

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2023. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor

Jerry D. Wallis

Council Members Present

Warren L. Johnson

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; Craig Miller, Fire Chief; Jerad Maley; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Johnson moved to approve the November 2023 consent agenda as follows:

- October 2023 Minutes
- October 2023 Petty Cash Report
- November 2023 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 84,242.67
- October 2023 Utility Audit Trail Report
- October 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report
- October 2023 Utility Billing and Use Report

Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Craig Miller informed the Council that Joe Carr had applied for a grant from the Kansas State Fire Marshal that would provide for a new set of firefighter gear and wash machine/extractor to clean the fire fighter gear. Carr's grant application was successful and the department was awarded the grant. Miller noted the gear award is reimbursement only for gear purchased by the City. The wash machine/extractor will be paid for by the State Fire Marshal. Council member Mueller moved the City accept the grant award and purchase the gear for the department. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS

USD 256 Crosswalk – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Taeler Carr, acting as a PTO President, applied for and received a \$2,500 safety grant from Enbridge to spend on improvements at the school crosswalk. Evans said the grant award should be allocated sometime within the next month. The Council chose to table the topic until the December meeting.

Water Project Update – Superintendent Stodgell reported Goins Enterprises plans to return to the project on November 27th. The Council reviewed a request from Schwab Eaton to approve a Change Order extending the timeline for the contractor to complete the project. Due to the project being shut down since June 16th the construction end date would be extended from March 15, 2024 to May 30, 2024. Council member Mueller moved to approve Change Order No. 1 as requested by Schwab Eaton. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Attorney Heim noted he would check on the status of the utility easement on the south side of US Highway 54.

Tiny Home Ordinance – The Council reviewed the proposed ordinance and noted they still have questions as to size regulations. Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Building Permits – Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Substation Land Purchase – Attorney Heim noted the Barker's were not interested in selling any of their land. Council member Johnson reported Mr. Kumalae was also not interested in selling his property. The Council agreed to reach out to KMEA staff to help find a suitable site for the substation. Table was tabled until the December meeting.

Moran Day Event Insurance – The Council discussed Natasha Heins' email noting the event insurance cost was \$750.00 Discussion followed with Mayor Wallis asking the Council if they wanted to pay ½ the cost of the insurance. Council member Kale moved to reimburse the Moran Day Committee by paying \$375 toward the cost of the insurance. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with Kale, Smith, Lynes, and Johnson approving. Mueller abstained from the vote.

Lead Service Line Inventory Reporting – Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Year End Review of Salaries and Benefits – Council member Mueller moved the Council meet in executive session to discuss salaries and benefits pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, KSA 75-4319(b)(1) for 15 minutes at 8:04 PM. The Council returned to open meeting at 8:19 PM. No action was taken and the topic was tabled until the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Scheduled Transfer of Funds – The Council agreed to make the scheduled transfers as set in the 2023 budget.

Personal Protective Equipment – Council member Kale moved to purchase new leather boots for Mike Stodgell, Craig Miller, and Jerad Maley and a pair of muck boots for Maley. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Utility Service/Meter Access – The Council suggested the city crew try reading electric meters with binoculars if customers have dogs that will not allow the City crew access to the meter.

Utility Service/Special Water Rates – The Council chose to make no change to the special water rates.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported the equipment is all good with no issues to report. Smith asked to speak with the Council in executive session. Council member Mueller moved the Council meet in executive session to discuss employer-employee matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, KSA 75-4319(b)(1) for 15 minutes at 8:39 PM. Chief Smith was invited to attend the session. The Council returned to open meeting at 8:52 PM. No action was taken.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of October 2023:

- Organized electrical supplies in the front shop
 - 2020 GMC
 - 2007 GMC
- Cleared brush and cleaned the fence line at the burn pile
- Pulled triplex up and trimmed trees, pulled triplex on other service at 313 N. Linn
- Pulled up triplex and replaced clevis at 312 N. Birch
- Repaired security light
 - 54/59 Junction
 - Cedar and Walnut
 - 104 S. Pine
 - Oak and Cedar
 - Randolph and Cedar
- Service line repair at 716 N. Birch
- Changed out electric meter at 212 W. Franklin
- Changed Oil in:
 - Winterized Mosquito Sprayer
 - Cleaned backhoe
 - Mowed ball fields and parks
 - Painted the door on the concession stand
 - Patched concrete on bridge at The Marmaton Village
 - Sprayed weeds at City Hall, City Shop and picked up brush in the alley behind 504 N. Birch
 - Trimmed the lagoon fence lines
 - Cleaned and checked valve on #1 Lift Station
 - Repaired ¾” meter connection at 620 N. Birch
 - Disconnected and removed unused auto read water meters

Superintendent Stodgell spoke with the Council about the rapid increase in the price of transformers. He also noted availability of transformers and electric meters are becoming an issue with one vender quoting a 70-week lead time for delivery of transformers. Stodgell requested approval to purchase two 25 KVA transformers from Border State Equipment at \$1963.00 per transformer. Council member Johnson moved to approve the purchase request. Stodgell also noted a marked increase in price and availability of water meters. Stodgell said he would have to purchase a new 2” water meter in the near future as the City has no 2” meters in stock should a meter need replaced.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of October as

follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	27.25	Sales To Customers	16,176.79
Refuse	1,965.75	Water Protection Fee	34.00
Court Fines	1,364.00	Connect Fee	100.00
Building Permit	15.00	Bulk Water Sales	306.85
KS Sales Tax	5,766.13	Penalties	468.99
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovvpd	875.00	Reimb Expense	211.60
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	448.63	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Reimb Expense	4.00	Sewer Fund	
NSF Check	415.47	Sales To Customers	6,968.04
Tax Disbursement	3,032.18	Reimb Expense	211.60
Library Fund		Employee Benefit	
Tax Disbursement	195.23	Tax Disbursement	511.86
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	44,367.70	Sales Tax Receipts	1,201.92
Connect Fee	147.42	Special Hwy	
Overpaid	784.23	State Receipts	3,237.45
Light Rent	231.00	Gross Sales	89,125.41
Reimb Exp-Electric	7.32	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.68</i>
		<i>Water Project Acct Interest</i>	<i>1.26</i>
		Gross Receipts	89,137.35
		<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>1,162.20</i>
		<i>EWAP Credit</i>	<i>197.23</i>
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>837.39</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>90.00</i>
		Net Receipts	86,850.53

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Kale, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:57 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.