

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2018. Mayor Phillip Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Elected Officials Present:

Mayor

Phillip L. Merkel

Council Members Present

Bill C. Bigelow

Chad A. Lawson

Corliss E. Lynes

Kris R. Smith

Jerry D. Wallis

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: Nelda Cuppy, Richard Luken, Meta Titel, Tammy Parker, Chelsea Brantley, and Vinnie Brantley,

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Smith moved to approve the March 2018 consent agenda as follows:

- February 2018 Minutes
- February 2018 Petty Cash Reimbursement Report
- March 2018 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 75,332.42
- February 2018 Jayhawk Utility Audit Trail Report
- February 2018 Certificate of Deposit Report

Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**VISITORS**

Chelsea Brantley advised the Council that she was having issues with rainwater flooding her yard and entering her home again. Vinnie Brantley continued on with the topic saying he had spoken with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) regarding the storm water drainage and KDOT said it was the City's responsibility to maintain the storm drains along Highway 59. Mayor Merkel referred to a letter the City sent in May 2017 noting problems the City believed needed addressed to aid drainage on the property. Items noted in the letter include: replace or repair missing down spout, remove brush pile from the west end of the driveway, and remove all objects stored or placed near the drainage grate. The Brantley's claimed they never had problems with the basement flooding until the storm drain near their home was dug up and cleaned out. Discussion followed with Superintendent Stodgell advising the Brantley's to contact him they have issues with water getting in the house and the City crew will check to see if they can a reason the water is backing up.

**2017 AUDIT REPORT**

Meta Titel presented the 2017 Fiscal Audit Report to the Council. Ms. Titel noted the City of Moran operates under the Kansas Cash Basis Law instead of Generally Ac-

cepted Accounting Principles. She then reviewed the ending cash balance and unencumbered balances for the City as of December 31, 2017. Ms. Titel reported the audit found the City of Moran was in compliance with the cash and budget requirements of the State of Kansas for the 2017 fiscal year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

54 Fitness Center Operations – The Council discussed budgetary concerns and agreed to review the possibility of amending the budget later in the year. Council member Bigelow and Clerk Evans reported attending the Moran Pride Thrive meeting in February. At this meeting the group advised they would not be able to assume operations of the Fitness center as the Marmaton Market has taken priority over all other projects.

Moran Library Update – The Library Board has agreed on April 28<sup>th</sup> as the date the Library will move to the new building.

Property Review 304 W. First – Clerk Evans reported Kevin Johnston, owner of the property called and spoke with Chief Smith and Assistant Clerk Carr about his plans to move to the property this summer and make needed repairs to the house. Chief Smith told Mr. Johnston about security and safety issues he has noted at the house and suggested Mr. Johnston send a letter to the Council stating what repairs he would be making and offer a timeline for completing the repairs. As Mr. Johnston did not follow up on Chief Smith's suggestion, the Council decided to proceed with placarding of the property and schedule a hearing before the Council on May 7, 2018.

Property Gift to The City of Moran – Attorney Heim advised he had prepared the necessary paperwork for the property and Michael Stodgell will deliver the papers for signing mid-March.

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) – Clerk Evans reported the City's tariff agreement with Westar ends in May 2020. The Council asked Clerk Evans to contact Westar and ask what specific event is tied to the tariff end date in 2020. Topic was tabled until August 2018 Meeting.

Property Tax Abatement – Clerk Evans informed the Council that the State Tax Appeals Board had approved the City's request for tax exemption for the new Library property and storm shelter parking lot. No action was taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fair Housing Month Proclamation – Council member Bigelow moved Mayor Merkel sign a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Annual City Wide Clean Up – The Council agreed to sponsor a City Wide clean up May 18-29. A roll off dumpster will be set at the park during this period. Curb side pickup up will be May 22nd.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel informed the Council that the Anderson County Fire Department has given the Moran Department a number of air packs as they have purchased a new SCUBA system and no longer need the air packs.

Police Chief – Chief Smith reminded the Council the state wide tornado drill will be held at 10:00 AM on March 6<sup>th</sup>. In the event of inclement weather, the drill will be held at 10:00 AM on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of February 2018:

- Changed out meters on Field #2 for ball lights
- Made up and ordered meter mask parts for Ag. Choice
- Hung meter mask at Field #2
- Repaired security lights at 217 S. Second
- Changed out Electric meter at 308 E. Church
- Measured out wire for Field #2, hung wire and hard wired
- Hooked up transformer at Field #2-lights are on and checked
- Replaced photo cell at 54 Fitness
- Cleaned out #2 electric truck
- Cut tree limbs out of primary lines
  - 404 N Cedar
  - Alley of 140 W Church
  - 432 N Spruce
  - 204 E First
  - Troxel Park
- Cut limbs out of primary feeder line (tap burned out), knocked ice off PWWP#5 Antenna
- Picked up tree limbs around town
- Finishing putting new door locks on New Police Station & Library
- Worked on new library repairs, painted, installed register grate and outlet covers
- Picked up limbs from library and replaced flapper on the toilet at the old library
- First 100hrs service on backhoe
- Looked for gas leak at old library
- Changed oil and services 07' 1GMC
- Replaced heater hose, fitting, and changed oil and filter, greased
- Cleaned out poly carts
- Locates at 54/59 intersection
- Helped locate water leak at 207 N Linn
- Cleaned out water room and dock area
- Shut off water at 228 S Cedar for a water/drainage leak issue
- Dragged rock back from streets from last snow
- Met with KDOT on side walk information
- Hauled screenings to Field #2, rocked and moved bleachers back
- Ice Melted-police station, library, water dock, city hall 100lbs
- Worked on Low Lift #1 pump and other issues
- Washed vehicles, back hoe and tractor
- Locates at the park
- Cleaned up dirt around field at Field #2
- Hauled rock to Field #2
- Unplugged box at 54Fitness Center and plugged back in for key fob system

Superintendent Stodgell reported that all the hoses need replaced on the 1995 GMC (small) bucket truck. Versalift built the bucket and lift and their supplier estimates the costs for hoses to run around \$3,175.00. Superintendent Stodgell said he believes the price should be much less and Assistant City Superintendent Miller will be replacing the hoses. Council member Lawson moved to approve purchase of the hose and supplied to repair the bucket truck. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that KDOT have scheduled an overlay on Highway 59 through Moran this summer. As part of the overlay, KDOT will replace a number of crosswalks with handicap accessible crosswalks. Stodgell presented drawings and plans for the new crosswalks for Council review. No action was taken.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of February 2018 as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	15.35	Sales To Customers	12,954.25
Refuse	1,639.00	Water Protection Fee	34.82
Court Fines	1,318.00	Connect Fee	425.00
Reimbursed Expense	20.00	Bulk Water Sales	33.57
Building Permit	5.00	Penalties	471.28
KS Sales Tax	4,452.05	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,430.00	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	34.82	Sales To Customers	7,228.00
Dog Pickup Fee	20.00	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Dog Tag	52.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1,689.23
HCFGKC Grant (Final Payment)	2,581.00		
Franchise	100.00	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>93,067.71</b>
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.98</i>
Sales To Customers	55,742.55		
Connect Fee	147.58	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>93,078.69</b>
Overpaid	806.44	<i>Less:</i>	
Fuel Adjustment	1,259.27	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>1,022.88</i>
Lieap Payments	422.00	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>200.00</i>
Light Rent	136.50	<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>91,855.81</b>

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Lawson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:12 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.