

January 6, 2026

The City Council of the City of Fort Morgan, Colorado, met this day in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Honorable Mayor Kevin Lindell called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Kevin Lindell
Councilmember Loren Boyett
Councilmember Bill Garcia
Councilmember Jon Kaper
Councilmember Jeff Morford
Councilmember James Parks
Councilmember Doug Schossow

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Brent Nation, Police Chief Loren Sharp, City Attorney Nina Williams (via zoom link), Economic Development Specialist Sandy Schneider-Engle, Community Services Director Matt Underwood, Utilities Director Doug Linton, Public Works Director Tom Acre, Deputy City Clerk Lori Lorenzini.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Zander Nye at 704 Ute St. spoke about his concerns regarding the lack of lighting at the Fort Morgan Skate Park. He feels the lack of lighting is a safety hazard to the riders who skate in the winter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 16, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Parks offered a resolution to approve the minutes of the Dec.16, 2025 City Council regular meeting as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Morford and approved unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

Economic Development Specialist Sandy Schneider-Engle announced that GlowCo had been selected as the business of the month for January and related some of the history and community contributions of the locally owned business. GlowCo opened in September of 2020 at 119 W. Bijou Ave. The fitness-oriented business offers several group activities including yoga, Pilates, barre, cycling and hot exercise classes. The studio team includes approximately a dozen certified instructors with owner Meredith Chapin receiving her group fitness training through AAAI in 2010 and later certified in Barre in 2017, followed by an indoor cycling certification in 2020, Power Pilates Mat 1 & 2 in 2022, and Pilates chair in 2024. Meredith and her team partner with multiple local businesses to create collaborative experiences as well as hosting numerous community classes and demonstrations as well as supporting several local nonprofits through generous donations. Meredith expressed her gratitude and is thankful for the support over the last five years.

RESOLUTION INCREASING THE WASTEWATER AND WATER RATES

Director of Utilities Doug Linton requested the resolution be approved to the wastewater and water rate increases through the ratification of a rate study that was conducted in 2024, this is a second

year of a five-year rate study. Councilmember Kaper asked if the wastewater rates are still based off winter water consumption. Nation confirmed that it is still based off water consumption. Councilmember Schossow asked what the monthly base average was. Nation responded that the city has a base charge but people are not allotted a certain amount with the base charge; the city has never offered that.

Councilmember Jeff Morford offered a resolution to approve the wastewater and water rate increase which Councilmember Jon Kaper seconded and approved unanimously.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CH.20 , THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE CODE ADDRESSING AND REGULATING LAND USE OF KENNELS, PET DAYCARE, OVERNIGHT BOARDING AND SMALL ANIMAL GROOMING AND REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 20TH

Director of Public Works Tom Acre presented this ordinance, which came about after inquiries from local potential business owners wishing to provide services that do not readily fit within the Land Use Code such as utilizing the former Fort Morgan Veterinary Clinic building on East Burlington Ave. to open a dog grooming, pet day care, overnight pet boarding and training business, the location is within the General Business (B-2) zone district. These proposed code amendments were discussed by the Planning Commission at the last meeting and were recommended to be sent to the council for approval. The proposed amendments would change the definitions of Kennel, cattery and rabbitry by adding the word "overnight", "Doggy Daycare" to "Pet Daycare" adding definitions for Small Animal Grooming and Overnight Pet Boarding. Kaper inquired about overnight housing and if an outdoor run was built what would keep them from leaving the animals outside, creating noise problems. Acre responded that building on outdoor run for daytime use has been discussed but during the nighttime they would be kenneled and added they would also install surveillance cameras.

Councilmember Loren Boyett offered a resolution to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 20, Land Use Code, of the Fort Morgan Municipal Code addressing and regulating the land uses of kennels, pet daycare, overnight pet boarding and small animal grooming and scheduling a public hearing on the ordinance for January 20. That resolution was seconded by Parks and approved unanimously.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Nation commented on questions regarding breaking ground on the new swimming pool and wanted to remind everyone that we are in a twelve month in design process. They will be going out to bid for a General Contractor but noted there is still a full year of design in front of us and the best-case scenario construction might begin the end of this year or beginning of next year. The developer on the project at the corner of Main St. and Riverview Ave. finally received approval from CDOT and is working with his design team to modify the driveway entrances according to what CDOT is expecting. Nation noted that a notice was pushed out on Facebook regarding the opening of Deuel St. and Education Ave. by the Fort Morgan Middle school with street signs being installed. We will monitor the traffic patterns around the school to see how that is affecting traffic flow.

Police Chief Loren Sharp commented that they received a few boxes of new tasers for \$140,000 and noted that these new tasers require more training because of the virtual reality goggles that are used for training. Per the council's request two new recruits will be attending the next council meeting.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lorenzini announced current bids and upcoming meetings.

Mayor Kevin Lindell adjourned the Jan.6, 2026 regular meeting at 6:22 p.m.

/s/ Doug Schossow

Mayor

/s/ Jill Curtis

City Clerk