

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2018. 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	Chad A. Lawson Corliss E. Lynes Kris R. Smith Jerry D. Wallis	Bill C. Bigelow

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

Visitors Present: Larry Manes, Nelda Cuppy, Pam Mueller, Debra Merkel and Rachel McDonald.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Smith moved to approve the May 2018 consent agenda as follows:

- April 2018 Minutes
- April 2018 Petty Cash Reimbursement Report
- May 2018 Pay Ordinance totaling \$99,884.84
- April 2018 Utility Audit Trail Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Merkel called for questions or comments regarding the property at 304 W First Street. No comments were made, topic was tabled until the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VISITORS**

Pam Mueller asked the Council for permission for her and Debra Merkel to paint one end of the tennis courts at the park for use as a Pickle Ball court. Council member Lawson moved to approve the request with Wallis seconding the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Fireworks Ordinance 2023 – Council member Lawson moved the City adopt Ordinance 2023 related to the sale of fireworks. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Property Gift to the City of Moran – Topic was tabled until June meeting.

2019 Budget Preparation – Mayor Merkel encouraged the Council to begin thinking of budget needs for 2019. Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council he plans to chip and seal 36 blocks of streets this year but would like to budget for the remaining streets in 2019. Council member Wallis reported a Moran resident

approached him with a request for the City to build a splash pad at the City Park. Wallis said he advised the resident to attend a Council meeting to bring the request before the Council. Topic was tabled until the June meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayoral Appointment – Mayor Merkel made the following appointments:

City Treasurer: Debra Merkel	Fire Chief: Phillip Merkel
Municipal Judge: Patty Miklos	Asst. Fire Chief: Craig Miller
Court Clerk: Lori Evans	Firefighters: Curt Drake
Marshal/Chief of Police: R. Shane Smith	Joe Carr
City Clerk: Lori Evans	Kevin Davis
Asst. City Clerk: Taeler Carr	Derrick Carr
City Attorney: Bret Heim	Nick Meiwes
Public Officer: R. Shane Smith	Joe Meiwes
Building Inspector: Michael Stodgell	Ryan Smith
Official Bank: Emprise	Tristan Dickerson
Official Newspaper: Iola Register	Ron Splechter

Council member Smith moved to approve Mayor Merkel's appointments. Lynes seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

President of the Council – Council member Smith nominated Bill Bigelow as President of the Council. Council member Lynes nominated Jerry Wallis as President of the Council. Lawson seconded the nomination for Bigelow. Council agreed to elect Bill Bigelow as President of the Council.

Marmaton Market – Larry Manes informed the Council that the Market board has the funding needing to purchase Stub's Market and stock the shelves. He said they plan to take ownership of the store towards the end of May. Mr. Manes then asked the Council if the City would waive the utility connect fees for the new store. Council member Lawson moved to approve the request. Wallis seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Mr. Manes then asked the Council to abate Section 3-206 of the City Code regulating residential requirements as Rachel McDonald, manager for the new store has recently moved to Kansas. Per City Code, the agent for the Store must be a resident of Kansas for one year and a resident of Allen County for six months. Attorney Heim suggested one of the Market board members living in Allen County be listed as co-manager or assistant manager for the Store on the Cereal Malt Beverage Application. Council member Wallis moved the Cereal Malt Beverage Application for the Store be approved subject to Chief Smith's review and acceptance. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Computer Purchase – Clerk Evans discussed the limitations of purchasing new computers using Petty Cash funds. Evans said the Petty Cash account balance is subject to fluctuation and there may be a lack of funds whenever a good deal can be found to purchase new computers. Council member Lynes moved the Petty Cash

balance be increased for computer purchases should additional funds be needed. Lawson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Smith asked the Council to approve use of the ball lights for practice as there are many teams needing to find a time to practice. The Council agreed the lights could be used for practices.

City Superintendent Stodgell was asked if the City crew would need summer help this year. Stodgell advised they would hold off on hiring temporary help this year due to possible budget concerns.

The Council agreed to issue three more keys to the Library as requested by the Librarian. The Clerk's office was asked to number the keys and keep a record of who the keys are assigned to. Additionally, all keys to the old Library must be returned when someone receives the new keys. The Council was advised the phone line at the new Library was moved with the City bearing the cost to move the line. The Council then discussed storage issues at the new Library and potential blockage of the emergency exits.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported the department has been quiet with just a few calls for grass fires.

Police Chief – Chief Smith informed the Council that he would soon need to purchase four new tires for the Tahoe. Smith noted he would check prices with JD Tires in Iola as they can purchase tires for the police department through Kansasland Tire Wholesale contract. Smith discussed increased safety concerns with traffic in the area of Walnut and Spruce Streets. Smith said he would watch traffic over the next few weeks to see if a stop sign was warranted.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of May 2018:

- Checked underground wire at 421 N High
- Replaced sec light in park & light fixture by #1 Ball Field
- Re-tightened hot line clamp on primary electric line at 306 N Gas
- Located utility going to MV Housing North Unit for Craw-Kan
- Replaced bulb & photo cell by Moran Manor
- Reset #4 breaker at Old Library
- Locates at 416 W Randolph
- Hung new meter mask and new 3 phase at Ag Choice
- Dropped electric service for tree trimmer at 708 N Birch
- Lori & Craig cleaned up wiring in city storage closet at Police Station
- Put on the mower deck
- Repaired cloth inside #1 Truck on the roof
- Picked up limbs at Police Station & mowed
- Washed out dumpster & sharpened blades on JD 3033R
- Did routine maintenance on trimmers
- Attended the Kansas Rural Water Association Conference in Wichita

- Replaced water meter at 236 E Franklin
- Put up water supplies and cleaned water room
- Repaired leak & valve at 220 E Oak
- Replaced water meter valve at 520 W Randolph
- Pushed up and burned brush pile
- Took the dump truck and picked it up from 321 W First St.
- Talked with Mitch at the county about Chip & Seal Pricing
- Filled in pot holes at Oak & Cedar, Sycamore & First-Birch, and First & Cedar
- Worked on Lift #1
- Worked on pump at Lift #2
- Mowed park, ball fields & city hall
- Cleaned out ball field bathrooms
- Took down score board cover & checked ball lights
- Picked up limbs and sticks and dumped trash

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for May 2018 as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	19.10	Sales To Customers	11,062.47
Refuse	1,679.00	Water Protection Fee	28.95
Court Fines	2,225.50	Reimbursed Expense	65.00
Reimbursed Expense	331.74	Bulk Water Sales	87.76
ATV Permits	180.00	Penalties	549.88
KS Sales Tax	3,475.79	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,450.00	Debt Collection Fee	102.74
Interest Earned Checking/CD's	35.13	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Dog Pickup Fee	40.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1,206.97
Dog Tag	167.00	<b>Special Highway</b>	
<b>Electric Fund</b>		State Gasoline Tax	3,260.96
Sales To Customers	39,971.19	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>75,206.06</b>
LIEAP Credit	1,065.38	<i>Add: CD 44526614 Interest</i>	<i>10.99</i>
Overpaid	372.07	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>75,217.05</b>
Fuel Adjustment	866.64	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>90.79</i>
Debt Collection Fee	69.79	<i>Setoff Fees</i>	<i>161.69</i>
Light Rent	147.00	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>712.69</i>
<b>Sewer Fund</b>		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>270.00</i>
Sales To Customers	6,696.00	<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>73,970.89</b>

Clerk Evans asked the Council to consider moving Mayoral appointments to January or February meetings as elected officers assume their seats in January. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Lawson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.