

September 4, 2012

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 6:00 p.m., noting that the council had gathered first at 5:30 p.m. at the Sanitation Department facility next door to City Hall, as published on the agenda, for a tour of the department related to the development of the 2013 budget.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Present: Honorable Mayor Terry L. McAlister
Councilmember Scott Bryan
Councilmember Debra J. Forstedt
Councilmember Lisa Northrup
Councilmember Joe Segura Jr.
Councilmember Ronald Shaver

The meeting was also attended by City Manager Jeff Wells, Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis, Community Development Director David Callahan, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, FMPD Lt. Jared Crone, Light & Power Superintendent Doug Linton, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent John Turner, Sanitation Superintendent Bob Evins and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2012 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Councilmember Debra Forstedt offered a resolution to approve the minutes of the Aug. 21, 2012 city council regular meeting as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Scott Bryan and approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF SHAROL LYN DEAL TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Councilmember Joe Segura Jr. said there had been a couple of vacancies on the city's Historic Preservation Board, and Sharol Lyn Deal had applied for one of them. The board had voted unanimously at its Aug. 9 meeting to recommend that the council appoint Deal, he said. Councilmember Lisa Northrup made a motion to appoint Deal to the board, which was seconded by Councilmember Ron Shaver and approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO MCEDC BOARD

Mayor McAlister said the need for a council representative to the Morgan County Economic Development Corp. board stemmed from the resignation of Brent Nation from the council in August. The mayor said he felt it appropriate for the mayor pro tem to assume that responsibility until the council vacancy was filled. McAlister said he had spoken with Mayor Pro Tem Ron Shaver and Shaver was agreeable, so he was appointing Shaver to that position.

COUNCIL ACTING AS THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY – SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION FROM THE ELKS LODGE

City Clerk/PIO John Brennan reviewed the application for this permit, saying that all procedures had been followed and the requirements fulfilled, and noting that the city now approved such

permits locally without requiring state review or approval. Forstedt offered a resolution to approve the liquor license special event permit for the Elks Lodge for an event on Sept. 14-15, 2012, which was seconded by Shaver and approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION ON HYDROPOWER FEASIBILITY STUDY AND UPDATE ON THE NORTHERN INTEGRATED SUPPLY PROJECT

Carl Brouwer of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District reviewed the feasibility study done on a proposed hydropower project on the pipeline supplying the city with water from NCWCD. He said there was significant energy potential in the pipeline and the project would generate substantial electric power, but with the current rates being paid by rural electric associations for power the project probably would not be worth the cost at this time. He said he expected rates to rise again and that could make the project more financially feasible.

Brouwer also updated the council on the status of NISP, a water storage project in which Fort Morgan is among 15 participating entities. Noting that the permitting process had begun in 2004 and was not over yet, Brouwer said this was not unusual for this type of project. He said he was still hopeful that the supplemental draft environmental impact statement would be completed in 2013, with a final record of decision by the Army Corps of Engineers in 2014, and hoped to see actual construction starting about in four years.

No action was taken on either of the issues under this agenda item.

BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE SHERMAN STREET ELECTRIC REBUILD PROJECT

Light & Power Superintendent Doug Linton reviewed the bidding process for this project, and said staff was recommending the low bid from Colorado Powerline Inc. of Sedalia, Colo., in the amount of \$126,837.52, with the project cost not to exceed \$160,000. Linton said the extra cost would cover unforeseen circumstances during construction and also allow the electric department to do additional necessary work in the area if possible. He noted that the project cost was well under the budgeted amount.

Councilmember Joe Segura Jr. said he felt that the council should consider the next lowest bid from a Fort Morgan company, Hamlin Electric, which was \$17,000 more than the low bid.

Shaver offered a resolution to accept the bid from Colorado Powerline Inc. not to exceed a total cost of \$160,000, which was seconded by Northrup and approved on a vote of 5-1, with Segura voting against the measure.

BIDS FOR ACOMA AVENUE BRIDGE AND ROAD ENGINEERING SERVICES

Municipal Engineer Brad Curtis reviewed the bid process and the background on this proposed project, which would provide a connection between the east and west sides of the city south of the railroad tracks, which had been listed as a city council goal for a number of years. Curtis said he was recommending acceptance of a proposal from Bohannon-Huston of Englewood, Colo., for \$36,700. Curtis said this would complete the engineering of the road but did not include any construction costs, for which the council would have to budget if it decided to go ahead with the project. The plans that would result from this engineering would be usable in the future if the council delayed the project, he said.

Much discussion followed about the relative costs and benefits of the project as well as the many issues involved. Bryan said he wondered whether this was the right time for this project.

Shaver offered a resolution to accept the bid from Bohannon-Huston for the engineering of the Acoma Avenue bridge and road, which was seconded by Northrup and approved on a vote of 5-1, with Bryan voting against the measure.

2013 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR – BUDGET AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE SANITATION FUND

Sanitation Superintendent Bob Evins pointed out the major capital purchase of one sanitation truck for 2013, and Wells noted that the largest single line item in this department's budget was tipping fees for the landfill. Wells said those costs can increase when non-residents of the city use city dumpsters, and encouraged residents to notify the police when they see people from outside the city dumping trash in city containers.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Wells reported on the status of plans for the city to start treating water for the Morgan County Quality Water District, a reception at Cargill Meats earlier that day that highlighted workplace education, the fact that the city was now offering online access and payments for utility bills, and a large amount of staff training that had taken place in recent weeks.

BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings, including events by United Way of Morgan County and MCEDC for which the council had received invitations.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the September 4, 2012 regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.

/s/ Terry L McAlister

Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan

City Clerk