

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 2024. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor

Jerry D. Wallis

Council Members Present

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

Council Members Absent

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

Visitors Present: None Present

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- March 2024 Minutes
- March 2024 Petty Cash Report
- April 2024 Pay Ordinance totaling \$106,347.80
- March 2024 Utility Audit Trail Report
- March 2024 Certificate of Deposit Report
- March 2024 Utility Billing and Use Report

Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

None present.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Update – Council member Mueller moved the City contact the Kansas Department of Commerce (KDOC) and request a 6-month extension to the project. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Project Easements – Attorney Heim said he would check with Midpoint Baptist Church and Allen County Commissioners regarding the City’s easement request. Topic was tabled until the April meeting.

CDBG Pay Request 2 – Council member Kale moved to request a \$39,075.90, draw from the KDOC to pay Goins for work done December 16, 2023 to March 1, 2024. Payment will be made to Goins upon receipt of the funds. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving,

Lead Copper Survey – Jerad Maley discussed the status of the project. The Council agreed to review the topic at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Board Appointments – Mayor Wallis reappointed Larry Ross and Debra Weast to serve an additional four-year term to the Moran Library Board. Council member Mueller moved to approve the appointments. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Park Improvements – Council member suggested the Council consider installing a disc golf course at the City Park. Superintendent Stodgell suggested surveying high school students to see what their suggestions are for improvements at the City park. Council member Smith brought up concerns that the east ball field is needing additional clay on the field. Discussion followed and the topic was tabled until the April meeting.

City Insurance Policy Quote – The Council was provided the proposed quote for the 2024-2025 policy. No action was taken as Loren Korte plans to attend the April meeting.

Review of City of Moran Fraud Policy – The Council reviewed the City fraud policy as adopted in 2012. The Council chose to make no changes to the policy.

PTO Request – Clerk Evans relayed a request from the Marmaton Valley PTO asking the Council to allow the group to use the bathrooms at the City park on April 20th for a mother-son kickball event on April 20th. Council member Mueller moved to approve the PTO's request. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of February 2024:

- Repaired Security lights - School, City Park, Gas & Franklin
- Changed out electric meters - 528 N Spruce, 239 N Cedar, 144 E Church, 321 N Linn
- Sold a Class 3 – 40' Utility Pole to the City of Bronson
- Took down triplex at 304 S Pine
- Repaired Street Lights
- School by the commons & shop
- Hill Street
- Alley behind the Locker
- PFAS Water Test
- Spoke with Greg Metz with KRWA
- Checked fluids and washed 97 GMC
- Cleaned windows and interior of backhoe
- Picked up leaves off tennis court
- Filled in pot holes with cold patch on West Randolph
- Poured 4yrds cement at Moran Locker, Dr. Office, School Parking lot to fill in leak spots
- Fixed ruts on N Locust
- Cleaned up excess concrete from cement work
- Pulled form at school on Walnut and filled with cold patch
- Filled pot holes on First, Sycamore, Elm, Front & Cedar, First & Pine
- Hauled dirt and concrete to landfill
- Bladed roads around sewer lagoons and lift stations
- Changed out Angle Valves- 508 N Birch, 205 E First, 304 S Elm

- Repaired 4" water main leak at the Library on Spruce St
- Went around and filled out Lead Copper Surveys
- Cleaned up dirt and put rock around water leak hole
- Installed new setter and meter at 103 S Pine
- Repaired leak on Oak St
- Water project started back up February 12 on Church and Linn
- Replaced water meter at 321 S Elm and 1315 US Hwy 59
- Helped contractors lay pipe on W Church
- Project is going well
- Information on water project on Spruce
- Flushed hydrants- Franklin, High, North end of Birch

Superintendent Stodgell reported a problem with the wheels on the 1984 dump truck. He noted the truck has 2 split wheels that need replaced and 2 new tires. Council member Johnson moved to replace the wheels and tires. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The Council did ask the tires be purchased locally if prices are comparable.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of February 2024 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Refuse	1,844.25	Sales To Customers	17,813.19
Court Fines	931.00	Water Protection Fee	38.19
License & Permit	228.00	Connect Fee	75.00
NSF Check	435.48	Bulk Water Sales	38.91
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovps	960.00	Penalties	284.29
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	435.25	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Dog Tag/Kennel Fee	114.00	Debt Collection Fee	22.81
Franchise Fee	100.00	Sewer Fund	
ACH Redeposit	122.33	Sales To Customers	6,731.84
Electric Fund		Debt Collection Fee	27.31
Sales To Customers	57,737.68	Reimbursed Expense	121.00
Overpaid	388.16	Gross Sales	91,070.75
Light Rent	220.50	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>11.02</i>
Lieap Receipts	309.69	<i>Water Project Acct Interest</i>	<i>1.17</i>
Reimbursed Expense	407.75	Gross Receipts	91,082.94
Debt Collection Fee	43.56	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>955.28</i>
Connect Fees	49.14	<i>EWAP Credits</i>	<i>438.19</i>
Sales Tax		<i>Setoff Fees</i>	<i>89.00</i>
Sales Tax Receipts	1,541.42	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>662.20</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>90.00</i>
		Net Receipts	88,848.27

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Kale, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.