

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 3, 2023. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

<u>Mayor</u> Jerry D. Wallis	<u>Council Members Present</u> Bill C. Bigelow Kenneth D. Kale Corliss E. Lynes James A. Mueller Kris R. Smith	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
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City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Warren Johnson, and Jerad Maley

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Bigelow moved to approve the January 2023 consent agenda as follows:

- December 2022 Minutes
- December 2022 Petty Cash Report
- January 2023 Pay Ordinance totaling \$178,132.97 (includes transfers)
- December 2022 Certificate of Deposit Report
- December 2022 Utility Audit Trail Report
- December 2022 Utility Billing and Use Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Update –Clerk Evans informed the Council that Keithen Meyer from Schwab Eaton said there is a good possibility that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will approve the City’s project plans. After approval the City can then advertise the project for bid. Councilmember Mueller moved to advertise the project for bid upon receiving approval from KDHE. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

USD 256 Crosswalk – Nothing to report, topic was tabled until the February meeting.

Sewer Lagoon Operations – Superintendent Stodgell reported the lagoons look good. He did note the City might want to consider cleaning out the sludge in front of the inlet of cell 2. Stodgell said he plans to speak with a local contractor regarding the need for cleaning out cell 2.

City Staffing – The City received one application for the advertised position with the City crew. Council member Mueller moved the Council meet in executive session discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel as allowed by KSA 75-4319(b)(1)

for 10 minutes at 7:10 PM. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Superintendent Stodgell was invited to meeting at 7:15 PM. The Council returned to open meeting at 7:18 PM and the meeting resumed at 7:20 PM. Council member Bigelow moved to offer the advertised position with the City crew to Jerad Mailey. The position will pay \$15.00 per hour and he will receive the full benefits upon meeting the probationary period. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Automatic Bank Debits – The Council discussed offering automatic bank debits as a payment option for customers due problems with receiving customer payments sent by mail. Council member Mueller moved to offer this payment option if Emprise is able to provide the service as needed. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

City Hall Painting Bid – The Council review a bid of \$15,000.00 received from Wilson Construction to hand paint City Hall. Council member Lynes moved to solicit additional bids. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

The Council thanked Bill Bigelow for his service as Council member and President of the Council. Council members Warren Johnson, Ken Kale, and Kris Smith took their oath of office and the meeting resumed.

Mayoral Appointments – Mayor Wallis made the following appointments:

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

Council member Mueller moved to approve Mayor Wallis’s appointments. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Election of President of the Council – Council member Mueller nominated Ken Kale as President of the Council. Lynes seconded the nomination of Kale. No action was taken on the motion.

Council member Kale nominated Jim Mueller as President of the Council. Smith seconded the motion. Motion nominating Mueller as President of the Council was

passed with Kale, Smith, Lynes, and Johnson approving. Mueller abstained from the vote.

Moran Pride Resolution 2023-01 – Council member Smith moved the City adopt and Mayor Wallis sign Resolution 2023-01 supporting the Moran Pride Group. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with Smith, Lynes, Kale, and Johnson approving and Mueller voting against the motion.

Resolution 2023-02 – Council member Lynes moved to approve Resolution 2023-02, a resolution designating the Moran, Kansas website as the official city newspaper for ordinary publications and designating the lola Register as the official city newspaper whenever recommended by counsel. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Allen County Tax Certificate – Clerk Evans reported the County clerk has certified the City’s mill levy for 2023. The 2023 budget was adjusted as follows:

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Certified</u>
General	27.789	27.791
Library	2.300	2.300
Employee Benefit	5.155	5.153

IRS 2023 Mileage Rates – Council member Mueller moved to set the City’s mileage reimbursement rate to match the IRS approved rate of 65.5 cents per mile. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

2023 Dog Tag Clinic – The Council agreed to sponsor a pet vaccination/tag clinic in March. The Clerk’s office will reach out to Red Barn Veterinary Clinic to check on possible dates.

Copier/Printer Maintenance Agreement – Council member Mueller moved the City renew the annual support agreement with Modern Copy. The agreement cost of \$800.00 covers the Kyocera copier and P6021n printer. Kale seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

Property Condition Complaint – The Council reviewed a public petition asking the Council to declare two properties as a blight to the neighborhood. The petition was signed by 20 people and specifically addressed the property at 506 N Cedar St and 344 N Cedar St. Chief Smith noted there are other properties in town with Code violations. Attorney Heim suggested Chief Smith cite the property owners through the municipal Court. Discussion followed with the Council advising the property owners will be notified of the violations as provided for per Moran City Code. If there are no improvements to the properties, the owner’s will be cited to Court.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith noted he will be attending local training to meet his annual training requirements.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell noted Altec should have the digger derrick truck ready for pick up soon. He will follow up with Altec to set a date to receive the truck.

Mayor Wallis informed the Council that he, Mike Stodgell, Craig Miller, and Ken Kale toured the City of Arma’s electric substation in December. Discussion followed with no action taken.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of December 2022:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	4.75	Sales To Customers	15,030.01
Refuse	1,979.25	Water Protection Fee	30.63
Court Fines	1,941.16	Connect Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	5,127.28	Bulk Water Sales	17.27
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,200.00	Penalties	591.78
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	69.62	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Building Permit	5.00	Sewer Fund	
Franchise	270.60	Sales To Customers	7,126.36
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	40,692.14	Sales Tax Receipts	1,094.20
Connect Fee	98.28	Gross Sales	76,154.65
Overpaid	310.94	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.68</i>
Light Rent	202.10	Gross Receipts	76,165.33
Lieap Receipts	147.83	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>509.01</i>
Reimbursed Expense	115.45	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>528.98</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>90.25</i>
		Net Receipts	75,037.09

The Council reviewed a request from Kyle McAloon asking that the Fitness Center hours be extended to 4:30 AM to 12:00 AM. Council member Kale moved to change the opening from 5:00 AM to 4:30 AM as requested. _____ seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Smith moved the meeting adjourn at 8:28 PM. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with unanimous approval.