

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 2018. 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 Corliss E. Lynes Kris R. Smith Jerry D. Wallis	Chad A. Lawson

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

Visitors Present: Gerry Bieker and Paul Mahlberg with Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) and Richard Luken of the Iola Register.

### **BUDGET HEARING**

Mayor Merkel opened the hearing for the 2018 Budget and called for comments. Nobody spoke in favor or against the budget during the public hearing. The hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m. Council member Lynes moved to approve the 2018 budget as shown on the budget certificate page. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion carried with all approving.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Wallis moved to approve the August 2018 consent agenda as follows:

- July 2018 Minutes with a correction to Page 1, paragraph 9 to add: Wallis seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.
- July 2018 Petty Cash Reimbursement Report
- August 2018 Pay Ordinance totaling \$124,321.08
- July 2018 Jayhawk Utility Audit Trail Report
- July 2018 Certificate of Deposit Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

No business brought before the Council.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency – Paul Mahlberg discussed membership with Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) and informed the Council that he believes KMEA could have saved the City \$148,046 (37%) in electric costs compared to the rates paid to Westar in 2017. Mr. Mahlberg did note the City would continue to pay transmission costs to Westar as Westar maintain the electric service lines feeding Moran should the City choose to purchase electricity through KMEA. Discussion followed with Mr. Mahlberg advising the Council that it will take a while to prepare membership forms and receive approval to become a member of KMEA. Mr. Mahlberg suggested

the Council consider beginning contract negotiations on or before May 2019 should the City choose to purchase electric from KMEA. He also noted the City could become members of KMEA and the agency would assist the Council with contract negotiations should the City choose to purchase energy from Westar.

Council member Bigelow moved the City begin the process to become a member of KMEA. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Topic was tabled to a later date.

54 Fitness – Clerk Evans informed the Council that one of the two A/C units has quit working. Dale's Sheet Metal estimated \$900-\$1200 minimum to repair the unit. The Council suggested Clerk Evans contact Gratz Peters to inquire about his thoughts in repairing the A/C.

The Council agreed to contact Cale VanCleave with Elite Exercise Equipment to ask if he would make a service call to check the equipment at 54 Fitness or have a suggestion of who the City might contact for a service call. Clerk Evans reported only two volunteers were cleaning the Fitness Center. Evans asked the Council to consider hiring someone to clean the Fitness Center. No action was taken regarding the request.

Landlord Utility Ordinance – Topic was discussed with no action taken.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ammonia Variance for Sewer Lagoons – Council member Smith moved Mayor Merkel sign the variance offered by the State of Kansas. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Renewal of Animal Pound Permit – Council member Bigelow moved the City renew the annual pound permit. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Request to Use Alcove Entry at 335 N Cedar for Moran Day – Council member Bigelow moved to approve the request to use the alcove for photo opportunities at Moran Day's. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Special Assessments – The Council agree to submit the following special assessment(s) to the Allen County Clerk for addition to the County tax rolls if the bill(s) remain unpaid on September 21st:

304 W First St – Mowing Services - \$600.00  
203 S Elm St – Mowing Services - \$300.00

Sewer Loan Payments – Clerk Evans advised the Council that a sewer loan will pay off in 2020 freeing up \$23,403.04 per year. Evans suggested the Council consider whether additional sewer projects are needed when the loan pays off. Superintendent Stodgell suggested the Council consider cleaning, videoing, and inspecting the remaining sewer mains that were not videoed during the last project. No action was taken.

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

The Council discussed problems not addressed during the recent overlay on Highway 59. Of note were the uneven lanes, chat and materials left in gutters and residents yards, and the edge lift along the edges of the highway. The Council agreed to send a letter to the Kansas Department of Transportation in Topeka regarding their concerns.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported the chassis of the new truck was delivered to Hay's Fire and Rescue and is currently in construction.

Police Chief – Chief Smith informed the Council that he has programmed the school zone lights as school begins August 15<sup>th</sup>. Smith requested approval to attend free training at Midwest Public Risk in Independence, MO Sept. 9-11. The only cost to the City would be lodging, meals, and transportation. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the training request. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Chief Smith also requested approval to attend a one day ignition training course on Sept. 23 at Hutchinson, KS. This request was also approved.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that the City crew will replace the water main on Birch St between First and Second St due to increased water leaks. Stodgell also submitted the following activity report for the month of July:

- Removed broken limbs hanging over primary electric lines
  - behind 313 N. Birch
  - 543 N. Pine-took down duplex to cut lines
  - 404 W. Randolph in the alley
  - 520 W. Randolph in the alley
- 105 E. First replaced electric meter
- Cut tree limbs and hooked security light back up at Pine & Oak
- Hung new service at 323 N. Park
- Replaced the batteries in the 78 Chevy and Portable Generator
- Cleaned tools from water leak
- Hauled load of trash to landfill for Library
- Picked up limbs from shop, library and at City parks
- PWWD #5 Changed out 4" water meter at the water tower
- Spoke with Kansas Gas while they are replacing the main and did locates for them
- Mowed and trimmed at the Water Plant
- Had a visit from KDHE
- Water Supply & Sanitary Sewer inspection with Jason Schultz
- Repaired a water pit leak at 432 N. Spruce
- Repaired a 4" water leak at First & Birch
- Measured for pipe replacement at S. Birch & Second and Second & First
- Watered trees at the Ball Parks and Park
- Picked and dumped trash at the City Park
- Mowed and trimmed at City Parks and Ball Parks
- Replace lock out of same kit
- Checked library for leak in utility room- the wind was blowing it down the flu pipe
- Checked sewer main and clean out due to back up at 620 N. Birch- the issue was on their side
- Worked on Lift Station #1
- Mowed lagoons, drainage ditch behind Lift Station #2 and the ball park
- Pushed up and burned brush pile

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September 4, 2018

- Prepared the streets for 26 blocks of Chip and Seal
- Repaired 3 poly carts
- Mowed and trimmed, City Hall, Water Tower and City Shop
- Sprayed weeds- City Hall, City Shop, Library, Ball Parks, old water plant, lift station and lagoons
- Put hydrant meter on hydrant at Hill & Spruce for Shillings for 59 overlay project
- Marked 14 located for Kansas Gas Company Contractors
- Filled pot holes
- Sprayed for Mosquitos x3
- Mowed 3 properties per Public Officer

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

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	14.64	Sales To Customers	13,435.52
Refuse	1,768.00	Water Protection Fee	37.81
Court Fines	1,982.00	Connect Fee	225.00
Reimbursed Expense	1,370.61	Bulk Water Sales	33.75
Building Permit	7.00	Penalties	636.05
KS Sales Tax	4,882.41	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovvpd	1,170.00	Reimbursed Expense	610.13
Interest Earned Checking/CD's	34.57	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Dog Tag	2.00	Sales To Customers	6,791.93
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Sales To Customers	51,022.85	Sales Tax Receipts	1,595.82
Connect Fee	147.42	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>92,547.41</b>
Reimbursed Expense	43.36	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.64</i>
Overpaid	1,405.25	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>92,558.05</b>
Fuel Adjustment	1,529.63	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>595.58</i>
Light Rent	157.50	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>1,000.42</i>
<b>Special Highway</b>		<i>EMC Insurance Adjustment</i>	<i>430.10</i>
State Gasoline Tax	3,594.16	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>160.00</i>
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>90,371.95</b>

Evans relayed a request from the Iola Register asking to place a new customer advertisement at City Hall. The Council took no action regarding the request.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:58 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.