

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2017. Mayor Phillip Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Visitors Present: Nelda Cuppy, Larry Manes, Yvonne Scott, Corliss Lynes, Bob Johnson, Lori McAloon, Nancy Gardner, Davis Ranes, Verna Ranes, Patti Miklos, Kathy McEwan, and Damaris Kunkler

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Bigelow moved to approve the August 2017 consent agenda as follows:

- July 2017 Minutes
- July 2017 Petty Cash Reimbursement Report
- August 2017 Pay Ordinance totaling \$108,272.13
- July 2017 Jayhawk Utility Audit Trail Report
- July 2017 Certificate of Deposit Report
- Public funds resolution to purchase a \$30,000.00 certificate of deposit (CD) to replace a CD maturing August 19, 2017

Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Patti Miklos Boyd – Ms. Boyd spoke with the Council to follow up on a letter she sent to the Mayor and Council expressing displeasure that the flowers were trimmed and pruned at Troxel Park without her consent. Ms. Boyd said she has always taken care of the flowers and that she was quite upset that other people, including city employees, had “damaged” her established self-sufficient, xeriscape garden. In light of these actions, Ms. Boyd said she would no longer care for the garden at Troxel Park and asked the Council for approval to remove some of the plants from the park which she had personally donated. Discussion followed with Council member Bigelow moving to approve Ms. Boyd’s request to remove some of her personal plants. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

David Ranes was present to discuss actions taken by the police department when his father’s house was burglarized on July 4th. Mr. Ranes said he felt his concerns were being ignored as he had spoken with members of the governing body and City Attorney without getting an answer to his concerns. Chief Smith offered to speak with Mr. and Mrs. Ranes personally in his office. No action was taken.

Corliss Lynes asked the Council if there was anything that could be done about a feral tom cat living in her neighborhood. The Council agreed to ask Chief Smith to set a trap to try and capture the cat.

All other visitors were present for agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS

Marmaton Market Co-op Update – Larry Manes gave a brief history of Marmaton Market Co-op's group formation and their goal to purchase the Stub's Market property. David and Shirlene Mahurin have offered the store property for sale for the past 5 years. Mr. Manes said he, Nelda Cuppy, and other residents are very concerned that the grocery store will close and local residents will have to travel to Iola or further to purchase groceries. The Marmaton Market Co-op is working with Yvonne Scott and Allen County Thrive to research grant opportunities with the goal of the Co-op purchasing the store. Mr. Manes said the group is currently selling memberships at \$100 each and hope to reach 13 investors who would donate \$10,000.00 toward the purchase of the store. Manes said the total number of investors needed was 14, but he has personally pledged \$10,000 as an investor. Members of the Co-op have reached out to analysts from Kansas State University to research operational costs and for advice on managing a grocery store. Mr. Manes encouraged the Council to consider showing their support by purchasing a Co-op membership. Discussion followed with no action taken.

54 Fitness Center – The Council discussed transition of fitness center operations to the Moran Pride/Thrive group on January 1, 2018. Thrive members asked if Council members would meet with them at their next meeting to discuss the topic. The question of billing was brought before the Council asking if the City would continue to bill members through the utility billing system. The Council agreed to continue billing members through the billing system.

Council members were advised there was a discrepancy with the weight equipment purchased for the exercise facility. The picture of items the Council agreed to purchase was just a picture representing the type of equipment that was available and there was no guarantee that the equipment in the picture would be available for purchase. Council reviewed the photographs of the actual equipment purchased and agreed to keep the equipment and to check on cost to purchase an additional weight bench and weight bar.

Moran Public Library – Clerk Evans discussed internet options for the new library/police department building as follows:

- Purchase an additional internet connection from CrawKan for \$60.00 per month.
- Move LaHarpe Communications internet service to the building (for a fee)
- Purchase PTP wireless antennas and equipment at a cost of \$200 - \$500.

Council member Smith moved the City purchase PTP equipment for the Library and Police Department. Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Evans asked the Council if they would like to renew the Library certificate of deposit (CD) when it matures in January 2018. The Council agreed to cash the CD.

Council member Smith moved the Council recess at 8:45 PM for 15 minutes to tour the property at 308 N Spruce St. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The Council returned to open meeting at 9:00 PM. The following items were noted to need repairs:

- Drywall repairs
- Replace 2 exterior wood doors with steel
- Sheetrock and build out baptismal
- Install emergency lighting

The Council asked Superintendent Stodgell to get bids from Allen Terrell, Marlow Brothers, Tim Gibson/Joel Sprague, and Richard Manbeck for sheetrock only.

NEW BUSINESS

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) – The Council agreed to invite KMEA to meet with the Council at a future meeting to discuss their services.

Sewer Loan Payments – Clerk Evans advised the Council that one of the City's sewer loans would mature in 2020 freeing up \$23,403.04 per year. Evans suggested the Council consider whether additional sewer projects should be undertaken as it can take a while to secure grant or matching funds for new projects. No action was taken.

QuickBooks Payroll Renewal – Council member Bigelow moved to renew the City's QuickBooks annual payroll subscription at a cost of \$610.00. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Kansas Open Meeting Training Opportunity – Clerk Evans reviewed the training brochure. No action was taken.

Council member Lawson moved to approve a request made by Chris King to remove the curbing at property he owns at 129 W Randolph. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported the carburetor was fouled on the pump engine on the 1995 Chevy fire truck. Chief Merkel reported Curt Drake and Ryan Smith were able to replace the part and all is working well.

Police Chief – Chief Smith requested approval to purchase a Kenwood TK3180 replacement radio with lapel mic for \$765.00. Council member Mueller moved to approve the purchase request. Lawson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Chief Smith suggested the Council consider replacing the yield signs at Franklin and Spruce Streets with stop signs based on motorist's comments. Council member Wallis moved to replace the yield sign with stop signs. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Smith informed the Council that he would be on vacation and would not be able to attend the October meeting.

Approval Date:

September 5, 2017

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell reported activities for July 2017:

- Painted the shop gates, corner post
- Replaced bulb in security light at Church & Park
- Marked utilities: 315 N. park for new electric service, 215 N. Chestnut for UPRR
- Repaired security light at Oak & Spruce
- Trimmed tree out of electric primary: Cole/Stotler alley, 112 S. Pine, 423 N. Linn
- Painted and cleaned up shop
- Painted and high pressure washed gas barrels
- Cleaned up Troxel Park Flower Bed
- 07 GMC changed oil
- 84 Dump Truck starter repaired
- 97 GMC break repair to Barry's
- Mowed and Trimmed: Water Tower, Old water plant area
- VLP brought up old backhoe and took new one back to Joplin for new loader
- 511 N. Spruce pumped out water pit, shut off valve dripping, needs changed out
- Filled in pot holes with cold patch
- Trimmed trees for chip and seal project
- Hauled concrete to land fill
- Set up 2" PVC Pipe for truck traffic at 54 Fitness
- Mowed & Trimmed: 54 Fitness, City Hall, UPRR(ordinance violation), Stubs(Brush Hogged)
- Painted cold patch roller
- Sprayed for Mosquitos x4
- Painted blocks at: Locust & Front, Front & Cottonwood
- Mowed and Trimmed- Old sewer plant & Lagoons
- Brush hogged lagoons
- 505 N. Birch Locates utilities
- Put about 2.5lbs of mosquito tabs and pellets around town
- Picked up trash at the ball fields & park
- Painted trash cans
- Watered trees at the Park (once a week)
- Mowed & Trimmed ball field and park
- Planted trees at the park x3
- Painted Troxel Park bench
- Washed out bathrooms at the park with bleach and rinsed concrete floors

Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that the County would be in the week of 8/14 to chip and seal city streets. The Council asked Superintendent Stodgell to check on the cost to install motion detectors for the lighting at 54 Fitness Center.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of July 2017 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	17.00	Sales To Customers	12,954.75
Refuse	1,590.00	Water Protection Fee	36.13
Court Fines	3,180.25	Connect Fee	170.00
Reimbursed Expense	110.00	Penalties	458.61
ATV Permit	5.00	Reimbursed Expense	50.00
Dog Tags/Kennel Fee	14.00	Sewer Fund	
KS Sales Tax	3,987.03	Sales To Customers	7,209.03
Franchise Fees	470.00	Special Highway	
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	31.53	State Gas Tax	3,457.35
NSF Checks	812.00	Gross Receipts	84,172.91
Electric Fund		<i>Add: Interest to CD 44527752</i>	2.14
Sales To Customers	45,790.75	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	10.62
Connect Fee	122.85	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44528768</i>	2.21
Overpaid	796.16	Total Gross Receipts	84,187.88
Fuel Adjustment	1,281.03	LIEAP Credit	556.33
Light Rent	147.00	Utility Credits	930.03
Sales Tax		Setoff Fee Error	60.74
Sales Tax Receipts	1,482.44	Net Receipts	82,640.78

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Bigelow, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:10 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.