

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Mayor</u> Jerry D. Wallis	<u>Elected Officials Present:</u> <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, Kayla Medley, Rick Trester, and Hannah Trester. Cindy Chalker arrived shortly after the meeting began.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lynes moved to approve the September 2020 consent agenda as follows:

- August 2020 Minutes
- August 2020 Petty Cash Report
- September 2020 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 70,992.51
- August 2020 Utility Audit Trail Report
- August 2020 Certificate of Deposit Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Kayla Medley spoke with the Council about the services offered by Southeast Kansas Works with their new youth workforce program. This new program is funded from a government grant with hopes to enhance and develop a stronger youth workforce within Allen & Neosho County communities.

Hannah Trester asked the Council to consider reconnect their utility services and to renegotiate a new payment arrangement as she was unable to make the required payment in August. Mayor Wallis asked the Trester's how much they could pay toward their past due bill. Ms. Trester said they could pay the \$150.00 reconnect fee on September 9th but could not pay their past due August bill. Council member Bigelow moved the Council meet in executive session for ten minutes at 7:26 PM for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume at 7:36. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council returned to open session at 7:36 PM and the Trester's were asked if they could pay their August bill of \$675.96 plus the \$300.00 toward their prior balance. Ms. Trester said they could only pay the \$150.00 reconnect fee but could pay their September bill by September 25th. Discussion followed with Council member Bigelow making motion

that the Trester's be allowed to pay their reconnect fee on September 9th and their current bill of \$622.88 due by September 25th. Beginning in October, the Trester's will owe an additional \$150.00 per month to be applied to their past due balance in addition to their monthly utility bill. The Trester's were advised to contact the Clerk's office after the first of October to get an estimate of the October bill. If they do not believe they can pay that bill plus \$150.00 toward the past due balance, they should plan on meeting with the Council on October 5th. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Cindy Chalker presented Library use statistics for September. Cindy asked the Council to again reconsider replacing the toilets at the Library as they are not compliant with ADA regulations. Discussion followed with Council member Bigelow moving the City purchase two handicap accessible toilets from Klein Lumber with a \$500.00 limit imposed. The City crew will install one new toilet in the women's bathroom and one in men's bathrooms. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with Bigelow, Mueller, Kale, and Smith approving and Lynes against. Cindy and the Council then discussed installing a new storage box for book courier deliveries and pick up. Cindy said she re-searching available grant funds available to cover the purchase, no action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Energy Incentives – Topic was tabled until the October meeting.

Moran Museum – Superintendent Stodgell said volunteers were going to hold a planning meeting in September. Topic was tabled until the October meeting.

City Storm Drainage – Topic was tabled until the October meeting.

Blighted Property Petition – Chief Smith informed the Council that he had spoken with the property agent for the property in question and he has been advised of specific concerns. No action was taken.

Evergy Substation Upgrades – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Evergy is reporting the estimate for repairs done at the substation will be more than the estimate given in August. The current estimate is \$ 201,334.22 for the City's share up from \$175,000.00. No action was taken.

Schwab Eaton Project – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Stuart Porter with Schwab Eaton has suggested the City might want to move forward with hiring an administrator to prepare the loan for the Kansas Department of Administration and subsequent administration of the loan. Clerk Evans reported speaking with the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission and they gave an estimate of just over \$11,000 to prepare the loan application and administration. The Council asked for an update on the project for the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Flu Shots – Council member Kale moved the City cover the cost of flu shots for any employee not covered by insurance. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Library Improvements – The Council asked for an estimate from Ray's Metal Depot to remove the concrete on the north side of the new library. Topic was tabled until the October meeting.

Jayhawk Utility Software – Clerk Evans reported Advantage Computer was promoting an upgrade to the Jayhawk Utility Software. The new software offered is Solus and Advantage offered the City the opportunity to purchase the new software at a cost of \$5,849. This price was discounted \$4,300 as the City has been a long term customer. The offer was discussed, no action was taken.

Allen County Special Assessments – Clerk Evans presented outstanding invoices of \$450.00 for 304 W First St for mowing charges and \$700.00 for 203 S Elm St for mowing charges. Council member Smith moved these invoice be added to property taxes as a special assessment in 2021. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Water Project Loan and Administration – Topic discussed earlier in the meeting and tabled until the October meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Not present.

Police Chief – Chief Smith asked the Council for approval to attend a training opportunity sponsored by the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center on September 28th. Smith said the training would be covered by an annual membership fee of \$100.00. The Council agreed for Smith to attend the training if he feels it will be beneficial.

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

- Trimmed back shop area
- Cut tree limbs on pecan tree east of shop and hooked duplex wire back up
- Checked voltage on pad mount transformer at MV School
- Repaired security light on S. Cedar
- Replaced electric box meter bridge and meter – 321 First
- Took down electric service at 207 N Linn
- Repaired sec light, replaced clevis and wedge clamp at 54 & 59
- Repaired sec light next to City Hall
- MV Football field lights wouldn't work – replaced switch
- Repaired phase 3 line in the alley at the Marmaton Village
- Fueled, washed and changed oil in the backhoe
- Changed oil in 97'GMC #1
- Repaired hose and alternator
- Restocked and cleaned up #2 bucket truck
- Replaced roller on Flag Pole at City Hall
- Started shop roof project, sky light replacements
- Repaired 4" cast iron water leak on N. Birch
- 211 N Pine – Locates
- Mowed at the Water Tower
- Edge streets and did ditch work
- Spread screenings and used roller and water to pack down
- Mowed and trimmed at 54 Fitness Center
- 3950 US Hwy 54- Locates

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- Trimmed trees back for chip and seal
- Ditch work on Franklin and Birch Streets
- Set culverts at Wools and Adams
- S. Elm-Locates
- Transformer fuse blew on Life S #2
- 207 N Linn Locates
- Dumped trash cans, mowed and trimmed at Troxel Park, City Park and Ball Fields

Superintendent Stodgell advised Worten Painting will be delayed with starting the project due to a family health issue.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of September 2020 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	6.00	Sales To Customers	14,577.62
Refuse	1,726.00	Water Protection Fee	40.80
Court Fines	1,070.00	Connect Fee	200.00
Reimbursed Expense	40.00	Bulk Water Sales	69.08
Insurance Proceeds-Fire	9,910.20	Penalties	631.28
Building Permit	20.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	4,845.67	Debt Collection Fee	4.32
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovprd	710.00	Insurance Reimbursement	347.91
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	48.93	Sewer Fund	
Dog Tag	4.00	Sales To Customers	6,963.66
Miscellaneous Receipts	35.00	Debt Collection Fee	6.36
Insurance - Fire Proceeds	1,177.23	Insurance Reimbursement	165.35
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	57,719.04	Sales Tax Receipts	1,634.29
Connect Fee	196.56	Gross Sales	104,216.80
Overpaid	197.83	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.98</i>
Insurance Reimbursement	587.52	Gross Receipts	104,227.78
Light Rent	168.00	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>251.81</i>
Debt Collection Fee	37.52	<i>Setoff Fees</i>	<i>45.79</i>
Lieap Receipts	583.06	<i>PSI Insurance Adjustment</i>	<i>2247.01</i>
Fuel Adjustment	2.46	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>3,108.54</i>
Reimbursed Expense	441.11	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>100.00</i>
		Net Receipts	98,474.63

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.