

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2020. 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; Craig Miller, Fire Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Larry Ross, Jackie Luken, Rick Trester, Hannah Trester, Phillip Merkel, and Debra Merkel.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- September 2020 Minutes
- September 2020 Petty Cash Report
- October 2020 Pay Ordinance totaling \$76,485.51
- September 2020 Utility Audit Trail Report
- September 2020 Certificate of Deposit Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

Hannah Trester advised the Council that they will be able to meet the payment agreement for October as per the discussion held at the September meeting. Ms. Trester indicated they hoped to have all past due balances paid off in 6 to 8 weeks.

Jackie Luken asked about the City's plans for chip and sealing streets. Ms. Luken expressed concern with how her yard was prepared for this year's project and didn't understand how the work done would help drainage on the roads. Discussion followed with Ms. Luken being advised the City hoped to have the streets chip and sealed within the next few weeks.

Mayor Wallis invited Phillip Merkel to come forward and be recognized for his service to the City. Fire Chief Craig Miller presented a plaque to Mr. Merkel for his service of 45 years to the department serving as a Volunteer Firefighter and Chief of the Fire Department.

Larry Ross extended thanks from the Moran Library Board for approving the purchase of new toilets for the Library. Superintendent Stodgell noted the City crew hopes to have the new toilets installed sometime between late October and early November.

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Approval Date:

November 2, 2020

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Solar Energy Incentives – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Nancy Gardner and CDL Electric plan on attending the November Council meeting to discuss the topic. Topic was tabled until November meeting.

Moran Museum – Superintendent Stodgell reported the volunteer group has not had the opportunity to meet yet. Topic was tabled until November meeting.

City Storm Drainage – Topic was tabled until November meeting.

Library Improvements – Superintendent Stodgell said he is still working on plans for tearing out the concrete pad. Topic was tabled until November meeting.

Water Project – Superintendent Stodgell said he would check with Schwab Eaton to see where we stand with the preliminary report. Topic was tabled until November meeting.

Property Review/Update – Chief Smith reported on progress at 316 W Church St and 103 S Pine St. The Council agreed to table the topic until the April 2021 meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Technology Request – Clerk Evans reviewed the Municipal Technology Application offered by Allen County using Spark Funds. Thrive Allen County will be administering the Spark Funds. Evans discussed equipment requested to help facilitate remote meetings. Funding will be approved by Allen County Commissioners and Thrive at a later date.

Public Wholesale Water Supply 5 Annual Meeting 10/8/2020 – Mayor Wallis asked the Council if they had any questions or concerns they would like to share with the PWWS5 board as he will be attending the meeting as Moran's representative. No comments were voiced.

Year End Review Salaries/Calendar – Council member Mueller moved to approve the 2021 Council calendar as presented. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Salary review was tabled until the November meeting.

Chip and Seal – Council member Mueller moved the City provide lunch for the County crew when they chip and seal City streets. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Superintendent Stodgell reported he had purchased pop, water, and ice for County employees assisting with the project.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Fire Chief – Mayor Wallis informed the Council that Chief Miller has indicated that would prefer not to attend the monthly Council meetings and will just attend meetings when the need arises. Wallis asked the Council if they had a problem with removing the

Fire Chief section from the Agenda. No concerns were voiced and the section will be removed from future Agendas.

Police Chief – Chief Smith asked for approval to purchase a new set of tires for the patrol car. Smith noted he generally purchases tires from Kansasland Tire Wholesale as they offer a government discount to approved customers. Smith usually has mounting and balancing done by J-D's Automotive, Inc. Council member Mueller moved to approve spending up to \$1000 for the purchase and installation of four speed rated tires for the Tahoe. Smith was encouraged to purchase locally if pricing was comparable. Bigelow moved to second the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell reported the City roads are ready and the County crew planned to chip & seal City streets on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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
- 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

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

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	3.80	Sales To Customers	13,819.64
Refuse	1,738.00	Water Protection Fee	38.64
Court Fines	809.00	Connect Fee	175.00
Building Permit	80.00	Penalties	495.27
Miscellaneous Receipts	140.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	4,954.29	Re-Connect Fee	75.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	690.00	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	48.55	Sales To Customers	7,101.57
Dog Pickup Fee	60.00	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Tax Disbursement	9,470.68	Sales Tax Receipts	1,403.20
<b>Employee Benefit Fund</b>		<b>Library Fund</b>	
Tax Disbursement	780.66	Tax Disbursement	567.53
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>93,295.48</b>
Sales To Customers	49,506.83	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.98</i>
Connect Fee	147.42	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>93,306.46</b>
Overpaid	355.32	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>217.55</i>
Debt Collection Fee	42.20	<i>Setoff Collection Fee</i>	<i>40.09</i>
Light Rent	157.50	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>615.21</i>
Re-Connect Fee	73.71	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>100.00</i>
Reimb. Exp.	511.67	<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>92,333.61</b>

Clerk Evans informed the Council that Elite Equipment had inspected the equipment at the Fitness Center and made minor repairs cleaned the equipment. Elite reported the equipment seems to be in good order and will return in six months to inspect the equipment again. Evans shared September member use reports for the Fitness Center.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Bigelow, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:48 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.