

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 5, 2019. Mayor Phillip Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Elected Officials Present:</u>	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
Phillip L. Merkel	<u>Council Members Present</u> Bill C. Bigelow Chad A. Lawson Corliss E. Lynes Kris R. Smith Jerry D. Wallis	

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Leon Wagner, Richard Luken, Brent Aeillo, and Sarah Beagle.

BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Merkel opened the hearing for the 2020 Budget and called for comments. No comments were voiced during the public hearing and the hearing was closed at 7:04 PM. Council member Lynes moved to approve the 2020 budget as shown on the budget certificate page. Lawson seconded the motion, motion carried with all approving.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lynes moved to approve the August 2019 consent agenda as follows:

- July 2019 Minutes
- July 2019 Petty Cash Report
- August 2019 Pay Ordinance totaling \$152,126.27
- July 2019 Utility Audit Trail Report
- July 2019 Certificate of Deposit Report

Lawson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Brent Aeillo introduced himself to the Council as the person who operated the fireworks stand near Chancy's restaurant. Mr. Aeillo said he appreciated the community's support and plans to have a firework stand in Moran for the foreseeable future.

Leon Wagner informed the Council that he has spoken with a local contractor about the possibility of demolishing his vacant house at 527 N Pine St. Unfortunately, the contractor is busy and wouldn't be able to tear down the house until later in September. Mr. Wagner noted he may try to tear down the house on his own, but asked the Council if they would allow him additional time to bring the property into compliance with City Code. Chief Smith said he didn't have a problem with Mr. Wagner tearing down the building but he did note Mr. Wagner would need to contain all the demolition debris as school will be starting soon. Mayor Merkel suggested the Council extend the deadline

for Mr. Wagner to meet Code requirements until the end of September. Council agreed to review the matter at the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Security Camera Request for Moran Public Library – Topic was dropped from the agenda until the Library brings information regarding the request.

Property/Code Violations – The Council reviewed letters received from the property owner and tenant at 103 S Pine St asking for additional time to make repairs. Smith noted quite a few property owners approached him asking for additional time to make repairs. The Council agreed to extend the deadline to the end of September for property owners at:

403 N Park St

115 Hill St

103 S Pine St

316 W Church St

403 N Spruce St

103 S Sycamore St

Smith reported there had been no contact from the family of the property owner at 203 S Elm St. Topic was tabled until the September meeting.

Moran Museum – Attorney Heim reported the donor form for the Museum had been prepared. The Council discussed purchasing banners and flags for the Museum. Mr. Aeillo and Ms. Beagel offered to make and donate a banner for the Museum. Superintendent Stodgell said he planned to have the Museum open on Moran Day to encourage residents to visit the Museum and consider donating items for display.

Council Term Start Date – Council member Bigelow moved to change the Council term date from the second Monday in January to the first Monday. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. An ordinance will be drafted for the September meeting.

Kansas Municipal Energy Proposed Lineman Crew – No new information to share. Topic was tabled until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Westar Contract Cancellation – Council member Lynes moved the Mayor sign the letter cancelling Moran's contract with Westar effective the end date of the tariff. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Gym Membership after Membership Revoked – Clerk Evans relayed a request from a resident asking to renew their membership at 54 Fitness after having their membership revoked in December 2017 due to misuse of the facility. Council member Bigelow moved to allow the resident to have an individual membership at the same monthly rate. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

QuickBooks Payroll Renewal – Council member Bigelow moved to renew the City's annual payroll subscription at a cost of \$650.00. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported the Kansas Forestry Department plans to pick up the 1959 International that was replaced by the Hemtt.

Police Chief – Smith informed the Council that he will program the school lights next week as school will begin later this month. Smith request approval to attend training offered by Midwest Counterdrug Training Center September 9-10 at Allen County College. Smith said there was no charge for the training and he would receive 16 hours towards the 40 hours he needs for re-certification. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the request. Wallis seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Smith asked for approval to purchase new tires for the patrol car. Tires would be \$134.29 each with \$80.00 for mounting by JD's. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the request, Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell reported that while reading meters the City crew found the customer at 209 N Cedar St had added exterior drains to their sewer connection to divert rainwater runoff from their buildings to the City sewer. Stodgell said the customer was informed that rainwater cannot be discharged to the sewer system per City Code section 15-318. Stodgell reported the customer did not disconnect the drains after being advised of the violation and had a contractor coming August 6th to pour a concrete slab around the drains. The Council discussed Code regulations and advised Chief Smith to issue a citation to the customer to address the Code violation before the Moran Municipal Court.

The Council was informed the downspout on the NW corner of the Library had been damaged when a board member parked near the rear entrance of the Library. It was noted the air conditioning unit is located near this downspout and could have easily been damaged. Council member Bigelow moved the City install no parking signs on the west side of the Library and to deduct the cost of repairs to the downspout from the City's annual Library Improvement Fund transfer at the year end. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of July 2019:

- Repaired live wire at 313 N Birch in the alley
- Checked voltage at 310 N Park-everything was fine
- Triplex burned into, feeding 321 N Linn and 407 W Franklin- cut trees back and spliced back together
- Changed out electric meter at 744 N. Cedar
- Picked up limbs and hauled off from electric outage
- Electric outage due to lightening, main feed, replaced fuse
- Changed out electric service and new triplex 528 N. Spruce
- Hung new electric service at the pole 536 N. Cedar
- Changed out electric meter at 523 N. Birch and 430 S. Cedar
- Took pictures of down spout and black truck at library...Down spout needs replaced
- Changed oil and filter of 07 GMC
- Fueled and cleaned mosquito sprayer
- Located and marked the water line for a new fence at Marmaton Valley Elementary
- Replaced water pit at 605 N. Spruce
- Dropped off and picked up Lead & Copper water samples

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- Talked with win water about new meters
- Dug up and replaced water pit at 219 S. Birch
- Installed 11 new auto read meters- took roughly 1.5 hours
- Changed out culvert and ditch work at 544 N. Cedar
- Changed out culvert at 322 N. Chestnut
- Mowed, trimmed and picked up trash at City Hall, Museum, fitness center
- Pushed up brush pile
- Checked roads for chip & seal
- Took out sidewalk and leveled area at 404 W. Randolph
- Did 2 blocks of ditch work on Randolph St
- Mowed at 203 S. Elm Union Pacific Railroad Property
- Mowed and trimmed at old water plant
- Sprayed for mosquitos x3
- Trimmed over street at Church & Birch
- Mowed, trimmed, picked up limbs and trash at Troxel Park and City Park and Ball Fields
- Ordered 2 check valves to replace the worn out ones for #2 Lift Station
- Flushed the sewer service and back filled an exposed sewer service and main at 324 N. Park

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of July 2019 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	22.15	Sales To Customers	12,502.94
Refuse	1,867.00	Water Protection Fee	33.68
Court Fines	2,255.00	Connect Fee	200.00
Reimbursed Expense	8.83	Bulk Water Sales	248.13
Building Permit	98.00	Penalties	659.47
KS Sales Tax	4,937.26	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,030.00	Special Highway	
Interest Earned Checking/CD's	142.21	State Gasoline Tax	3,531.23
Franchise Fee	100.00	Sewer Fund	
Dog Tag	18.00	Sales To Customers	7,196.25
Electric Fund		Sales Tax Fund	
Sales To Customers	43,914.28	Sales Tax Receipts	1,324.71
Connect Fee	196.56	Monthly Receipts	<u>82,984.58</u>
Overpaid	1,111.10	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.64</i>
Fuel Adjustment	1,380.28	Gross Receipts	<u>82,995.22</u>
Light Rent	157.50	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>489.22</i>
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>1,097.30</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<u><i>140.00</i></u>
		Net Receipts	81,268.70

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.