion to convene a scheduled executive session. That motion was seconded by Powers 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: Exchange and sale of water.

The executive session convened at 7:44 p.m. and concluded at 8:06 p.m., and was attended by the council members and mayor along with Wells and Water Resources Director Gary Dreessen.

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

Mayor McAlister adjourned the August 16, 2011 regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister
Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan
City Clerk