

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2022. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mayor

Jerry D. Wallis

Council Members Present

Bill C. Bigelow  
Kenneth D. Kale  
Corliss E. Lynes  
James A. Mueller  
Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

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

Visitors Present: Phillip Jarred and Garret Brown from Jarred, Gilmore, & Phillips and Lee Roberts.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Bigelow moved to approve the July 2022 consent agenda as follows:

- June 2022 Minutes
- June 2022 Petty Cash Report
- July 2022 Pay Ordinance totaling \$65,620.23
- June 2022 Utility Audit Trail Report
- June 2022 Certificate of Deposit Report
- June 2022 Utility Billing and Use Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**VISITORS**

No business was brought before the Council.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2023 Proposed Budget – Phil Jarred reviewed the changes made to the tax lid law that apply to the 2023 budget including the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). The RNR is the tax rate for the current tax year that would generate the same property tax revenue as levied the previous tax year using the current tax year's total assessed valuation. Mr. Jarred noted the Council can exceed the RNR by notifying property owners of the Council's intent to exceed the RNR and scheduling a tax rate hearing. He noted the proposed budget is prepared with a mill levy of 35.244 which will meet the RNR requirement. The budget also increases the Library mill levy to 2.3 mills as requested by the Library Board. Discussion followed with Council member Lynes moving to publish the proposed budget in The Iola Register and to set the budget hearing for 7:00 PM at the August 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Smith moved Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips be retained to prepare the 2024 budget with fees set at \$1800. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Water Project Update – Nothing to report.

Chip and Seal Streets – The Council discussed concerns that Allen County will not be able to provide rock for the chip and seal project. The cost to purchase chip rock is estimated to run \$12-\$14 per ton with road oil running \$2.28 per gallon. Council member Mueller moved to proceed with the project and to purchase two tankers of oil to seal City streets. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Museum Property – Attorney Heim reported he spoke with Debra Tynon about deeding the property back to the Seifker family. Heim noted concerns that the Siefker's might want to speak with their accountant to ensure they do not incur any tax liabilities before the City returns the property. No action was taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2022-03 Setting Refuse Rates – The Council discussed a notice received from Green Environmental Service (GES) advising they are raising rates due to increased fuel costs. Pickup rates will increase from \$5.93 to \$6.35 with the City charging customers \$7.00 per month. Poly carts will increase from \$1.98 to \$2.12 with the City charging customers \$2.00 per month. Council member Bigelow moved the Council adopt Resolution 2022-03 increasing customer monthly rates to \$7.50 for collection and \$2.25 for poly carts. Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed with Bigelow, Mueller, Smith, and Lynes approving and Kale abstaining from the vote.

Standard Traffic Ordinance/Uniform Public Offense Code – Council member Bigelow moved the City purchase the 2022 version of the Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code published by the League of Kansas Municipalities. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. These documents will be adopted by ordinance at a later date.

Mayoral Appointments – Discussion was held with no action taken.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant – Council member Lynes moved the City apply for the BRIC grant to replace all the electric meters in the City's grid with an automatic meter reading system. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Community Service for Youth Offenders – Superintendent Stodgell reported he has been asked to monitor 40 hours of Court ordered community service for a young adult under the age of 18. It was noted that the Council declined to offer community service monitoring in February 2012 according to the City Minute book. Discussion followed with Council agreeing the City could not monitor individuals needing to perform Community Service.

Moran Days – Clerk Evans reported a pony pull is planned as a Moran Day event. No action was taken.

ATV/Golf Cart Permits – Mayor Wallis asked the Council to consider lowering the \$30.00 annual fee. Discussion followed with no action taken.

Clerk Evans asked the Council to consider passing a Charter Ordinance making the City's website the official newspaper for publishing legal notices, ordinances, resolutions, and proclamations. Evans noted budget reports, treasurer reports, and Charter Ordinances would still need to be published in the Iowa Register. Topic was tabled until the August meeting.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported he priced tires at J&K, JD Automotive, and Sigg Tire & Repair ranging from \$840 to \$962 to replace the patrol vehicle tires. Council member Bigelow moved Smith purchase the brand of tire he prefers from any of these vendors. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Smith left the meeting.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activities for the month of June :

- Electric outage down C.Kings alley- limbs fell on primary lines, checked lagoons and town after storm
- Replaced new meter at Chancy's
- Electric outage at 543 N. Cedar-blown fuse
- Filled radiator up on generator at City Hall
- Electric outage, fuse blown at Front & Maple alley next to M.V. Housing & South of M.V. Housing
- Electric outage at Maple & Front
- Electric outage at 323 N. Locust
- Worked on J.D. 3033 R, wire broke
- Cleaned up east side of back shop
- Washed backhoe and #4 GMC
- Mowed & trimmed city park and ball fields
- Picked up limbs
- Picked up trash
- Took blade off 5083 JD & put brush hog on, mowed East Walnut, burnt burn pile – back park and lagoons
- Picked up dirt pile behind #2 Ball Field and hauled it off
- Mowed old water plant, shop, city buildings and parks
- Cut trees down at B. Maley's by drainage ditch, E. Oak, Front & Linn St
- Sprayed, trimmed sidewalks up town, City Hall and Shop
- Mowed Properties- Craft, UPRR
- Took old City Fire Truck to Lagoons and blew line out going into #2 Cell
- Mowed Low Lifts
- Many Locates
- Marked water main services and valves for water project
- Many locates
- Trimmed 54/Cedar

Stodgell informed the Council that he hopes to be able to purchase cold patch in July if he can find a nearby quarry that is producing cold patch.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of June 2022 as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	8.50	Sales To Customers	15079.23
Refuse	1781.00	Water Protection Fee	33.41
Court Fines	2271.00	Debt Collection Fee	4.92
Reimbursed Expense	3041.31	Bulk Water Sales	28.98
Building Permit	141.00	Penalties	732.72
Franchise Fee Tax	282.63	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	6165.43	Reimbursed Expense	723.31
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1050.00	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	64.47	Sales To Customers	6834.17
Kennel Fee	38.00	Debt Collection Fee	4.77
Dog Tag	29.00	Reimbursed Expense	314.48
ATV Permit	30.00	<b>Employee Benefit</b>	
Tax Disbursement	17029.68	Tax Disbursement	2804.26
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Sales To Customers	38371.04	Sales Tax Receipts	1151.22
Connect Fee	489.00	<b>Library</b>	
Overpaid	699.71	Tax Disbursement	1087.87
Fuel Adjustment	1812.05	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<u>102954.67</u>
Light Rent	199.50	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	11.03
Reimbursed Expense	584.97	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<u>102965.70</u>
Debt Collection Fee	17.04	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	902.96
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	354.74
		<i>Setoff Credit</i>	25.39
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	110.00
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<u>101572.61</u>

Clerk Evans informed the Council that the IRS increased mileage reimbursement rates from .585 to .625 cents per mile effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Council member Mueller moved, seconded by Bigelow to increase the City's mileage reimbursement to match the .625 cent IRS rate. Motion passed with all approving.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Lynes, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:36 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.