

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 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, Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk.

Visitors present: Holly Fuhrman, Lee Roberts, and Austin Kirch. Josh Maley arrived at 7:10 PM.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- September 2022 Minutes
- September 2022 Petty Cash Report
- October 2022 Pay Ordinance of \$86,257.40
- September 2022 Utility Audit Trail Report
- September 2022 Certificate of Deposit Report
- September 2022 Utility Billing and Use Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

Holly Fuhrman asked the Council for approval to use the tennis court at the park to sponsor a movie night on October 22 to raise funds for Court Appointed Special Advocates also known as CASA. Council member Lynes moved to approve Ms. Fuhrman's request. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Austin Kirch asked the Council for an extension to pay his September utility bill as he has just started a new job. He said he expects to be able to pay the bill in full on October 15. Council member Mueller moved to approve the extension to pay and to restore water service and waive the reconnect fee. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Superintendent Stodgell left the meeting to restore the customer's water service.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

KwiKom Pole Attachment Agreement – Topic was tabled as no one was present to discuss the matter.

Sewer Lagoon Operations – Superintendent Stodgell reported the city crew has not saw any blood being discharged into the sewer lagoons. He noted the city crew monitors the lagoons daily as a part of their daily rounds.

Josh Maley asked the Council for approval to go ahead and take out the rest of the sidewalk in front of his home. Discussion followed, with Council member Lynes moving to approve the request. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Josh also voiced concern with the ditches not draining in his area of town. Mayor Wallis said the city would review his concerns about the ditches.

Moran Museum – Topic was tabled until the November meeting per Attorney Heim’s request.

Water Project Update – Clerk Evans reported Thrive staff have filed the third quarter report with the Kansas Department of Commerce. They believe the city will be able to bid the project in February 2023.

Property Conditions at 103 S Pine St – Chief Smith reported the garage on this property has been torn down and the landowner is now reroofing the home. Smith noted the landowner still needs to clean up the lumber from the garage and asked the Council to table review of the topic until the November meeting. Topic was tabled as requested.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Street Maintenance – Superintendent Stodgell asked the Council to consider cleaning ditching as the city is not able to chip and seal streets this year. Discussion followed with Council member Mueller moving to hire Mann Construction and spend \$3000 to \$4000 on cleaning ditches.

Water Conservation Plan Review – Clerk Evans noted Council member Mueller moved to approve the proposed changes to the Water Conservation Plan. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Public Wholesale Water Supply 5 Annual Meeting 10/13/2022 – Mayor Wallis reported the Public Wholesale Water Supply 5 (PWWS5) board has discussed increasing the wholesale price of water from \$3.25 per 1000 gallons to \$3.50. He noted the increase will most likely happen within the next few months.

Year End Review – Topic was tabled until the November meeting.

Council member Smith spoke with the Council about an incident that was reported at the crosswalk on US Highway 59 just east of the USD 256 campus. The child was walking from the grade school and crossed the highway. A vehicle stopped for the child but another vehicle came around the stopped vehicle and almost hit the child in the cross walk. Discussion followed with Council member Smith moving the city contact

the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding concerns with the crosswalk. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The topic was tabled until the November meeting.

The Council reviewed letters written to the Mayor and Council from Mrs. Wools second grade class. A letter from Mayor Wallis will be sent to the class.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Police Chief – Chief Smith asked the Council to consider joining the MidAmerica Crime Org with dues being \$100.00 per year. Membership will include a secure email account for the departments use. Council member Mueller moved to approve Chief Smith’s request. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Smith also reported he has been catching quite a bit of wildlife in his traps including foxes and armadillos.

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

- Chris King- meter can logs were pulled away from meter- replaced meter can bridges
- Took secondary down at state yard
- Checked wire and connection from transformer to B. Burton’s triplex pole
- Replaced photo cells at Park & Oak St, West of the intersection and at 54 & 59 intersection
- Power washed bed on #3 bucket truck cleaned off hyd. Oil
- Put 100 AMP cutout on primary line near Birch & 54, hung new 25 KVA transformer and cutout
- Trimmed Troxel Park and 54 Fitness Center
- Mowed pony pull area, #2 ball field, marked out flag football field, #1 ball field
- Stocked bathrooms
- Dumped trash cans at City Park and picked up burn ring
- Cut limbs at the park
- Washed the storm shelter
- Helped set propane tank for Moran Day
- Brush hogged behind park
- Cleaned up after Moran Day
- Poured concrete by Moran Locker and by HIS Solutions Building
- Mowed 316 W Church
- Mowed 54 Fitness Center, City Shop and Ball Parks
- Sprayed for Mosquitos x1
- Swept curbs up town
- Put up detour for Moran Day
- Filled in low spots with cold patch by Chancy’s
- Clean ditch at Walnut & Locust
- Repaired elevator water service line
- Mowed old water plant
- Did a water project walk through with Schwab Easton reps
- Repaired water leak on Birch by 412 Birch St and N. Park by 406 Pine

Superintendent Stodgell asked to carry over 45 hrs of vacation as he has been unable to take all of his vacation before his anniversary date. Council member Mueller moved to approve Stodgell’s request. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans presented a request from the Marmaton Valley High School asking the city to sponsor an advertisement in the 2022-2023 yearbook as they have done for the past few years. Council member Bigelow moved to approve sponsoring an ad. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Evans also relayed an inquiry the Clerk’s office received from the resident at 406 N Park Street regarding adding solar energy to his home. Evans noted she encouraged the resident to attend a Council meeting to discuss his request with the Council. No action was taken.

Evans asked the Council to consider purchasing a customized add-on to the City’s utility bill software to track and print the customer’s Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) account balance. Jayhawk has quoted \$200.00 to update the program. Council member Mueller moved to approve the add-on customization as requested. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Mayor Wallis informed the Council that Lee Roberts has tendered his resignation with the Moran Library Board. Discussion followed with no action taken.

Evans reported income for the month of September 2022 as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	5.00	Sales To Customers	16,730.84
Refuse	1,856.25	Water Protection Fee	41.78
Court Fines	1,155.00	Connect Fee	33.00
Reimbursed Expense	10.00	Bulk Water Sales	99.68
Tax Disbursement	9,235.90	Penalties	371.77
KS Sales Tax	12,346.30	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovps	780.00	Reimbursed Expense	150.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	66.50	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Dog Tag	4.00	Sales To Customers	6,983.02
Permits	30.00	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
<b>Library Fund</b>		Sales Tax Receipts	1,518.92
Tax Disbursement	587.92	FADJ Tax adjustments	38.16
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Employee Benefit</b>	
Sales To Customers	56,652.89	Tax Disbursement	1,515.33
Connect Fee	49.14	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>112,321.57</b>
Overpaid	172.63	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>11.03</i>
Fuel Adjustment	1,632.79	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>112,332.60</b>
Light Rent	204.75	<i>Less:LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>1,243.30</i>
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>423.39</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>120.00</i>
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>110,545.91</b>

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Bigelow, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.