

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 2, 2021. 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; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Rick Trester, Hannah Trester, Debbie Bearden, Marilyn Logan, Debra Tynon, and Alice Adams.

BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Wallis opened the hearing for the 2022 Budget at 7:03 PM and called for comments. No comments were voiced and the public hearing was closed at 7:05 PM. Council member Lynes moved the Council adopt the 2022 budget as published in the lola Register on July 10, 2021. Kale seconded the motion, motion carried with all approving.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Kale moved to approve the August 2021 consent agenda as follows:

- July 2021 Minutes with the following corrections:
 - Council member Kris Smith was not present
 - Council member Bill Bigelow seconded the motion to appoint James Mueller as the City's representative to the KMEA EMP3 Board
- July 2021 Petty Cash Report
- August 2021 Pay Ordinance totaling \$100,263.02
- July 2021 Utility Audit Trail Report
- July 2021 Certificate of Deposit Report

Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Rick and Hannah Trester asked the Council to allow them to pay their July and August utility payments over a three month period. The Council asked the Trester's if they could make a partial payment toward the past due July bill. The Trester's advised they couldn't make a payment at this time. Council member Lynes moved to approve their request to pay their utility bill off over a three month period. Clerk Evans asked for clarification if the motion was to pay the July bill over three months or the July and August bills over a three month period. The motion was made to allow the Trester's to pay their July and August utility bills over a three month period. Bigelow seconded the

motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Bigelow advised the Trester's they should plan on attending monthly Council meetings until the bills are paid in full.

Debbie Bearden spoke with the Council representing the Marmaton Market. Ms. Bearden asked the Council to consider allowing the grocery store to move to the museum property on Cedar St. Superintendent Stodgell suggested the City give the building back to the Siefker's and then the Siefker's could make the decision regarding the request. Debra Tynon expressed concern that the Marmaton Market was in fiscal straits and would benefit from downsizing the store. Discussion followed with the Market members planning to visit the Museum property in the near future.

Alice Adams spoke with the Council about problems she was having with neighborhood cats coming on to her property. Discussion followed with no action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Update – Clerk Evans asked the Council if they would like to obligate additional City funds to the Water project. Topic was discussed with the Council asking Clerk Evans to contact Thrive Allen County to see if it would be advisable for the City to increase City funding. Topic was tabled until the September meeting. Council member Mueller moved to publish notices informing local residents of the Public Hearings to discuss the City's applications for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Loan to make improvements to the City's water system. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Moran Museum – Topic was tabled until the September meeting.

54 Fitness Center Equipment – Clerk Evans reported Elite Equipment inspected and serviced the equipment at the Fitness Center. The two treadmills were found to have possible problems with the motors. Elite Equipment believes replacement motors would be covered by Spirit's warranty but the labor would not be covered. Clerk Evans was asked to find out what labor costs would run. Topic was tabled until the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

City Pound License Renewal – Council member Kale moved the City renew the annual pound license with a cost of \$275.00. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Special Assessment Filings – Council member Mueller moved to file special assessment costs for services provided to 204 S Elm St if the amounts due are not paid before September 15, 2021. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Mobile Home Permit Fees – Clerk Evans reported the latest publication notice for a Mobile Home Permit hearing cost \$95.00 to publish twice in the Iola Register. Council member Bigelow moved to increase the Mobile Home Permit from \$100.00 to \$150.00 to cover the publication and certified mailing fees required by City Code. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Library Signage – The Council discussed signage for the Library and decided it would be best for the Library board to decide on sign size and design. The Board can then present their design to the Council for Approval. Topic tabled until a later date.

Kansas Gas Service Franchise Fee – Council member Mueller moved to renew the City’s franchise fee with Kansas Gas Service at a flat rate of \$100.00 per year. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Kansas Gas Service will prepare an ordinance for Council review at a later date.

Moran Days – The Moran Day committee advised they would not be sponsoring a fireworks display at the City Park due to the cost to purchase insurance coverage for the event.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith informed the Council that the Union Pacific Big Boy steam engine would stop at Moran for a public viewing on August 11th. Smith noted the train should be on public display for 45 minutes and asked for permission to block Chestnut Street between Franklin and Randolph Street for public viewing. The Council approved the request.

Smith advised the Council the patrol vehicle was running poorly. The Council approved Smith to take the vehicle for a tune up to the repair shop of his choice.

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

- Took bad transformer to cage at old water tower
- Changed out electric meter at 304 S. Elm
- Installed new LED sec light at 415 N. Locust
- Hung new electric meters for travel trailer-V. Worthington
- Trimmed at Shop, City Hall, Park-Troxel Park, City Park
- Dumped trash cans at park and picked up trash
- Restocked bathrooms & pick up dumpster
- Leveled out rock at park for shipping container
- Started spraying weeds at City Hall, City Shop, Old Water Plant, Ball Fields
- Pushed up brush pile
- Sprayed for Mosquitos x3
- Sprayed for Johnson Grass with weed killer
- Leveled out ground for concrete at old water plant
- Cleaned inlet at lagoons

Superintendent Stodgell reported the City streets need chip and sealed but it doesn’t look like Allen County Public Works is going to be able to provide pea rock for the roads this year. Stodgell said it would mostly likely be too expense to buy rock in addition to the sealant costs. Rather than chipping sealing streets Stodgell asked for

permission to schedule ditch work and cleaning for 16 City blocks. Stodgell estimated the cost of Mann Construction's labor and cold patch to repair potholes in the streets would run \$6000.00 to \$8000.00. Council member Smith moved to approve the work as requested. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

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

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	1.75	Sales To Customers	17,081.33
Refuse	1,966.00	Water Protection Fee	47.23
Court Fines	2,431.50	Connect Fee	200.00
Reimbursed Expense	20.00	Bulk Water Sales	134.70
Mobile Home/Travel Trailer Permit	150.00	Penalties	713.95
Equipment Sales-Fire	3,600.00	American Rescue Plan	38,685.19
KS Sales Tax	4,774.75	Water Tower Fee	50.00
NSF Check	320.54	Debt Fee	15.48
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovvpd	1,010.00	Sewer Fund	
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	52.73	Sales To Customers	7,752.47
Franchise Fee	100.00	Debt Fee	15.48
Dog Tag	68.00	Sales Tax	
Kennel Fee	40.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1,645.93
Dog Pickup Fee	20.00	Special Highway	
Electric Fund		State Gasoline Tax	3,586.46
Sales To Customers	51,591.23	Gross Sales	144,767.36
Connect Fee	291.89	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.67</i>
Overpaid	176.10	Gross Receipts	144,778.03
Fuel Adjustment	8,014.36	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>431.20</i>
Light Rent	173.25	<i>Court Fee Correction</i>	<i>4.50</i>
Debt Fee	37.04	<i>LMI Survey Credits</i>	<i>150.00</i>
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>1,076.12</i>
		<i>Setoff Collection Fee</i>	<i>47.52</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>130.00</i>
		Net Receipts	142,938.69

Mayor Wallis informed the Council about a letter he received from a local resident. No action was taken.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Bigelow, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:04 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.