

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 3, 2021. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Mayor</u> Jerry D Wallis	<u>Elected Officials Present:</u> <u>Council Members Present</u> William C. Bigelow Kenneth D. Kale Corliss E. Lynes James A. Mueller Kris R. Smith	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
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City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk.

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts and Mitch Bolling.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Bigelow moved to approve the May 2021 consent agenda as follows:

- April 2021 Minutes
- April 2021 Petty Cash Report
- May Pay Ordinance totaling \$65,679.27
- April 2021 Utility Audit Report
- April 2021 Certificate of Deposit Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Mr. Bolling advised he was present to find out more information regarding the adjusted utility bills for March. Mayor Wallis informed Mr. Bolling that topic was next on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Recovery of February Energy Costs – Clerk Evans reported the City has collected \$69,297.35 from customers during the month of April from customers who paid toward their adjusted March bill. Mr. Bolling asked the Council why the City paid the high energy bill when City customers did not use any more power than usual during the period. The Council discussed the timeline of the event and the necessity of payments made. Topic was for information only and no action was taken.

Water Project Update – Clerk Evans reported the League of Kansas Municipalities has reviewed the use of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. Based on initial reviews it looks as if the funds can be used on very restricted items and the City's water project may be the only valid use of the funds for Moran. Current estimate for Moran's share of funding is \$71,396.00. The State of Kansas will release additional information when regulations are finalized. Clerk Evans reported the Low to Moderate Income surveys were being returned and only 50 surveys or so are needed to meet the required number of returns.

Moran Museum – Superintendent Stodgell reported a few shingles need replaced on the building. Clerk Evans reported the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals approved the City’s request for tax abatement.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of the President of the Council – Topic tabled until banking decisions are made.

Mayoral Appointments – Mayor Wallis made the following appointments:

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

Council member Mueller moved to approve Mayor Wallis’s appointments. Lynes seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

Resolution 2021-03 – Clerk Evans relayed a request from Allen County Emergency Management asking the City to adopt the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Mitigation Plan. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the appointment. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Storm Water Drainage – Council member Lynes reported she still has problems with her ditch drainage. Discussion followed with no action taken.

2021 Budget Preparation – Council discussed budgeting needs for 2021. Potential budgeting needs for the park included purchase of red clay for the ball fields and replacement netting for the main ball field. Mayor Wallis encouraged Council and City staff to think about budgetary needs for 2022. Topic will be reviewed at the June Council meeting.

Mayor Wallis and Superintendent Stodgell spoke with the Council about a used street sweeper for sale in Chanute. Buddy Mann found the sweeper listed for sale and informed the City of the opportunity. Mayor Wallis reported the sweeper is offered at \$3500.00. Superintendent Stodgell and Assistant Superintendent Miller both believe it would be a good purchase for the City. Council member Bigelow moved the City purchase the sweeper for \$3500.00. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

The Council discussed putting the 1966 Chevy fire truck up for bids. Topic was tabled until the June meeting.

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported he sent a certified mow notice to the bank owners of 622 W Franklin. Otherwise, Smith reported no issues with the department.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of April 2021:

- Topped trees on King’s alley so they didn’t hit the primary electric line
- Repaired a blown fuse at 208 E Second
- Stocked bucket truck
- Move mosquito sprayer to shop and replaced ¼”fuel line, washed 97GMC
- Changed oil in 07 GMC#1
- Took mosquito sprayer to Ottawa for testing
- Hooked up the mower deck 3033R and mowed
- Repaired net at Ball Park #1
- Took score board cover off on Field #2 and dumped trash cans
- Mowed parks, City Hall and Ballfields
- Picked up limbs and trash
- Cleared off sidewalks from sleet
- Dug mud out around clean out at City Shop and hauled off
- 406 N Park- Locate
- 2021 Drinking Water Infrastructure needs survey and assessment

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month:

Cash Receipts For the Month Ending April 30, 2021			
General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	0.00	Sales To Customers	12,742.40
Refuse	1,741.00	Water Protection Fee	30.99
Court Fines	1,552.00	Connect Fee	75.00
ATV/Building Permit Fee	90.00	Bulk Water Sales	63.81
Miscellaneous Receipts	5.00	Penalties	286.69
KS Sales Tax	4,473.91	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,139.59	Debt Collection Fee	18.51
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	46.30	Reimbursed Expense	439.67
Dog Pickup Fee	40.00	Sewer Fund	
Dog Tag/Kennel Fee	104.00	Sales To Customers	7,175.21
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	111,940.82	Sales Tax Receipts	2,726.83
Connect Fee	49.14	Special Highway Fund	
Overpaid	454.96	State Gasoline Tax	3,094.37
Light Rent	168.00	Gross Sales	<u>149,930.49</u>
Debt Collection Fee	67.29	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	11.01
Reimbursed Expense	1,355.00	Gross Receipts	<u>149,941.50</u>
		<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	2,062.93
		<i>Setoff Collection Fees</i>	63.93
		<i>54 Fitness Credits</i>	140.00
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	666.85
		Net Receipts	<u>147,007.79</u>

Clerk Evans asked for approval to carry 36.5 hours of unused vacation to be used before May 31st. Council member Mueller moved to approve the request. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.