

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2023. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Council Members Present</u>	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
Jerry D. Wallis	Warren L. Johnson Kenneth D. Kale Corliss E. Lynes James A. Mueller Kris R. Smith	

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

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Joe Stotler, Loren Korte, and Rosan Williams.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Resolution 2023-03 – The Council discussed the transfer of property ownership at 421 N High St. Attorney Heim suggested giving the new owner 60 days to bring the property into compliance. Council member Mueller suggested a letter be sent to the new owner regarding the property status. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Lynes moved to approve the June 2023 consent agenda as follows:

- May 2023 Minutes
- May 2023 Petty Cash Report
- June 2023 Pay Ordinance totaling \$147,511.72
- May 2023 Utility Audit Trail Report
- May 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report
- May 2023 Utility Billing and Use Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

Loren Korte and Rosan Williams from Personal Service Insurance presented a dividend check from EMC Insurance for \$4069.00. Loren noted EMC issues returns to customers when the insured is in a group that has good loss experience for the year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Water Project Update – Superintendent Stodgell reported the Hill Street water line had been replaced. He also reported the crew will be moving to Randolph Street in front of the Marmaton Market and then moving to Pine Street. Stodgell noted Goins Enterprises had offered to install three additional valves at \$700.00 per valve. Council member Johnson moved the City purchase the valves with Goins installing the valves as quoted. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Superintendent Stodgell requested the easement for the new water line between the Baptist Church and EMS buildings be increased from 12 feet to 20 feet.

KwiKom Pole Attachment Agreement – Bret Heim reported he had spoken with both KwiKom’s President and Attorney and he said he didn’t see any problem with the agreement after speaking to both. He noted KwiKom will pay for any poles that need replaced and will consider going underground if needed. Council member Lynes moved to approve entering into the agreement with KwiKom, motion died for lack of a second. Council member Mueller suggested a KwiKom representative meet with the Council at a future meeting.

City Streets Chip and Seal – Superintendent Stodgell reported the City would need to spend approximately \$1000 on cold patch before beginning the chip and seal project. He noted emulsion oil is running \$2.38 per gallon. Council member Johnson moved to approved the purchase of two tankers of oil for the project. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

2024 Budget Preparation – The Council discussed making improvements at the park. It was suggested the City purchasing a new piece of equipment for the playground and the possibility of developing a frisbee golf course.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Public Wholesale Water Supply 5 – Council member Mueller moved to adopt Resolution 2023-04 and to renew the agreement with PWWS5 with an amendment to Section 3. Metering Equipment, line 8 to replace **Buyer** with **Seller** shall be responsible for any costs...”. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Resolution 2023-05 – Council member Smith moved to adopt resolution 2023-05 granting a waiver from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for the year ending 2023. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Jake Brake Ordinance – Topic discussed and tabled until the July meeting.

Tiny Home Regulations – Topic discussed and tabled until the July meeting.

QuickBooks Subscription Renewal – Council member Mueller moved to renew the City’s subscription with QuickBooks. Renewal price will be \$1098.00 for two subscriptions and \$474.00 for the payroll add on. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Moran Days – Natash Heins sent an email and requested Council approval to have a concert at the City park as a part of the Moran Day’s celebration. The Council requested additional information regarding the type of music planned and whether the event would be free to the public. Topic was tabled until the July meeting.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Police Chief – Chief Smith reminded the Council that fireworks will be allowed for sale and discharge between June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>. Smith also reported he has completed the required 40 hours of training for the year but he plans on attending an active

shooter event that will be staged at the Jefferson grade school. Smith also noted he will contact property owners in Moran who have dead trees on their property that need attention.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of May 2023:

- Repaired security light
  - o 104 S Pine
  - o Pine & Hill
- Changed out electric meter at 236 E Franklin
- Trimmed tree limbs out of power lines
- Cut trees, pulled old pole in alley behind 112 S Pine and put dirt around sewer man hole
- Cut tree limbs by man hole on W Second
- Cleaned out sprayer
- Changed mower blades on John Deere 3033 R
- Picked up limbs, mowed, trimmed and emptied trash cans
  - o Troxel park
  - o Ball Field #1 & #2
- Sprayed around ball fields and park
- Finished dirt work around shelter house
- Replaced stop sign at Church & Pine
- Mowed
  - o 316 W. Church
  - o City Hall
- Cleaned out ditch going South of town for drainage
- Removed & Installed 2 valves and 1 hydrant from Randolph & Locust
- Sprayed weeds around lagoons
- Dug up for water leak at East Oak
- Greased, oiled and painted Fire Hydrants

Stodgell informed the Council that cleaning and painting of the water tower should begin on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of May 2023 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	2.00	Sales To Customers	16922.83
Refuse	2105.50	Water Protection Fee	34.36
Court Fines	1265.00	Debt Collection Fee	31.58
Building Permit	339.50	Re-Connect Fee	75.00
KS Sales Tax	4735.28	Penalties	773.72
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	990.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	85.85	Connect Fee	225.00
Kennel Fee	40.00	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Dog Tag	111.00	Sales To Customers	7522.70
ATV Permit	90.00	Debt Collection Fee	16.58
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Water Reserve</b>	
Sales To Customers	38519.09	KDHE/CDBG Funds	67,000.00
Connect Fee	221.13	Checking Account Interest	5.08
Overpaid	925.66	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Light Rent	215.25	Sales Tax Receipts	1092.14
Reimbursed Expense	338.92	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>144271.56</b>
Debt Collection Fee	113.39	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.69</i>
New Leap	425.00	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>144282.25</b>
		<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>1116.55</i>
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>504.44</i>
		<i>Setoff Credit</i>	<i>153.47</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>130.00</i>
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>142377.79</b>

Evans reported the clerk's office have received multiple complaints about patrons smoking at the ball fields. The Council agreed to post No Smoking or Vaping signs as called for in Resolution 2020-03.

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

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The Moran City Council met for a special meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. President of the Council James Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mayor

Council Members Present

Council Members Absent

Warren L. Johnson  
Kenneth D. Kale  
Corliss E. Lynes  
James A. Mueller  
Kris R. Smith

Jerry D. Wallis

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Jerad Maley ; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Craig Miller, Fire Chief; Taeler Carr, Asst City Clerk and Lori Evans, City Clerk.

Visitors: Joe Carr, Lee Roberts, and Rachel Moore from Thrive Allen County.

Grant Award – Joe Carr informed the Council that the Moran Fire Department has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Patterson Foundation to purchase a new brush truck for the department. Carr and Miller both explained the grant process and plans for building the new truck. Council member Lynes moved to accept and obligate the grant award to the purchase of a new brush truck. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Water Project – The Council discussed the halt order issued by the Kansas Department of Commerce (KDOC). Rachel Moore reported she is working with KDOC to find a resolution for the problem. Council member Kale moved the water tower portion of the project continue as the City cannot provide reliable water pressure/service until the cleaning and painting is complete. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Johnson moved that Clerk Evans and Attorney Heim reach out to Lt Governor David Toland to ask for his guidance and assistance in resolving the halt order.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the special meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.