

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 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

Council Members Absent

Kris R. Smith

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

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 2022 Minutes
- December 2022 Petty Cash Report
- January 2023 Pay Ordinance totaling \$197,537.02
- December 2022 Utility Audit Trail Report
- December 2022 Certificate of Deposit Report
- December 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

KwiKom Communications – Attorney Heim informed the Council that he had reviewed Kwikom’s proposed agreement and addressed concerns raised at the November meeting. Council member Mueller moved the City decline acceptance of KwiKom’s proposed agreement. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Water Project Update – Nothing to report.

Moran Museum – Attorney Heim suggested the City reverse the deed and just return the property ownership to Siefker Farms. Mayor Wallis signed the deed as the Council approved returning the property at the June 6, 2022 meeting.

Property Conditions at 103 S Pine St – The Council agreed to review the topic at the March meeting.

USD 256 Crosswalk – Chief Smith suggested the City replace the children crossing signs at the school crosswalk as the signs in use are faded. Council member Bigelow moved to replace the signs. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The Council agreed this would be a start to improving crosswalk safety until the City hears back from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Sewer Lagoon Operations – Superintendent Stodgell reported the lagoons look good with no blood noted at the lagoon.

Year End Review of Salaries and Benefits – Council member Mueller moved that all employees receive a raise of \$1.00 per hour or the equivalent and to increase the monthly insurance stipend \$50.00 bringing the monthly stipend to \$510.00. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Based on the motion, employee pay for 2023 will increase as follows:

Mike Stodgell	\$ 23.25 to \$ 24.25 per hour
Craig Miller	\$ 22.00 to \$ 23.00 per hour
Lori Evans	\$ 19.70 to \$ 20.70 per hour
Taeler Carr	\$ 12.75 to \$ 13.75 per hour
Shane Smith	\$ 920.60 to \$ 964.60 per week

2023 Council Calendar – Council member Mueller moved to adopt the 2023 calendar as presented. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Mayor Wallis informed the Council that Warren Johnson received the highest write in votes in the November election. The Mayor informed the Council that he had spoken with Warren and he has indicated he will accept the position.

2023 KPERS Employer Rates – Clerk Evans informed the Council that the KPERS rate for employers will decrease from 8.90% to 8.43% effective January 1, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

City Staffing – Superintendent Stodgell asked the Council to consider bringing on a third person to the City crew. Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that he is considering retirement and he would like to start training a replacement. Council member Mueller moved the Council meet in executive session at 7:20 PM for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters related to non-elected personnel as allowed by KSA 75-4319(b)(1). Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The Council returned to open meeting at 7:35 PM.

USPS Mail Service – Clerk Evans reported the Clerk's office is again having problems with mail being delivered in a timely manner. Evans noted there have been several payments in November that were mailed to City Hall that arrived after the bill due date and some that still have not arrived at City Hall. Evans asked the Council to consider offering auto payment debit as an option the City could offer residents in lieu of sending payment by mail. Clerk Evans was asked to get additional information regarding auto payment debits for review at the January meeting.

2023 Cereal Malt Beverage Applications – Council member Bigelow moved to approve issuing licenses to Pete’s of Erie, Inc. and The Marmaton Market. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center has approved the Moran Police Department’s application for membership. Smith noted the Allen County Sheriff Department had installed a license plate camera at the Highways 54/59 junction for monitoring traffic going west on Highway 54.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that members of the Walnut Grove Card Club are planning to attend the January meeting. Mayor Wallis estimated the new shelter house would be ready somewhere between 14 and 60 days after ordering the building. Superintendent Stodgell estimated it would cost an additional \$800.00 to replace the concrete base for the new shelter. The Council agreed it would be best to tear out the existing base and replace the concrete.

Stodgell submitted the following activity for the month of November :

- Replaced street light by Ag. Choice
- Hooked up triplex to house at 207 N. Linn, not connected to pole
- Went to KC to Altec to look at used truck
- Hooked electric at E. Ladd on N. Linn
- Electric outage – squirrel in transformer behind A.Adams
- Limbs fell on triplex, pulled triplex back up
- Changed oil in the 2020 GMC Truck
- Started taking off cylinders on #3 truck talked with Matt at Midwestern about rebuild
- Replaced hose clamp and added antifreeze to City Hall generator
- Scraped ridge off around ball field #1 and hauled off
- Winterized bathrooms at the park
- Picked up limbs from City Park from high winds
- Looked at ditch work with Buddy Mann
- Hung Christmas lights down town, replaced sockets and bulbs
- Hauled 3” rock to lagoons and filled in wash out
- Worked on #1 lift station fuse blown on transformer
- Checked manhole at 220 E. Oak
- Put water lid back on pit at 420 N Park

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

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges for Services	57.95	Sales to Customers	16145.65
Refuse	1879.50	Water Protection Fee	35.27
Court Fines/Fees	2353.00	Connect/Reconnect Fees	125.00
Reimbursed Expense	454.00	Debt Collection Fee	25.21
License	100.00	Penalties	1313.24
Miscellaneous Receipts	20.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	5992.33	Water Dock	76.47
54 Fitness Fees/Fobs/Ovpc	950.00	Reimbursed Expense	93.40
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	68.42	Sewer Fund	
Dog Tag	4.00	Sales to Customers	7228.48
Building Permits	15.00	Sales Tax Fund	
Fire Dept Grant	2500.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1232.30

Electric Fund		Gross Sales	<u>83352.20</u>
Sales to Customers	40763.12	Add: Interest to CD 44526614	11.04
Connect/Reconnect Fees	171.99	Gross Receipts	<u>83363.24</u>
Overpaid	343.77	Less: LIEAP Credit	523.18
Fuel Adjustment	154.62	Utility Credit	336.36
Light Rent	210.00	Recreation Fee Credit	<u>130.00</u>
Reimbursed Expense	989.48	Net Receipts	<u>82373.70</u>

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Mueller, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.