

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2024. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor

Jerry D. Wallis

Council Members Present

Nancy Houk
Warren Johnson
James Mueller
Lee Roberts
Kris Smith

Council Members Absent

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Craig Miller, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Taeler Carr, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Zach Louk

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Smith moved to approve the October 2024 consent agenda as follows:

- September 2024 Minutes
- September 2024 Petty Cash Report
- October 2024 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 123,620.74
- September 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report

Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Zach Louk approached the council about the possibility of putting up a fence near the City's at the lagoons. Attorney Heim is going to be researching the state regulations. Topic was tabled until November.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Substation Update-

- a. Bond- We received one term sheet back, the current generators we were discussing with Foley were sold a week before our meeting, council decided to table until November Meeting.
- b. Substation Site- Council member Smith motioned to purchase the piece of land from the homeowners at 621 N Locust for a potential Substation site for \$500.00, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Mayor Wallis take the contract drafted by Attorney Heim by to the land owners and have it signed and make the payment to them upon completion of the contract.

- B. Water Project Update- The project is moving along Cedar street with some open trenching and some boring, contractors had to stop work up at the 54/59 intersection due to a soil issue, we are waiting to hear what the next steps are from the Engineer and how we move forward.

- C. Employee Handbook-Tabled this until February 2025
- D. Employment Application-There were applications to review at this time, council decided it would be best to advertise again for another City Crew member. The Clerks office will get an ad ready and sent to the lola Register as well as post it on the City's Website and Facebook page. We will be accepting applications until 4:00pm on November 27, 2024.
- E. Moran Day Update- Moran Day great and the committee will be meeting towards the end of December 2024 to discuss the 2025 Celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Personnel- Council member Smith motioned to go into executive session at 7:57pm for 5 minutes inviting Superintendent Miller and Attorney Heim, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Executive session began at 7:59pm
 Executive session ended at 8:04pm and council member Smith motioned to go back in for another 5 minutes, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Executive session began at 8:05pm
 Executive session ended at 8:10pm- we returned to the regular meeting.

There was no action taken with personnel, however paid call out time will only be 30 minutes.

- B. Fall City Wide Clean Up- the council discussed having a second city wide clean up and decided against it after speaking with City Superintendent Miller.

- C. Electric Rate Increases - The council discussed a kilowatt rate increase beginning January 1, 2025. The new rates will be reflected on the February 10, 2025 utility bill.

The current rates are: 0-400kwh \$0.125, 401-5000kwh \$0.105, 5001 or more \$0.100, All electric current rates: 0-400kwh \$0.105,0-5000 \$0.105, 5001 or more \$0.100. The new rates will be: 0-400kwh \$0.145, 401-5000kwh \$0.125, 5001 or more \$0.105, All electric current rates: 0-5000 \$0.125, 5001 or more \$0.105.

Council member Roberts motioned to accept the new rate increase effective January 1, 2025, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed 4-1 with council member Mueller abstaining.

- D. Property Damage- JNR contacted the City last week on behalf of Brightspeed and an incident that occurred in December 2024. Brightspeed is wanting to collect a total of \$1,919.86. The council agreed they needed more information

before moving forward with the payment. Clerk Carr will be making contact with JNR asking for a detailed invoice. Topic Tabled until the November meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith noted that all of his equipment is up and running without any current issues. He let the council know he has a couple training days coming up that he will be out of the area for during the day.

Superintendent – Superintendent Miller asked the council if the residential electric meters that were picked up from Winfield this summer could be given to another city as they won't work with our future plans for auto read meters. Council member Smith motioned to let Miller contact local cities and give them the meters, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Superintendent Miller let the council know that the 2024 Chip and Seal project went great and we had no issues. The county kindly is not billing the city for the oil used during the project.

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

Cash Receipts For the Month Ending			
General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	3.25	Sales To Customers	16,486.25
Refuse	1,963.25	Water Protection Fee	37.97
Court Fines/Fees	464.00	Bulk Water Sales	503.76
CMB License	-	Penalties	517.92
Tax Disbursement	6,952.41	Reimb Exp-Water	281.48
KS Sales Tax	-	Connect Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,105.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	30.52	Debt Collection	11.23
Dog Tag	100.00	Sewer Fund	
Permits	5.00	Debt Collection	5.96
LibraryRent	1.00	Sales To Customers	7,104.44
Library Fund		Sales Tax	
Tax Disbursement	599.68	Sales Tax Receipts	1,403.51
Electric Fund		Employee Benefit	
Sales To Customers	50,311.10	Tax Disbursement	1,343.83
) Reimbursed Expense	-	Gross Sales	90,264.65
Overpaid	610.70	Add: Interest to CD 44526614	11.02
Lieap Receipts	1.49	Water Project Acct Interest	2.41
Light Rent	231.00	Gross Receipts	90,278.08
Connect Fee	49.14	Less: LIEAP Credit	939.64
Debt collection fees	40.76	EWAP Credits	72.60
		Leak Adjustment	-
		Utility Credits	865.77
		Recreation Fee Credit	-
		Net Receipts	88,400.07

The MV Yearbook Staff stopped by and asked if the City wanted to purchase an add for the 2024-2025 Yearbook, Council member Mueller motioned to approve the purchase of a ½ page ad totaling \$80.00, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Carr asked the council how they wanted the Clerk's office to handle Kan Pay Credit card payments when residents pay what they want to. The council advised that the office can give one warning and after that their account will be treated as unpaid and will follow the disconnection process.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:36 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.