

October 2, 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.

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 Jeffrey Wells, Police Chief Keith Kuretich, Community Development Director David Callahan, City Treasurer Jean Kinney, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer and City Clerk/PIO John Brennan.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor Terry McAlister read the proclamation and presented a formal copy of it to SHARE Executive Director Jan Schiller, who thanked the council and reviewed several related events scheduled for the month.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 1-5 AS UTILITIES WEEK IN FORT MORGAN**

Mayor McAlister read the proclamation and signed a formal copy.

**COUNCIL ACTING AS THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY – SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ELKS LODGE**

City Clerk/PIO John Brennan explained the application and told the council all paperwork and legal notice requirements had been met, and no objections to the permit had been received. Councilmember Debra Forstedt made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit for the Elks Lodge for an event to be held Oct. 19, which was seconded by Councilmember Ron Shaver and approved unanimously.

**COUNCIL ACTING AS THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY – PRESENTATION OF A NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR EL ROBLE INC., DBA CASA PATRON, AT 1215 W. PLATTE AVENUE**

Brennan reviewed the application process and noted that the application and supporting documentation had been reviewed by the Fort Morgan Police Department and the City Attorney's Office and deemed to be substantially complete. He explained the process that would be followed if the application were formally accepted by council, which would include scheduling a public hearing on the application for Nov. 6, and conducting background investigations and site inspection during the interim time period.

Several council members asked questions regarding liability insurance coverage, the resolution of preliminary issues with the application paperwork, and plans for the establishment. In answer

to a question from Mayor McAlister, Gabriel Gomez, one of the partners in the business, said the establishment would be primarily a restaurant with a service bar, and he did not think parties and dances would be held.

Shaver made a motion to accept the application for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License – Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquors, for El Roble Inc., dba Casa Patron, at 1215 W. Platte Avenue and to schedule a public hearing on the application for Nov. 6. That motion was seconded by Forstedt and approved unanimously.

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**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE NM FOR NET METERING PURPOSES**

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City Manager Jeff Wells said this amendment to the electric tariff would affect only customers who return power to the grid through their own renewable energy sources, and would change the accounting for the resulting credits from an annual basis to monthly rebates. A public hearing and second reading of the ordinance would be held Nov. 6 if approved on first reading at this meeting, he said.

Shaver offered a resolution approving the first reading of the Ordinance amending Electric Rate Schedule NM for net metering purposes. That resolution was seconded by Councilmember Lisa Northrup and approved unanimously.

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**2013 BUDGET PRESENTATION CALENDAR – CONCLUDE PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 BUDGETS FOR GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS**

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Staff members including Community Development Director David Callahan, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Michael Boyer and Wells reviewed the proposed budgets for the Recreation, Library/Museum, Human Resources/Risk Management, Community Development/Airport, Building Inspector, Mayor and Council, City Manager, Community Services Director, and Self-Insurance departments and funds, and answered council questions. Cassandra Wilson and Bret Poland of the Morgan County Economic Development Corp. addressed the council and thanked the city for its financial support of the organization, as well the cooperative relationship being developed between the entities.

Wells said the presentations at this meeting concluded the department budget reviews, which had covered every department in the city over the past 2-1/2 months. He said some adjustments would be made to balance the general fund and the sewer fund before a council budget retreat scheduled for Oct. 9, which would also focus on revenue forecasts and the proposed city Schedule of Fees for 2013.

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**CONSENT AGENDA BY RESOLUTION**

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Brennan presented the Consent Agenda for Council consideration, as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2012 City Council regular meeting – Mr. Brennan
- B. Approval of the minutes of the September 25, 2012 City Council regular meeting – Mr. Brennan

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT / AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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None.

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**REPORTS BY OFFICIALS AND STAFF**

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Wells reported on the city's annual Utilities Week barbecue and open house scheduled for the following day. He also told the council that formal letters were being prepared to send to two property owners, detailing the city's offer to purchase their properties for the runway project at the city airport. Wells also reported on the progress of two cooperative projects with the Morgan County Quality Water District and the negotiations on a settlement with the Upper Platte and Beaver Canal Co.

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**BIDS, MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Brennan announced current bids and upcoming meetings, and announced the city's surplus property auction scheduled for Oct. 13. Forstedt said the Fort Morgan Heritage Foundation was looking for volunteers for the museum gift shop, and McAlister urged council members to attend the Utilities Week barbecue event to allow residents to speak to council members about any issues they may have.

Mayor McAlister adjourned the Oct. 2, 2012 regular meeting at 7:54 p.m.

/s/ Terry L. McAlister  
Mayor

/s/ John J. Brennan  
City Clerk