

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 6, 2020. Mayor Phillip Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Elected Officials Present:		
<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Council Members Present</u>	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
Phillip L. Merkel	Bill C. Bigelow Corliss E. Lynes Kris R. Smith	Chad A. Lawson Jerry D. Wallis

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Craig Miller, Assistant City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Debbie Merkel, Rayna Kidd, Leon Wagner, Jim Mueller, Lee Roberts, Nelda Cuppy, Larry Manes, and Richard Luken representing the Iola Register.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Smith moved to approve the January 2020 consent agenda as follows:

- December 2019 Minutes
- December 2019 Petty Cash Report
- January 2020 Pay Ordinance totaling \$139,630.70
- December 2019 Utility Audit Trail Report
- December 2019 Certificate of Deposit Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Richard Luken spoke on behalf of the LaHarpe Pride group and invited the Moran Council to attend a community meeting on January 25th in LaHarpe. The meeting will discuss incentives for new home building in LaHarpe and other communities in Allen County.

Leon Wagner advised the Council that the house at 523 N Pine St has been torn down. Leon apologized for missing the December meeting as he thought the meeting was on Tuesday December 3rd instead of Monday December 2nd. Leon said there is still some cleanup of the property and he will do that as soon as he can.

Larry Manes thanked the Council for allowing the Pride group to store garage sale items at the old library.

Rayna Kidd asked if the Council had any questions for the Library. No questions were voiced.

OLD BUSINESS

Moran Museum – Asst. Superintendent Miller reported the gas lines have been installed at the Moran Museum and heaters will be installed as soon as possible.

KMEA Lineman – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Gary Bieker had called to let the City know that KMEA is considering another option for their plan to employ a lineman crew as discussed earlier in 2019. The KMEA Board is discussing the purchase of Mid-State Energy Works, Inc. of Salina, KS. If KMEA was to purchase this company they would be able to provide lineman services per their prior plans with no upfront or annual cost to members. The Board will consider purchase of the company at their April meeting with a possible closing date in July. There would be no increase in KMEA rates and all costs would be charged to the customers who use their services.

Chief Merkel asked the Council to approve the transfer of the remaining balance of \$6,198.34 from Fire Rural Fund to the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund effective 12/31/2019. Council member Bigelow moved to approve request. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Phillip Merkel left the Council table and took a seat in the audience. Bill Bigelow, President of the Council gave the Oath of Office to Council members Corliss Lynes and James Mueller. Incoming Mayor Jerry Wallis was ill and was unable to attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Moran Pride Resolution 2020-01 – Council member Smith moved the City adopt Resolution 2020-01 supporting the Moran Pride Group. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

IRS 2020 Mileage Rates – Council member Mueller moved to set the City's mileage reimbursement rate at the IRS approved rate of .575 cents per mile. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

2020 Dog Tag Clinic – Council member Lynes moved the City sponsor a pet vaccination clinic in March as they have done in years past. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Copier/Printer Maintenance Agreement – Council member Mueller moved to renew the annual maintenance agreement for the Kyocera Taskalfa 3501i and Kyocera Ecosys P6021cdn with Modern Copy System at a cost of \$750.00. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with Mueller, Smith, and Lynes approving.

Lyons County Sheriff Training Opportunity – Chief Smith requested approval to attend the annual Lyons County Sheriff Spring Training event April 7-9. Smith has attended this training opportunity for the past few years and will receive 24 hours towards his annual recertification requirements. Council member Smith to approve the request with Lynes seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

League of Kansas Municipalities Membership – The Council discussed an invitation from the League of Kansas Municipalities encouraging the City to rejoin the League. No action was taken.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported a gasket needs replaced in the new truck but repairs will be covered under warranty.

Police Chief – Chief Smith discussed progress towards Code compliance on properties the Council has been following. Discussion followed with the topic scheduled for Council review at the February meeting.

Smith informed the Council that the City needs materials to replace the door coverings at the City dog pound. Various materials were discussed; mud flaps, inner tubes, and used baler belts. Attorney Heim said he thought he might have some used carpeting that he could give to the City.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell had previously submitted the following activity report for the month of December 2019:

- Hung Christmas lights
- Transformer 10 KVA & hardware ready for EMS Substation Facilities and put up
- Removed security electric pole & took to shop, stripped off hardware and hauled it to the burn pile at 515 N Locust
- Birch & Oak bus parking lot- cut tree limbs off secondary lines
- Franklin & Sycamore – replaced bulb on sec light
- Hung gas heaters for Museum
- Second Street-repaired security light
- 313 S Elm- set security pole and ran triplex up meter mask
- Changed oil on everything
- Replaced water meter at SSM Water District
- Checked water flow for RWD #12
- Dug up 6” water main for EMS Substation
- Cut grass and bushes at City Hall
- Dug out ditch to help drainage at Linn & Franklin
- Shoveled & bladed snow and spread ice melt
- Spoke with Jeff with KRWA about the Lagoons
- Marked locates for the KS Gas at the Museum
- Picked up limbs and trash at all parks

Asst. City Superintendent Miller reported the City crew has received the new water meter for Rural 12 Water District and the City crew plans to replace the meter as soon as weather allows.

Council member Mueller voiced his concern with the city road conditions and the need to chip and seal as many roads as possible this year. Asst. City Superintendent Miller noted the City streets are being damaged by semi-trucks driving on local streets. Discussion followed with no action taken.

City Clerk Evans relayed an invitation from Representative Kenneth Collins inviting the Council to attend the Local Government Day at the State Capital on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

Evans informed the Council that a local resident would like to donate a gently used treadmill to the 54 Fitness Center. Discussion followed with the Council expressing thanks to the resident but agreeing they could not add additional equipment to the facility due to a lack of floor space and electrical needs.

Council member Mueller encouraged Council members to attend Allen County Commissioner meetings to show support for the City of Moran and community needs.

Clerk Evans reported income for the month of December 2019 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	3.10	Sales To Customers	12,014.02
Refuse	1,892.00	Water Protection Fee	33.90
Court Fines	1,213.00	Bulk Water Sales	278.35
NSF Check	125.19	Penalties	976.69
Franchise Fee	263.51	Connect Fees	221.19
KS Sales Tax	3,924.13	Reimbursed Expense	312.99
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovprd	1,270.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CD's	132.30	Sewer Fund	
Reimbursed Expense	10.00	Sales To Customers	7,799.76
Cereal Malt Beverage License	50.00	Monthly Receipts	85,272.21
Dog Tag	11.00	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.65</i>
Electric Fund		Adjusted Gross Receipts	85,282.86
Sales To Customers	50,759.75	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>13.80</i>
Connect Fee	144.47	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>352.58</i>
Overpaid	918.00	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>90.00</i>
Debt Collection Fee	0.00	Net Receipts	84,826.48
Fuel Adjustment	1,174.73	Adjusted Gross Receipts	85,282.86
Light Rent	183.75	Add: Transfers	66,700.00
Sales Tax Fund		Cash and Non-Cash Totals	151,982.86
Sales Tax Receipts	1,510.38		

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Mueller to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.