

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 2023. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor

Jerry D. Wallis

Council Members Present

Warren L. Johnson

Kenneth D. Kale

Corliss E. Lynes

James A. Mueller

Council Members Absent

Kris R. Smith

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief, and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Jerad Maley, and Levi Wagner

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lynes moved to approve the May 2023 consent agenda as follows:

- April 2023 Minutes with corrections to the monthly labels.
- April 2023 Petty Cash Report
- May 2023 Pay Ordinance totaling \$220,116.08
- April 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report
- April 2023 Utility Audit Trail Report
- April 2023 Utility Billing and Use Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Levi Wagner spoke with the Council about his utility bills and services provided to his home. Clerk Evans noted utility services are currently disconnected to the Wagner's property. Evans discussed the billing cycle and noted the account was two months past due. Mayor Wallis asked how long the Wagner's could stay in the property without having utility services. He also noted the Wagner's were cited before the court on May 10th for lack of utility services. Attorney Heim said the Wagner's could stay in the property until the May 10th Court date. Council member Mueller moved to waive the reconnect fees of \$150.00 for one occurrence. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-03 – Council member Mueller moved to adopt Resolution 2023-03 setting a condemnation hearing for the property at 421 N High St at the June 5th meeting. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Jerad Maley Probation Review – Council member Kale moved Jerad Maley be given a permanent position with the City and to increase his hourly salary from \$15.00 to \$16.00 per hour, along with sick leave and monthly insurance stipend. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Water Project Update – Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that 500 feet of line has been replaced along with one fire hydrant.

KwiKom Communications – Attorney Heim said he had spoken with the attorney for KwiKom and was waiting for a response.

City Building Maintenance – Superintendent Stodgell reported the City crew will paint City Hall this summer. Other repair needs will be addressed when problems arise.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Board Appointments – Mayor Wallis moved to re-appoint Angelea Heim and Jenny Spillman to an additional two-year term on the Moran Library Board. Council member Johnson moved to approve the Mayor’s appointments. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Vacation Extension for Craig Miller – Council member Johnson moved to allow Craig Miller an additional 6 months to use 106.5 hours vacation leave as he has been unable to use the leave time before his work anniversary date. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

2024 Budget Preparation – Council member Lynes suggested the City consider purchasing new playground equipment for the park. Mayor Wallis asked the Council to consider budgetary needs for the 2024 budget for discussion at the June Council meeting.

Annual Policy Reviews – The Council discussed storm water drainage needs and concerns. Council member Kale moved to adopt the proposed updates to the City’s Emergency Response Plan and Water Conservation Plan. Past and current updates are detailed in each plan. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Mueller asked if there has been any news regarding chip and sealing City streets. Superintendent Stodgell said the Allen County Public Works department has indicated they will help the City with chip and sealing streets sometime after the July 4th holiday.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith reminded the Council that City wide clean up begins May 19th and continues through May 30th. Smith reported a problem with code enforcement for the property at 120 E. Oak St. The property owner listed with the Allen County Register of Deeds has informed the City that they have sold the property to another individual who has not registered the deed with the County. The Council agreed notice of violations should be sent to the owner on record with the County Appraiser until the new owner registers the property in their name.

Chief Smith was asked if he had any new information regarding a portable speed radar sign. Smith said he hoped to hear back from a representative in the next month or two.

Superintendent – Stodgell reported the following work done by the City crew during the month of April 2023:

- Repaired security light at shelter house
- Put up a new security light at 105 E First
- Straightened primary pole at the corner of Front and Sycamore
- Changed out electric meter at Allen County Ambulance – 327 N Pine
- Took blades off tractors and changed oil and filters
- Leveled rock for concrete under the new shelter house
- Mowed, trimmed, picked up trash and restocked restrooms
- Removed old light poles
- Installed new toilet paper dispenser in men’s restroom
- Worked on streets and alleys with Buddy Mann
- Picked up limbs at corner of Birch & First
- Replaced 20’ culvert at 414 N Chestnut
- Filled potholes
- Cleared fallen tree from First & Pine and rehung line
- Sprayed weeds at City Hall, Shop and downtown
- Burnt weeds around lagoons
- Cut brush and trees out of fence around lagoons and hauled off, sprayed remaining stumps
- Bladed roads at the lagoons
- Marked valves and water lines
- Changed out water meter

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of April 2023:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Refuse	1,814.25	Sales To Customers	14,149.76
Court Fines	608.00	Water Protection Fee	25.66
ATV/Building Permits	155.00	Connect Fee	250.00
KS Sales Tax – Stated deposited after 5/1	0.00	Bulk Water Sales	77.33
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,010.00	Penalties	332.73
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	63.58	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Dog Pick up	60.00	Reimbursed Expense	75.78
Dog Tag/Kennel Fee	96.00	Sewer Fund	
Reimbursed Expense	10.00	Sales To Customers	6,320.37
Sales Tax		Special Highway	
Sales Tax Receipts	1,137.94	Special Highway Receipts	2,908.51
Electric Fund		Gross Receipts	71,272.86
Sales To Customers	40,970.93	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>11.04</i>
Overpaid	298.20	Gross Receipts	71,283.90
Fuel Adjustment	262.61	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>967.26</i>
Light Rent	210.00	<i>Setoff Collection Fee</i>	<i>63.46</i>
Debt Collection Fee	66.80	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>1,773.37</i>
Connect Fees	319.41	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>150.00</i>
		Net Receipts	68,329.81

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Kale moved, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.