

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2022. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor

Jerry D. Wallis

Council Members Present

Bill C. Bigelow

Kenneth D. Kale

Corliss E. Lynes

James A. Mueller

Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

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

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Rick Trester, Hannah Trester, Mitch Bolling, and Riley Ridout.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Mueller moved to approve the January 2022 consent agenda as follows:

- December 2021 Minutes
- December 2021 Petty Cash Report
- January 2022 Pay Ordinance totaling \$65,101.06
- December Certificate of Deposit Report
- December 2021 Utility Audit Trail Report
- December 2021 Utility Billing and Use Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Rick Trester informed the Council that they are unable to pay their December utility bill and asked permission to pay the bill over a six month period. Clerk Evans advised the Council that Trester's water service was disconnected earlier in the day due to non-payment. Discussion follow with Council member Bigelow suggesting the Trester's be given a one week extension to pay their past due balance. Council member Mueller moved the Trester's be given a two week extension to pay their past due utility balance. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Mitch Bolling noted he was present for an agenda topic.

Riley Ridout informed the Council that he was disabled and received his monthly disability check on the 3rd of each month. He advised he could not make payment towards his utility bill by the 30th of the month and has been shutoff and charged a reconnect fee multiple times as he couldn't pay the bill by the due date. Mr. Ridout asked the Council if they would approve him paying his utility bill late each month due to the timing of the checks. Council member Lynes suggested Mr. Ridout reach out to some of the

area agencies to see if he could get help in paying his bill. The Council declined to make any changes to the customer due date.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Update – The Council tabled signing the Loan agreement with the State until the February Council meeting.

Sewer Lagoon Operations – Mayor Wallis informed the audience that the City is having a problem with blood being discharged into the sewer lagoons. Discussion followed with Mayor Wallis noting the City may have to start treating the waste discharged to the lagoons with chemicals to meet state waste water regulations. Wallis noted the initial costs will be around \$1000.00 per month but costs may decrease the longer the waste is treated. Council member Bigelow asked Mitch Bolling how the staff catch and dispose of the blood when they butcher at the Locker. Mr. Bolling invited the Council to stop by to see their butchering process. Topic was tabled until the February meeting.

Solar Energy – Clerk Evans informed the Council that a resident at 428 N Spruce St wanted to install solar panels on their property and have asked for approval to integrate the solar energy with the City's power system. Mitch Bolling informed the Council that he was interested in installing solar panels at the Locker. Discussion followed with Mr. Bolling choosing to leave the meeting.

The Council discussed how they could show appreciation to Larry Ross for the hard work and time he gives volunteering at the Fitness Center. Council member Lynes moved the City give Larry a free gym membership to show their gratitude. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Jerry Wallis and Council Members Lynes and Mueller took their Oath of Office and the meeting resumed.

NEW BUSINESS

Electric Outage December 15-17, 2021 – The Council discussed the power outage and the length of time it took before power was restored. Discussion led to further conversation regarding solar power policies. Attorney Heim suggested Moran would be better served by moving forward with adopting a set renewable energy policy. Heim said he would gather information needed and report back at the February meeting.

Moran Pride Resolution 2022-01 – Council member Bigelow moved the City adopt and Mayor Wallis sign Resolution 2022-01 supporting the Moran Pride Group. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

IRS 2022 Mileage Rates – Council member Mueller moved to set the City's mileage reimbursement rate to match the IRS approved rate of .585 cents per mile. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

2022 Dog Tag Clinic – Council member Mueller moved the City sponsor a pet vaccination clinic in March as they have done in years past pending Covid 19 restrictions. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Copier/Printer Maintenance Agreement – The Council reviewed a quote from Modern Copy System of \$800.00 to renew the annual maintenance agreement for the Kyocera Copier/Printer and a Kyocera color laser printer. Council member Kale moved to renew the maintenance agreement with Modern Copy System. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with Kale, Mueller, Smith, and Lynes approving with Bigelow abstaining from the vote. The December pay ordinance total will increase to \$65,901.06.

County Ambulance Utility Request – The Council considered a request asking the City to provide free water, electric, and sewer service to the Ambulance station in Moran. Council member Mueller declined to honor the request due to budgetary concerns. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

City Building Maintenance – Clerk Evans pointed out the following maintenance needs for City buildings; Ceiling Leaks in Council and Floor Leaks in Council Meeting Room, North Wall of City Hall, and Museum Roof. The Council chose to table the topics until the April meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith noted all is good with the department.

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

- Put new batteries in thermostat at Library (cleaned contacts)
- Changed out electric meter 244 N. Spruce
- Called Custom Truck to get seal kit for #2 Bucket Truck
- Changed out meter at 543 N. Pine
- Removed meter mask, moved phone cable to new pole and pulled meter at 119 S. Birch
- Installed new security light at 220 E. Oak
- Repaired security lights at 323 N Park, Oak & Locust, South of old water plant
- Cleaned up pole from storm, outage, ran lines, repaired broken pole at old water plant
- Repaired blown fuse feeding west side of town
- Cleaned 97 GMC, 20 GMC, Backhoe
- Clean up cut off saw and ordered air filters for Stihl
- Change oil and filter in 07 GMC and added fluids
- Cleaned #2 bucket truck bed off and put away hardware, power washed and restocked
- Put score board cover on Field #1
- Replaced stop signs at Randolph & Spruce, Pine & Church
- Changed out poly carts that were broken
- Dug trees and brush out of ditch along W. Second
- Dug out ditch behind old water plant
- Trimmed bushes at City Hall
- Put dirt around manhole in alley South of grade school and leveled
- Smoothed out ruts in alley at 531 N. Spruce
- Dug up meter pit at 724 N. Birch
- Fixed water leak at 515 N. Birch

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of December 2021:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	4.50	Sales To Customers	13,600.63
Refuse	1,835.00	Water Protection Fee	37.45
Court Fines	1,699.00	Connect Fee	125.00
Reimbursed Expense	205.00	Bulk Water Sales	56.04
CMB License	100.00	Penalties	306.83
KS Sales Tax	7,437.14	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	990.00	Reimbursed Expense	55.10
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	58.51	Electric Fund	
Dog Pickup Fee	20.00	Sales To Customers	41,594.30
Building Permit	5.00	Connect Fee	49.14
Debt Collection Fee	96.00	Re-Connect Fee	73.71
Franchise	283.60	Overpaid	890.87
Sewer Fund		Fuel Adjustment	4,686.87
Sales To Customers	7,155.66	Reimbursed Expense	239.05
Reimbursed Expense	74.00	Miscellaneous Receipts	115.45
Sales Tax		Light Rent	199.50
Sales Tax Receipts	1,371.19	Gross Sales	83,414.54
		<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.67</i>
		Gross Receipts	83,425.21
		<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>1,100.96</i>
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>321.82</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>120.00</i>
		Net Receipts	81,882.43

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.