

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2019. 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	Chad A. Lawson
	Corliss E. Lynes	
	Kris R. Smith	
	Jerry D. Wallis	

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

Visitors Present: Larry Ross, Lee Roberts, Cindy Chalker, Richard Luken with the Iola Register; Jeff Johnson, Mark Warren, and Jim Kimball representing the Ruritan Club.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Wallis moved to approve the April 2019 consent agenda as follows:

- March 2019 Minutes
- March 2019 Petty Cash Reimbursement Report
- April 2019 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 101,707.42
- March 2019 Jayhawk Utility Audit Trail Report
- March 2019 Certificate of Deposit Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

Mark Warren, Ruritan Club District Governor for Middle America, spoke with the Council about revitalizing the Moran club. Mr. Warren reviewed activities undertaken by the local club and encouraged the Council to support their efforts in rebuilding the club and encouraged the Council to consider joining the local club. Mr. Warren advised the local club was sponsoring a dinner for local residents to promote the Ruritan's goal of growing their club and supporting the community.

Jim Kimball discussed ways the Ruritan's provide support to families who have suffered losses from natural disasters and accidents. Mr. Kimball discussed dues and member benefits. Jeff Johnson encouraged everyone to attend the local clubs monthly meetings which are held monthly at the Moran Senior Center on the first Thursday at 7:00 PM.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Energy Purchase from Kansas Municipal Energy Agency –Topic was tabled until later in the meeting.

Security Camera Request for Moran Public Library – Cindy Chalker spoke with the Council about library use reports and asked for additional time to research security

camera options. The Council tabled the topic until the May meeting. Ms. Chalker informed the Council that the Marmaton Valley High School FFA has volunteered to plant a flower garden along the front entrance of the Library. The Council agreed to the request for planting flowers and asked Ms. Chalker to coordinate with Superintendent Stodgell for specific details.

Library Appointments – Mayor Merkel moved to appoint the following members to the Library Board:

- Joyce Storrer replacing Lori McAloon (term expired)
- Larry Ross replacing Kaylan Lawson (resigned)
- Debbie Weast replacing Heather Wools (resigned)

Council member Lynes moved to approve the appointments, Bigelow seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

Moran Museum – Attorney Heim reported he was working on a Lender Agreement for parties who wish to loan objects to the Museum for display. Topic was tabled until the May meeting.

Kansas Department of Transportation Letter RE: Highway Project – Attorney Heim reported speaking with Darrin Petrowsky of the Kansas Department of Transportation who stated the Highway 59 project met the required specifications and no modifications will be made to work done. Topic was dropped from the agenda.

Utility Truck Replacement Bids – Topic was tabled until the May meeting.

Electronic Meter Reading Equipment – Superintendent Stodgell shared information and pricing regarding automatic read water meters. The Council agreed to meet with representative from Olathe Winwater Works at the May meeting.

Logo Contest – The Council reviewed a recent logo submission and tabled the topic until the May meeting.

Chip and Seal Oil Pricing – Superintendent Stodgell advised pricing was not yet available for road oil. Topic was tabled until the May meeting.

Energy Purchase from Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) (cont.) – Council member Bigelow moved Moran enter into an agreement to purchase wholesale electric from KMEA when the current agreement with Westar expired in 2020. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

## NEW BUSINESS

City Insurance Policy Review – The Council agreed to invite Loren Korte of Personal Service Insurance (PSI) to meet with them at the May meeting to review the City's insurance needs.

Water Conservation Plan – Council member Bigelow moved to approve proposed revisions to Moran’s 2018 Water Conservation Plan. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

City Storm Drainage – Superintendent Stodgell reported plans to use the Vactron portable environmental vacuum to clean storm drains along highway 59. Discussion followed.

2020 Budget Preparation – Mayor Merkel encouraged the Council to consider upcoming needs for the 2020 budget. Topic was tabled until the May meeting.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel report all is good with the Fire Department.

Police Chief – Chief Smith advised the Council he was planning to contact the Union Pacific Railroad regarding drainage issues on their property. Smith reported he would participate in the Stickershock program on April 5<sup>th</sup> which reminds patrons that it is illegal to purchase beer or alcohol for minors.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of March 2019:

- Checked all primary lines that needed tree trimming
- Fixed triplex at Moran Manor for west security light
- Tied old pole to new pole in the alley behind 204 E First
- 316 N. Linn – replaced electric service and rehung security light line due to shed blowing over and tearing down the lines
- VLP came and made repairs to the backhoe
- Moved conduit at the back shop
- Installed remote read at tower
- Cleaned up old water meter and setter in water room
- Dug up and repaired water leak and replaced tap and saddle
- Cleaned Vac- winterized it cleaned up pump and tools
- Valves mop to clean out
- Met with Win Water about auto read meters
- Installed new 5/8 water meter at Ag. Choice
- Changed out water meter at 220 N. Birch
- Marked utilities on S. Pine
- Checked drainage issue at 744 N. Cedar
- Unplugged culverts, bent culvert end up at 403 N. Pine
- Dug soft spot out behind City Hall
- Cleaned ditch on Oak St, alley to Pine and around the corner
- Put down 50lbs of Ice Melt at City Hall, water dock, fitness center, police and library
- Snow removal
- Cleaned out culverts around town
- Filled in pot holes, dug ditch on south side of Library
- Cleaned ditches on Oak, corner of Birch and Oak, Oak and Cedar and N. Pine and Oak
- Installed paper towel dispensers in the restrooms at the City Park
- Back drag at park and cleaned out culverts
- Dug soft spots out at Ball Parks

Superintendent Stodgell reported a crew from Central Tank will install a fill pipe and inspect the City water tower April 5-6. Stodgell advised the City crew will monitor the situation but water pressure may be a bit lower when they are working on the tower.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of March 2019:

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	11.75	Sales To Customers	11,083.36
Refuse	1,765.00	Water Protection Fee	29.12
Court Fines	1,892.00	Connect Fee	100.00
Reimbursed Expense	5,000.00	Bulk Water Sales	141.13
Debt Collection Fee	-	Penalties	352.95
Solicitor Permit	65.00	Reimbursed Exp	43.47
KS Sales Tax	6,187.89	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,270.00	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Interest Earned Checking/CD's	134.76	Sales To Customers	7,047.76
Dog Tag/Kennel Fees	270.00	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Tax Disbursement	2,090.41	Sales Tax Receipts	1,320.54
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Employee Benefit</b>	
Sales To Customers	48,095.33	Tax Disbursement	321.93
Connect Fee	98.28	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>89,266.65</b>
Overpaid	441.87	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<u>9.93</u>
		<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>89,276.58</b>
Fuel Adjustment	1,061.78	<i>Less:</i>	
Reimbursed Expense	89.90	<i>Utility Credits</i>	1,166.58
Light Rent	168.00	<i>Setoff Fees</i>	1.99
<b>Library</b>		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<u>160.00</u>
Tax Disbursement	134.42	<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>87,948.01</b>

Clerk Evans relayed an invitation to the Moran Council for a representative to meet with Allen County Commissioners to discuss a proposal for a new building to house the ambulance service in Moran. Council member Lynes agreed to attend the County Commissioners meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> representing the City.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:42 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.