

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2016 . Mayor Phillip Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Mayor</u> Phillip L. Merkel	<u>Elected Officials Present:</u> <u>Council Members Present</u> Bill C. Bigelow Chryll L. Ginn Chad A. Lawson James A. Mueller Jerry D. Wallis	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
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<u>City Staff Present:</u>	
Bret Heim, City Attorney	Shane Smith, Police Chief
Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent	Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Nelda Cuppy, Kathy Ward, and Larry Toney

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Ginn moved to approve the April 2016 consent agenda as follows:

- March 2016 Minutes
- March 2016 Petty Cash Reimbursement Report
- April 2016 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 69,490.84
- March 2016 Utility Bill Audit Trail Report
- March 2016 Certificate of Deposit Report
- Public funds resolution to purchase a \$30,000.00 certificate of deposit (CD) to replace a CD maturing April 25, 2016

Wallis seconded the motion, motion passed with Ginn, Wallis, Lawson, and Bigelow approving. Mueller abstained from the vote

VISITORS

All were present for agenda topics.

OLD BUSINESS

Exercise Survey Results – Kathy Ward informed the Council that she, Nelda Cuppy, and Damaris Kunkler had looked at a few building around Moran that might meet the requirements of an exercise facility. Mrs. Ward also said David Toland plans to look at the building directly south of Emprise Bank to see if it would be a potential candidate. No further action was taken.

Water Line Project Update – Nothing to report.

Moran Fire Department Equipment Purchase– Topic tabled to later in the meeting.

Public Wholesale Water Supply (PWWS) Tower Damage – Larry Toney informed the Council that PWWS had no contact from LaHarpe Communications during the past month. Mr. Toney reviewed the problem PWWS had beginning in June 2015 with loosing radio contact with the Moran water tower. He advised the problem was resolved in No-

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vember 2015 when an outside contractor found the antenna was moved causing the radio to lose contact with the tower. Mr. Toney said the purpose of the antenna mounted on the tower is to monitor water levels for the sole benefit of the City of Moran.

Discussion followed with Council member Lawson moving the City reimburse PWWS for the expenses incurred in troubleshooting the radio issues. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Ginn moved Attorney Heim send a letter to LaHarpe Communications requesting reimbursement to the City for payment made to PWWS. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Equipment Purchase for Moran Fire Department (cont) – Chief Merkel reported received a bid for a basic truck from Hays Fire and Rescue for \$183,000.00. Merkel estimated a fully equipped truck could cost between \$190,000.00 to \$210,000.00 with a build time of 9 to 12 months. The Council discussed possible use of the 1995 GMC fire truck such as keeping it for a backup truck or trading the truck in on the new purchase. Topic was tabled until the May meeting.

Marmaton Village Request/Alley Maintenance – Superintendent Stodgell asked the Council to add the alleys between the N 500 block of Birch and Linn Streets and west of the Marmaton Village to the list of alleys receiving maintenance. Stodgell noted the two additional alleys would bring the total for work to be done from \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00. Stodgell noted the total cost would increase to \$4,000.00 should the Council decided to add the parking lot on the north side of the Marmaton Village.

Discussion followed with Council member Mueller moving the City decline the request to maintain the parking lot at the village and to have Mann Construction maintain only the alleys discussed. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

The Council discussed chip and sealing City streets. The Council agreed the City should ask for Allen County's assistance in chip and sealing streets. Superintendent Stodgell will contact Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director to ask that he reserve one tanker of oil for Moran when he places his order for oil.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Reappointment of Kim LaPorte – Mayor Merkel re-appointed Kim LaPorte to serve a four-year term on the Moran Library board. Council member Mueller moved to approve the Mayor's appointment. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Moran City Code Review – Topic was tabled until later in the meeting.

Dog Pound Repairs – Council review a bid from General Repair for \$2,000.00 to build three stainless steel/galvanized metal pens for the City pound. Council member Mueller moved General Repair build the pens and to reduce the size of the current dog pound from five pens to three. Ginn seconded the motion, motion passed with Mueller, Ginn, Lawson, and Wallis approving and Bigelow against.

Moran City Code Review – Chapter XIII and XIV – The Council agreed to the following changes:

- 13-212 correct line spacing on section
- 13-216 delete section
- 14-101 correct STO date section
- 14-103 change fine schedule to \$21.00 nor more than \$500.00
- 14-208 remove the word bus from the section
- 14-404 delete (b) and (c)

Chief Smith spoke with the Council about Code violations at 620 N Birch and 216 W Franklin. Smith advised the Council that he had personally spoken to the landowners asking that they bring their property in compliance with City code but the issues have not been resolved. The Council directed the Clerk's office to issue notices advising the properties need to be brought into compliance within 30 days.

Water Conservation Plan Annual Review – The Council discussed and approved the following changes:

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- ¶1—208 residential and 48 commercial (was 210 residential and 46 commercial)
- ¶3—1,645,000 gallons; 138—month period (was 116 month)
- ¶4—23 hours (was 22 hrs).

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- ¶2—73 gallons per person per day (GPCD) in 2013 (was 84 gallons in 2012)
- ¶3—2013 Kansas Municipal Water Use Publication (was 2012)
- ¶3—...GPCD water use was 73, which is an average of 13 percent below the regional average of 88 GPCD among cities in Region 8 during 2013.
- ¶3—...last five years (2009 through 2013) (was 2008 through 2012)

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- 2. Meters at each individual service connection will be replaced or checked for accuracy on a regular basis every 20 years, if they are 1" or less. (Was 10 years).

City Storm Drainage – Annual Review – Topic discussed with no action taken.

The Council discussed trading the John Deere 4310 tractor with a 3033R for \$17,670.00 (\$29,670.00 less \$12,000.00 trade). Council member Ginn moved to replace the 4310 with the 3033R. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported an increase in rural fires over the past month due to farmers burning their land. Merkel asked the Council to support the fire department in a 50/50 grant application to purchase a remote monitor for the rural brush truck. If the department is awarded the grant, the department purchases the equipment and will receive a 50% reimbursement. Council member Mueller moved to support the fire department in the grant, Wallis seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Police Chief – Chief Smith noted the department will participate in a Drug Take Back program on April 30 from 10:00 to 2:00 at City Hall. He also reported some issues with the brakes on the patrol car that may require repairs.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of March 2016 :

- K. Davis Alley 543 N Pine
- Changed out electric meter
 - 319 N. Pine
 - 327 N. Pine
 - 243 N. Spruce
- Put a squirrel guard and bird wire on Bob Welch's transformer
- Set pole and new meter at 614 N. Birch
- Changed out electric meter at 505 N. Birch
- Prepared mowers for mowing
- Took dog house to Lola for estimate on new ones
- Replaced the battery in the 07 GMC Truck #1
- Cleaned up the pound area
- Received the new bleachers
- Picked up #1 Truck from Utley's Body Shop
- Replaced 2 spark plugs in the Dump Truck
- Cleaned up at Troxel Park
- Moved old bleachers & picnic tables to back shop
- Took trash cans to the park and reset parking sign
- Mowed/trimmed ball fields
- Dug out stumps at Church and Birch for School Community Garden
- Cleaned out culverts around town
- Checked out the alley behind 516 N. Birch with B. Mann
- Mowed City Hall & Front Shop
- Locates
 - 203 N Spruce – for CrawKan
 - Manhole
 - #6
 - #7
 - #3
 - #32
 - Ag Choice
 - American Legion
 - 520 N. Cedar
 - 144 W. Franklin
 - 505 N. Birch
- Replaced probe relay & vacuum pump relay at Low Lift #1

Superintendent Stodgell reported Craig Miller has vacation time that he will not be able to use before his anniversary date of May 8, 2016. Stodgell requested approval for a two-month extension for Miller to take his vacation. Council member Mueller moved to allow Miller an additional two months to use his vacation time. Ginn seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of March 2016 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	17.85	Sales To Customers	12,094.50
Refuse	1,574.00	Water Protection Fee	33.61
Court Fines	4,060.50	Connect Fee	175.00
Dog Tags	180.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Building Permit	85.00	Bulk Water Sales	94.30
Solicitor Permit	100.00	Penalties	478.61
Golf Cart/ATV Permits	60.00	Employee Benefit Fund	
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	16.65	Tax Disbursement	548.28
KS Sales Tax	3,600.64	Library Fund	
Tax Disbursement	1,938.64	Tax Disbursement	156.06
Electric Fund		Sewer Fund	
Sales To Customers	45,585.44	Sales To Customers	7,488.00
Connect Fee	98.28	Gross Receipts	83,943.14
Overpaid	944.22	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44519598</i>	3.08
Lieap Receipts	2,374.14	<i>Interest to CD 44518410</i>	0.58
Debt Collection Fee	24.06	Total Gross Receipts	83,946.80
Fuel Adjustment	919.38	Lieap Credits	151.85
Sales Tax		Setoff Collection Fees	22.85
Sales Tax Receipts	1,245.98	Water Credit	752.55
		Net Receipts	83,019.55

With no further business to discuss, Council member Mueller moved, seconded by Bigelow, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:46 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

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