

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 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: Craig Miller, Asst Superintendent/Fire Chief and Curt Drake, Asst Fire Chief

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Bigelow moved to approve the May 2022 consent agenda as follows:

- April 2022 Minutes with a correction to meeting attendance as Council member Smith did not attend the April meeting
- April 2022 Petty Cash Report
- May 2022 Pay Ordinance totaling \$61,173.22
- April 2022 Utility Audit Trail Report
- April 2022 Certificate of Deposit Report
- April 2022 Utility Billing and Use Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Craig Miller asked the Council for approval to carry over 41 hours of vacation as he will be unable to take time off before his anniversary date of May 6th. Council member Lynes moved to approve Miller's request. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Update – Nothing new to report.

City Building Maintenance – Clerk Evans noted the following concerns as discussed in the January meeting, ceiling and floor leaks in the council meeting room, crumbling exterior of the north wall of City Hall, and repairs to the museum roof. The Council agreed to get estimate from area contractors for needed repairs. Topic was tabled until the estimates are received.

Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips PA 2022 Audit Services – The Council reviewed a proposal from Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips (JGP) to audit the 2022 funds for \$5,200. The 2022 proposal is an increase of \$200 from the 2021 charge of \$5,000. Council

member Kale moved the City accept JGP proposal for audit services. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Moran Museum – The Council discussed repairing or replacing the shingle roof with a metal roof. Mayor Wallis suggested the Council consider giving the building back to the Siefker family as the City has been unsuccessful in finding volunteers to staff the Museum. Council member Bigelow moved the City return ownership of the building to the Siefker Family if they would accept the return of the property. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Superintendent Stodgell will speak with the family regarding the matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of the President of the Council – Council member Mueller nominated Kris Smith as President of the Council. Bigelow seconded the nomination of Smith. The Council then discussed moving the election of president of the Council and Mayoral appointments to January to coincide with the Council being sworn to office. Council members Mueller and Bigelow rescinded their motion and second. Council member Smith nominated Bill Bigelow to retain his position as President of the Council. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with Smith, Kale, Mueller, and Lynes approving. Bigelow abstained from the vote.

Council member Lynes moved move the election of the President of the Council and Mayoral appointments be made at the January Council meeting beginning in 2023. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Mayoral Appointments – Mayor Wallis made the following appointments:

City Treasurer: Taeler Carr	Firefighters:
Municipal Judge: Patty Miklos	Joe Carr
Marshal/Police Chief: R. Shane Smith	Phillip Merkel
City Clerk: Lori Evans	Kevin Davis
Asst. City Clerk: Taeler Carr	Derrick Carr
Court Clerk: Lori Evans	Nick Meiwes
City Attorney: Bret Heim	Joe Meiwes
Public Officer: R. Shane Smith	Ryan Smith
Building Inspector: Michael Stodgell	Tristan Dickerson
Official Bank: Emprise Bank	Lee Roberts
Official Newspaper: Iola Register	Ben Daniels
Fire Chief: Craig Miller	Chase Dudley
Asst. Fire Chief: Curt Drake	Korbin Smith
	Joe Stotler

Council member Bigelow moved to approve Mayor Wallis's appointments. Kale seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving. The Council discussed the need to revise Moran City Code to increase the number of volunteers for the fire department. The current Code calls for a fire department staffed by a chief, assistant chief and not

less than 5 nor more than 15 firefighters. Members of the fire department will be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. Discussion followed regarding implementing a reserve status for fire fighters versus increasing the number of active volunteers. Discussion was tabled until the June meeting.

2023 Budget Preparation – Discussion followed; topic was tabled until the June meeting.

Storm Water Drainage – The Council discussed the need to seed the ditches that were cleaned last year. No action was taken.

Emergency Response Plan Review – Council member Mueller moved to approve the proposed revisions to Moran’s Emergency Response Plan as shown in the plan notes. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Chip and Seal City Streets – Council member Mueller asked the Council if they would like to consider the need to chip and seal City streets. Superintendent Stodgell noted the price of pea rock is currently \$10.00 per ton. Stodgell estimated the cost for rock alone would be close to \$72,000. Oil cost would be an additional cost.

Discussion turned to the status of a request Mayor Wallis and Council member Mueller made when they met with the Allen County Commissioners in October 2021. Wallis and Mueller asked the Commissioners to consider obligating \$200,000 in funding from the county’s American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help reduce the financial burden to Moran residents as the City will begin a \$900,000 water line replacement project in early 2023. Attorney Heim noted he would be willing to reach out to the Allen County Commissioners as the City did not receive a response to this request.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith informed the Council that most law enforcement agencies in the area will participate in a seat belt awareness program May 22 to June 4. Smith also noted he had spoken with 6 property owners about cleaning up their properties. Citations will be issued to the property owners if they have not cleaned up their properties by the end of May.

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

- Mark One Call locates for CrawKan
- Replaced fuse for transformer in the 500 block N. Park St
- Install mower deck on J.Deere 3033R
- Move mosquito sprayer to shop; replace battery, change oil and filter
- Had mosquito sprayer inspected at Ottawa
- Worked on overhead door at old library
- Washed backhoe, vehicles, and tractor
- Pick up limbs at City Park
- Mow and trim grass, remove trash at City Park
- Review needed concrete work
- Change out and replace many poly carts
- Remove turtles blocking the outlet pipe at the Lagoons
- Processed may locates
- Made repairs to the outlet at the Lagoons

Stodgell asked the Council if they would like him to get pricing for what it would cost to chip and seal 25% of the City streets. The Council agreed it would be a good idea to have that information for review.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of April 2022 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	25.00	Sales To Customers	13,628.05
Refuse	1,746.00	Water Protection Fee	28.44
Court Fines	2,230.00	Debt Collection Fee	13.33
Building Permit	20.00	Bulk Water Sales	33.40
ATV Permits	90.00	Penalties	339.05
KS Sales Tax	4,808.47	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	980.00	Sewer Fund	
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	62.00	Sales To Customers	6,837.09
Kennel Fee	20.00	Debt Collection Fee	15.85
Dog Tag	220.00	Special Highway	
Sales Tax		State Receipts	3263.70
Sales Tax Receipts	1,144.91	Gross Sales	<u>79,218.18</u>
Electric Fund		<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<u>11.03</u>
Sales To Customers	41,133.10	Gross Receipts	79,229.21
Overpaid	396.60	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>1,456.66</i>
Fuel Adjustment	1,877.45	<i>Setoff Collection Fee</i>	<i>83.89</i>
Light Rent	204.75	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>417.09</i>
Debt Collection Fee	50.99	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<u><i>150.00</i></u>
		Net Receipts	77,110.54

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:14 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.