

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 2017. Mayor Phillip Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Mayor</u> Phillip L. Merkel	<u>Elected Officials Present:</u> <u>Council Members Present</u> Bill C. Bigelow (Arrived @ 7:35 PM) Chad A. Lawson James A. Mueller Kris R. Smith Jerry D. Wallis	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
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City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Craig Miller, Asst. City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Joanna Curl, Kathy Ward, Kyle Perry, Damaris Kunkler, Larry Manes, Nelda Cuppy, and Shellie Smiley with the Iola Register.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lawson moved to approve the May 2017 consent agenda as follows:

- April 2017 Minutes
- April 2017 Petty Cash Reimbursement Report
- May 2017 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 91,489.21
- April 2017 Utility Audit Trail Report
- April 2017 Certificate of Deposit Report
- Public funds resolution to purchase a \$30,000.00 certificate of deposit (CD) to replace a CD maturing May 18, 2017

Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with Lawson, Smith, Wallis, and Mueller approving.

VISITORS

Joanna Curl informed the Council that the Allen County Regional Hospital Clinic will begin taking appointments and see patients beginning Thursday, May 25th. Ms. Curl said she would be seeing patients for four hours on Tuesday and Thursday of each week.

Kyle Perry discussed the progress at the new Baptist church and advised the project is on schedule.

Council member Bigelow arrived at 7:35 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Health Care Foundation Grant – Damaris Kunkler spoke with the Council about the planned Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony to be held at noon on May 6, 2017 at 54 Fitness. Damaris invited all of the Council to attend the Grand Opening. The Council reviewed Membership Forms and updated the ages on the form to 14-24 with parental supervision required for members aged 14 and 15. The Council also discussed monthly billing for members living outside the City limits. Council member Smith moved

the City not send a monthly bill to members living outside the City limits. Those members will be responsible for paying for the monthly fees with no payment reminder mailed. Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Smith, Lawson, Mueller, and Wallis approving. Bigelow abstained from the vote.

Highway 59 Storm Water Drainage at 228 S Cedar St – Discussion was held and photos of the property were reviewed. The Council agreed there were a number of issues on the personal property that need repair or removed to aid in drainage of the property. Clerk Evans was asked to send notice to the landowners regarding the specific items below:

- Down spouts are missing allowing rain water to pond or pool around the foundation of the house and back door.
- Grated drains are blocked and need cleared of debris.
- Brush pile near grated drain is blocking flow of water to natural drainage ditch on the west property and needs removed.

CALL IOLA, CHANUTE, GARNETT Storm Sirens – Asst City Superintendent Miller reported on recent problems with the storm warning sirens sounding erratically. Sometimes without being set off and others where the siren(s) will not sound at all. Miller presented a bid for \$12,449.76 to replace the radio controls only on all four of the sirens. Topic was tabled until the June meeting.

Summer Temporary Employment – The Council reviewed two applications received for the temporary summer position advertised. Superintendent Stodgell was not present but left notice that he would like to hire Korbin Smith at \$8.00 per hour to work 40 hours per week until mid-August. Council member Bigelow moved to offer the position to Korbin Smith at \$8.00 an hour working a 40 hour work week. Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Bigelow, Lawson, Mueller, and Wallis approving and Smith abstaining from the vote.

The Council were informed that Jake Kale was called in to help read meters in April as the City was short staffed and inclement weather was forecast. Council member Bigelow moved to approve paying \$15.00 per hour for the time Kale worked. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayoral Appointments – Mayor Merkel made the following appointments:

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

Council member Bigelow moved to approve Mayor Merkel's appointments. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

2018 City Budget Preparation – Clerk Evans asked the Council to consider purchasing new computers for the clerk's office as the current machines were purchased in 2010. The Council advised Evans to research pricing for the proposed computers and report back at the June meeting. The Council also discussed replacing the dump truck or rebuilding the truck's engine. It was suggested Jack Simmons from Erie might be able to rebuilding the engine. Ditch work, street repairs, Front Street lift station, and replacing the 1997 utility truck were other needs discussed. Topic was tabled until the June meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported the department responded to a fatality wreck on Hwy 54 east of Moran. He also reported work continues on the Hemtt.

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported receiving positive feedback from residents near the intersection at Front and Spruce Streets regarding the recently installed stop sign. Smith noted he would be participating in the Click It or Ticket Seat Belt Campaign May 22nd to June 4th. Smith also requested approval to purchase a push bumper for the Tahoe patrol car. Council asked Smith to check on pricing for the bumper.

Asst Superintendent – Miller presented an estimate of \$2,525 to replace the water dock system. Discussion followed with the Council asking for pricing from other vendors. Topic was tabled until June meeting.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of April 2017 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	40.42	Sales To Customers	11,500.25
Refuse	1,498.00	Water Protection Fee	30.54
Court Fines	2,883.00	Connect Fee	225.00
Reimbursed Expense	2.99	Debt Collection Fee	19.20
ATV Permit	35.00	Penalties	312.95
Dog Tags/Kennel Fee	40.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	4,386.69	Bulk Water Sales	82.62
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	30.29	Sewer Fund	
Special Highway		Sales To Customers	7,076.00
State Gas Tax	3,260.08	Debt Collection Fee	11.27
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	40,968.61	Sales Tax Receipts	1,216.90
Overpaid	277.07	Gross Receipts	75,790.16
Fuel Adjustment	1,026.61	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44527752</i>	<i>2.18</i>
Light Rent	147.00	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.97</i>
Lieap Receipts	633.42	Total Gross Receipts	75,803.31
Debt Collection Fee	36.25	LIEAP Credit	89.36
		Utility Credits	1,429.51
		Net Receipts	74,284.44

Approval Date:
June 5, 2017

Council member Mueller moved to approve a request from the Moran Day Committee to hold a softball tournament at the park as long as there are no conflicts with the summer youth ball games. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mueller, Smith, Lawson, Wallis approving and Bigelow abstaining from the vote.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:09 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.