

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2024. Council President James Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mayor

Council Members Present

Council Members Absent

Warren L. Johnson  
James A. Mueller  
Lee Roberts  
Kris R. Smith

Jerry D. Wallis-Mayor  
Nancy Houk

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Craig Miller, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Taeler Carr, City Clerk, Bailey Goodman, Assistant City Clerk

Visitors Present: Zach Louk

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Johnson moved to approve the November 2024 consent agenda as follows:

- October 2023 Minutes
- October 2023 Petty Cash Report
- November 2023 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 257,946.84
- October 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report

Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

Nothing to report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Substation & Bond Update- Council member Smith motioned to table this topic, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.
- B. Water Project Update- Clerk Carr asked the council to approve Change Order number 3, an extension request for the project until June 15, 2025, as well as Pay Apps 12 and 13. Council member Johnson motioned to approve the change order 3 and Pay Apps 12 and 13, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Smith motioned to approve the project extension request until June 15, 2025, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

- C. City Park Grant Update- Clerk Carr let the council know that Thrive was not awarded the grants they applied for the walking trail at the park. No discussion was had.

- D. Property Damage Update- Brightspeed agreed to the settlement amount of \$1,086.95. Council member Johnson motioned to approve to pay \$1,086.95, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.
- E. Review of Lagoon Fencing Request- Zach gave a brief proposal about the fencing and asked the council for some possible financial assistance with the fencing and or a survey. There was discussion had about the need for fencing due to possible livestock being brought in on the property. Attorney Heim noted a survey was not needed at this time. After a discussion with the council, they agreed have Mr. Heim draw up an easement and bring it to the next council meeting in December.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Personnel-Executive Session if needed
  - i) 90 Day Evaluations x 2- Topic was tabled
- B. Year End Review of Salaries- Topic was tabled
- C. 2025 City of Moran Calendar First Read- the council looked over the calendar and will have a final decision at the December Council Meeting.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Police Chief –

- i) Executive Session- Topic was tabled
- ii) Property Review at 508 N Birch- Chief Smith let the council know that there is a tree needing to be taken down before it becomes a bigger issue. There is a property review case that is going to be reviewed at City Court on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Council agreed to have Chief Smith get a quote on the removal of the tree and bring it back to the next meeting.

Superintendent – Superintendent Miller asked the council if they would approve to send City employee Dereck Ranes to a street sweeper class in Chanute, council member Johnson motioned to approve the training request, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Miller let the council know about the proposed changes to the Water Project after having to change the route due to KHDE’s regulations. We will tie on at the corner of US Hwy 54 and Birch street then bore under the highway and ask for a 30-foot easement on the North side of 3950 US Hwy 54, then across to US Hwy 59 and tie back onto the City’s service lines. Council member Johnson motioned to accept the new plans, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Attorney Heim will be writing up an easement agreement between the City and the property owners.

City Clerk – Clerk Carr reported income for the month of October as follows:

For the Month Ending October 31, 2024			
<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	3.50	Sales To Customers	17,002.25
Refuse	2,041.00	Water Protection Fee	38.84
Court Fines	895.00	Connect Fee	200.00
Building Permit	-	Bulk Water Sales	188.55
KS Sales Tax	13,837.36	Penalties	508.85
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,045.00	Debt Collection	27.17
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	129.92	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Reimb Expense	192.00	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Bank Error Redeposit	587.79	Sales To Customers	7,529.76
Tax Disbursement	3,423.77	Debt Collection	15.62
<b>Library Fund</b>		<b>Employee Benefit</b>	
Tax Disbursement	256.57	Tax Disbursement	584.87
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Sales To Customers	49,172.64	Sales Tax Receipts	1,347.34
Connect Fee	171.99	<b>Special Hwy</b>	
Overpaid	1,023.47	State Receipts	-
Light Rent	252.00	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>100,571.73</b>
Reimb Exp-Electric	-	Add: Interest to CD 44526614	471.85
Debt Collection	46.47	Water Project Acct Interest	2.9
		<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>101,046.48</b>
		Less:LIEAP Credit	568.21
		EWAP Credit	64.56
		Utility Credits	527.23
		Recreation Fee Credit	105.00
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>99,781.48</b>

Clerk Carr let the council know her and Clerk Goodman met with INA alert Monday morning and are waiting on a quote and will bring it to the meeting in December for possible approval of switching the Fitness Center software.

#### Holiday Discussion-Topic Tabled

Clerk Goodman explained to the council how she had been in touch with the Bank about our current CD's and interest rates. She was able to get a new and updated interest rate on a couple of the CDs. Goodman requested approval to be able to change 2 of the upcoming CDs to 90 days, council member Johnson motioned to approve the request, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:58 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.