

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 6, 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; Craig Miller, Fire Chief, and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Mueller moved to approve the December 2021 consent agenda as follows:

- November 2021 Minutes
- November 2021 Petty Cash Report
- December 2021 Pay Ordinance totaling \$66,045.96
- November 2021 Utility Audit Trail Report
- November 2021 Certificate of Deposit Report
- November 2021 Utility Billing and Use Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Chief Miller requested approval to purchase a new set of gear for the fire department. Miller estimated the cost for gear will be \$2,707.50. Council member Mueller moved to approve the purchase of the gear. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Miller informed the Council that local fire departments are once again applying for a multi-county grant to purchase new air packs. Miller noted the City would be eligible to receive 6 new air packs with the City only paying \$2,100 towards the purchase.

OLD BUSINESS

Year End Review of Salaries and Benefits – Council member Mueller moved the Council meet in executive session for 15 minutes at 7:04 PM to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The Council returned to open meeting at 7:19 PM. Council member Mueller moved that all employees receive a raise of \$1.00 per hour or the equivalent.

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Based on the motion, employee pay for 2022 will increase as follows:

Mike Stodgell	\$ 22.25 to \$ 23.25 per hour
Craig Miller	\$ 19.00 to \$ 20.00 per hour
Lori Evans	\$ 18.70 to \$ 19.70 per hour
Taeler Carr	\$ 11.75 to \$ 12.75 per hour
Shane Smith	\$ 876.60 to \$920.60 per week

2022 KPERS Rates – Clerk Evans informed the Council that the KPERS rate for employers will increase from 8.87% to 8.90% effective January 1, 2022.

54 Fitness Pest Control – The Council reviewed bids from All in One Pest Home and Lawn for spraying for pests at the Fitness Center. All in One bid \$45.00 for monthly spraying, \$55.00 for spraying every two month, and \$65.00 for spraying every three months. Council member Kale moved to have All in One spray the fitness center every three months. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Cereal Malt Beverage Applications – Council member Lynes moved to approve issuing licenses to Pete’s of Erie, Inc. and The Marmaton Market. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Annual Review of Moran Municipal Court Costs – Clerk Evans reported current court costs are \$80.00 for each citation issued allotted as follows: \$5.00 Library Improvement Fee, \$23.50 State Fees, and \$51.50 Municipal Court Fees. Fees were last increased in July 2017 when Court fees were increased from \$70.00 to \$80.00. Council member Bigelow moved to continue charging \$80.00 for court costs. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

USD 256 Year Book Sponsorship – Clerk Evans asked the Council if they would be willing to support the Marmaton Valley High School by purchasing advertising space in the year book. Evans noted the City sponsored ¼ page in the year book last year. Costs this year are as follows: Full Page \$150.00 ½ page \$80.00 ¼ page \$65.00 1/8 page \$50.00. Council member Kale moved the City purchase ½ page in the year book. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Personal Protective Equipment for City Crew – Council member Bigelow moved to approve spending up the \$200.00 each for Superintendent Stodgell and Asst Superintendent Miller to purchase new boots. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Customer Letter – The Council reviewed a letter from LaHarpe Communications stating their October utility payment was processed and mailed by their bank on October 15th according to Harry Lee. The payment did not reach the City before the 31st and the account was subject to disconnection of service. Based on the customers prior payment history the Clerk’s office did not turn off power. The November utility bill was

sent with the October charges and late fee noted on the bill. Mr. Lee contests it is not his fault the mail was lost and asks to have the October penalty removed from his account. Council member Mueller moved to waive the penalty for this one occurrence. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Moran Grain – Clerk Evans reported the Clerk’s office received a telephone call from Evergy advising Jack McFadden wanted to establish electric service at the elevator. In years past, Westar/Evergy provided service to the elevator as the service was three phase. As the elevator is in the City’s service area Evergy called to confirm the City did not want to provide service to the property. The Council discussed the matter and agreed Evergy should continue providing electric service to the elevator.

League of Kansas Municipalities Membership – The Council discussed an invitation from the League of Kansas Municipalities encouraging the City to rejoin the League. No action was taken.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith informed the Council that Lyon’s County Sheriff Department is offering 25 hours training opportunity April 5th-7th. The cost for training would be \$60.00 for the three days. Council member Lynes moved to spend up to \$100.00 toward training costs. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Chief Smith asked the Council to consider purchasing an automated external defibrillator (AED) unit for the patrol car. Smith said the unit would cost around \$1,500.00. Smith noted he requested additional information about the unit and will report back at an upcoming meeting.

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

- Hooked up service at 102 S Cedar
- Worked on generator at City Hall-new timing belt, water pump, fan belt, radiator hose
- Repaired 100 watt HPS bulb behind old Library
- Cut tree limbs off triplex at Church and Linn
- Cleaned up back shop
- Cut tree that fell at Troxel Park and hauled off
- Winterized
 - City Park Bathrooms
 - Ditch Witch
 - Street sweeper
 - Water Dock
- Cleaned ditches around town
- Street repairs
- Cut tree limbs and bladed alley Cedar and Pine off Church
- Hung Christmas lights and replaced broken bulbs
- Assisted Buddy Mann in finishing up a few projects for the City
- Dug up old sewer lateral at Library and cut out and spliced PVC in the middle to repair
- Cleaned up alley at 522 N Locust after customer moved after tapping their new sewer service
- Replaced shut off valve at 107 E Elm
- Dug up meter pit and replaced shut off valve at 724 N Birch
- Replaced meter pit riser at Library
- Picked up dirt at Front and Cedar

Superintendent Stodgell reported the generator at City Hall has been repaired and is back in service.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of November 2021:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	8.20	Sales To Customers	13,766.04
Refuse	1,839.00	Water Protection Fee	37.19
Court Fines	2,967.00	Connect Fee	100.00
Building Permit	5.00	Bulk Water Sales	171.51
KS Sales Tax	5,933.12	Penalties	423.01
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.01	Water Tower Fee	100.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,200.00	Reimbursed Expense	327.55
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	58.09	Sewer Fund	
Electric Fund		Sales To Customers	7,293.12
Sales To Customers	38,232.03	Sales Tax	
Overpaid	300.56	Sales Tax Receipts	1,276.62
Light Rent	199.50	Gross Sales	<u>80,040.54</u>
Connect Fee	98.28	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	11.03
Fuel Adjustment	5,203.50	Gross Receipts	<u>80,051.57</u>
ReConFee	73.71	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	1,285.02
Lieap Receipts	427.50	<i>Utility Credits</i>	405.79
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	170.00
		Net Receipts	<u>78,190.76</u>

Clerk Evans shared an invoice received from the League of Kansas Municipalities for the City's 2021 membership dues. The Council declined membership for 2021 as they have done in years past.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.