

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 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, Darren Price, Paul Mahlberg, and Richard Luken. Arlyn Briggs and Nancy Gardner arrived during the meeting.

### **BUDGET HEARING**

Mayor Wallis opened the hearing for the 2021 Budget and called for comments. No comments were voiced and the public hearing was closed at 7:05 PM. Council member Bigelow moved the Council adopt the 2021 budget as prepared by Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips PA. Lynes seconded the motion, motion carried with all approving.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Smith moved to approve the August 2020 consent agenda as follows:

- July 2020 Minutes
- July 2020 Petty Cash Report
- August 2020 Pay Ordinance totaling \$85,732.95
- July 2020 Utility Audit Trail Report
- July 2020 Certificate of Deposit Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency – Paul Mahlberg introduced himself and Darren Prince as representatives for KMEA. Mr. Prince presented a rate study with projected savings to the City’s electric fund and reviewed the projected increase to the Evergy transmission rates due to the work being done at the substation south of Moran. Mr. Prince said he estimated the City would see a \$12,000 increase per year. The Council discussed reviewing income and expenditures for a 12 month period and then comparing the data to the savings forecast in the rate study. Mr. Mahlberg and Mr. Prince discussed the services KMEA could offer should the City consider including solar service in the City code. No action was taken.

Arlyn Briggs introduced himself to the Council as a landowner and customer of the City of Moran. No business was brought before the Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Solar Energy – Nancy Gardner told the Council her utility bills are very high and that she would like to install a solar system to help offset these costs. Clerk Evans noted Ms. Gardner has two electric meters and three water meters serving her house, garage, and craft cottage. Attorney Heim asked Mr. Mahlberg if he or Mr. Price would be willing to send a copy of their solar policy for discussion at the September meeting and they advised they would send the information to the Clerk. Attorney Heim encouraged Ms. Gardner to get the full specifications for the system that the vendor is proposing for her home. Topic was tabled until the September meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Fire Chief Appointment – Mayor Wallis appointed Craig Miller as Fire Chief and Curt Drake as Assistant Fire Chief. Council member Mueller moved to approve the appointments. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Property Review/Update – The Council was informed the property at 403 N Park Street has been sold and the house and carport have been torn down. Council member Mueller moved to stay any action for 316 W Church St and 103 S Pine Street for 60 days. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Topic will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Moran Museum – Superintendent Stodgell advised the Council he was still waiting for volunteers to agree to operate the Museum. Topic was tabled until the September meeting.

54 Fitness Center – Clerk Evans advised the Council that 54 Fitness is still open as the County was reviewing mask requirements at their weekly meetings. The Council agreed to keep the center open even if the Commissioners do not lift the mask requirement for the County.

1978 Chevy Pickup Bid – Clerk Evans reported one of the tie bidders backed out and the truck was sold for \$800.00.

Painting Bids – Council member Mueller moved to approve Worten Paintings bid to paint City Hall for \$4900.00, masonry will be taped, brushed and painted. City Shop roof for \$4700.00, roof will be washed and rust primed and two coats of paint applied. Additionally the skylights will be replaced for \$1500.00. All work comes with a 4 year guarantee on work and materials. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

City Storm Drainage – Superintendent Stodgell reported Mr. Mann and Craig Miller walked the main drainage ditch through town and Mr. Mann said he didn't think the whole ditch needed cleaned but a small area on the south end of Mayor Wallis' and Kevin Sander's property could use some work. Topic was tabled until the September.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Moran Library Improvements – Council member Kale moved to have Laco Guttering remove the 5” guttering from the new library and replace it with new 6” guttering for a bid of \$1186.00. Two existing downspouts on the building will be reused. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Mueller moved to send a letter to the Library Board asking they process all repair requests for the Library through City Hall. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

QuickBooks Payroll Renewal – Council member Smith moved to renew the City’s annual payroll subscription at a cost of \$650.00. Clerk Evans noted subscription fees have not increased since 2019. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Blighted Property Petition – The Council review the property in questions. Chief Smith noted there is some issues with ownership of the property. The Council agreed they could not take any action until the property owner is properly advised of the problem. Topic was tabled until the September meeting.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Fire Chief – Not present.

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported the equipment is running good. Smith informed the Council that the plaque approved in July would run a bit more than expected. Smith said the costs were estimated at \$380.00 when \$200.00 was approved at the July meeting. Mayor Wallis suggested the Council approve full payment for the plaque. Council member Smith moved to approve spending up to \$400.00 for the plaque. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

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

- Spoke with Ken Kale about Solar Energy
- 515 N Birch – replaced fuse on transformer
- Replaced 100 watt hps bulb, cut & hauled off limbs around sec light & duplex at Church & Linn
- Took electric service off house & moved to pole at 403 N Park
- Set pole anchor at Randolph & Locust
- Replaced fuse on security light on Linn St
- Locates at 321 S Elm
- Removed limbs off lines and hauled away at 144 W Franklin
- Replaced electric meter at 127 W Franklin, 129 S Cedar & 341 N Pine
- Hooked up sec electric line on meter pole at 404 N Pine
- Cut limbs down & spliced duplex on Second & Birch
- Repaired duplex on Birch & First
- Replaced bird wire & fuse at W Church after outage
- Finished mounting valve wrench holder & shovel holder in #4 truck
- Filled in low spot around Museum water meter
- Trimmed & mowed at Water Tower, City Hall, City Shop
- Property at 203 S Elm was torn down
- Spoke with owner of 403 N Park about utility services
- Mowed, picked up, trimmed at old water plant, shop, fitness center, museum, City Hall
- 207 N. Linn- House Fire
- Cut tree limbs down on south side of Library

- Looked at ditches on Franklin & Birch
- Worked on lift station #2
- Exposed sewer main for Kansas Gas on Oak Street
- Rebuilt vac pump on #2 Lift Pump
- Trimmed Lagoon Cell #3
- Replaced flapper in men’s bathroom
- Mowed & trimmed parks
- Hauled limbs to burn pile from Troxel Park
- Watered trees at City Park, sprayed weeds around ball fields & infields
- Emptied trash cans

Superintendent Stodgell requested approval to purchase 144’ of 12” culvert and five bands for future project needs. Culvert costs would run \$1492.00 and bands would run \$155.00 for a total of \$1655.00. Council member Mueller moved to approve the purchase as requested. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Stodgell reported he has spoken with Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, and Mitch has said the City could purchase up to four tankers of oil for the Chip and Seal project. Stodgell said he believes it would be best to purchase two tankers for this year’s project. Oil is currently running at \$1.90 per gallon. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the purchase of two tankers of oil. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

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

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	25.25	Sales To Customers	14,402.22
Refuse	1,903.00	Water Protection Fee	39.65
Court Fines	1,330.00	Connect Fee	50.00
Reimbursed Expense	288.02	Bulk Water Sales	74.33
Solicitor Permit	178.00	Penalties	556.20
Miscellaneous Receipts	800.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	6,698.42	Reimbursed Expense	24.57
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	740.00	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	46.49	Sales To Customers	7,265.64
Dog Tag	7.00	Reimbursed Expense	13.96
NSF Check	259.71	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Franchise	100.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1,360.50
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Special Highway</b>	
Sales To Customers	49,937.15	State Gasoline Tax	2,906.38
Connect Fee	49.14	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>92,876.44</b>
Overpaid	3,366.44	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.62</i>
Fuel Adjustment	92.70	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>92,887.06</b>
Light Rent	168.00	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>322.80</i>
Debt Fee	109.37	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>524.45</i>
Reimbursed Expense	34.30	<i>Setoff Collection Fee</i>	<i>140.51</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>100.00</i>
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>91,799.30</b>

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:18 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.