

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Mayor Phillip Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

| <u>Mayor</u> | <u>Elected Officials Present:</u> | <u>Council Members Absent</u> |
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| Phillip L. Merkel | <u>Council Members Present</u> Bill C. Bigelow Chad A. Lawson Corliss E. Lynes Kris R. Smith Jerry D. Wallis | |

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

Visitors Present: Kelci Botts, EJ Siefker, Barbara Siefker, Nelda Cuppy, Dave Shupe with Westar, Jeff Lamfers, KS Rural Water Association, and Richard Luken of the Iola Register.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Wallis moved to approve the September 2018 consent agenda as follows:

- August 2018 Minutes
- August 2018 Petty Cash Reimbursement Report
- September 2018 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ \$86,695.53
- August 2018 Jayhawk Utility Audit Trail Report
- August 2018 Certificate of Deposit Report

Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Kelci Botts introduced herself as the KAY Club Sponsor at Marmaton Valley High School. Ms. Botts asked the Council if there were any projects the club could undertake as a service to the community. Superintendent Stodgell suggested the KAY club could take over maintenance and care of the Troxel Park flower garden. Stodgell also noted the ball field fences at the main park need cleaned out after the ball season as a possible project. Ms. Botts said she would share the suggestions with her club.

Jeff Lamfers was present to speak with the Council regarding test violations at the City sewer lagoon. He said the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has asked Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) to assist City's that are having trouble meeting the State and EPA regulations. High Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) levels at the City sewer lagoons could indicate higher strength waste may be discharged to the lagoons. Mr. Lamfers suggested the City ask commercial sewer customers to voluntarily control waste discharged to the lagoons in hopes of lowering testing levels. Individual businesses could be tested by sampling manholes if needed. Ultimately, the City can invoke City Code to control prohibited discharge to the lagoons.

Discussion followed with Superintendent Stodgell noting he would talk with commercial customers regarding the testing concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

Westar Energy – Dave Shupe shared a presentation outlining two contract options for the Council to consider as the current tariff is set to expire in June 2020:

1. Contract at a fixed rate for 5 years at a charge of \$52.00 per Mwh or 5.2¢ per kWh beginning June 2020.
2. Contract a fixed rate for 7 years beginning January 2019 at a charge of \$52.00 per Mwh with a \$1500.00 adder that will enable Westar to recover the lost revenue from ending the current tariff before the expiration date.

Discussion followed with the Council asking if the \$1500 adder would be charged for the first 2 years of the contract or whether it would be charged monthly during the 7 year contract. Mr. Shupe noted he would need clarification on the question and would report back to the Council. No action taken.

Property Gift to the City of Moran – EJ Siefker offered to gift his property at 204 N Cedar St to the City of Moran with hopes the City will use the property for a community museum. Bret Heim presented an appraisal report to the Council and noted he would contact Mr. and Mrs. Siefker to sign the final paperwork for the transfer of land.

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency – Council member Bigelow moved the City execute and the Mayor sign the necessary documents for membership with the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency. Documents for signing included Ordinance 2024, Resolution 2018-06, and Signature Page to Second Amended and Restated Agreement. Lawson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Mayor Merkel asked for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. Council member Bigelow will assume the Director 1 spot with Council member Smith serving as Director 2. Council member Corliss Lynes will serve as Alternate.

Letter to the Kansas Department of Transportation – Attorney Heim advised he would prepare the letter to the Kansas Department of Transportation. Topic was tabled until the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Moran Day September 15, 2018 – No action taken.

Water Watch Status – Council acknowledged receipt of the notice. No action was taken.

Furnace Replacement Moran Fire Department – Mayor Merkel advised the Council that he will purchase the furnace through his employer to save money. He will then ask Dale's Sheet Metal to install the furnace.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported the Hemtt is now in service. The department plans to phase out the old tanker and will return the unit to the Kansas Forest Service.

Police Chief – Chief Smith announced the area school safety board is meeting at the college as the board is looking to develop a unified response for area schools. Currently the board is considering purchase of Night Lock Barricades for individual school rooms. Smith asked the Council to consider purchasing at least five of the locks should the board agree to purchase the locks.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of August 2018:

- Changed out electric meter: 219 S Birch, 516 N Birch, 506 N Cedar and Meter Mask
- Fixed security light from storm at 403 N Park
- Replaced a blown fuse on a transformer at 333 S Cedar
- Helped with meter mask & underground wire at 323 N Park
- Replaced Football Sec lights near the school on Birch and along 54 highway
- Replaced fuse on electric primary line at 212 N Linn
- Cut two limbs & hauled them off from Spruce and Randolph
- Cleaned out water room
- Picked up the back shop
- Repaired poly carts
- Replaced the battery in the John Deere 5083
- Mowed ball parks & old water plant
- Picked up limbs from ball parks & Troxel Park
- Dumped cans from Park and Ball fields
- Called for locates on S. Birch
- Hardware line out for Birch water project
- Checked possible water leak at Moran Manor- sewer backed up from lift on their side- Marked locates
- Flushed hydrants because of water main burn out from PWWS #5
- Talked with Sue Morrison about new house and shed
- Helped with water supplies at 323 N. Park
- Dug up water valve lid & put riser on at Randolph & Pine
- Repaired wire in pit at water tower
- Unloaded 4" PVC pipe from Win Water
- Mowed old water plant
- Put markers back up for meters at 605 N Cedar
- Mowed & trimmed: 54 Fitness, City Shop, Ball Parks, Water plant
- Mowed Property for Ordinance Violations: First & Birch, Union Pacific Railroad
- Sprayed for Mosquitos x 3
- Dip dirt out around culverts on W. Randolph between Birch & Franklin, Birch & Pine, and Randolph
- Pushed up brush pile & dirt pile up from storm
- Cut limbs out of primary lines & set pole anchor, pulled over and replaced sec light at Maple & First
- Installed Library & Police signs at new location
- Dug out beaver dam near outlet pipe at the lagoons hauled away debris and then cleaned backhoe & dump truck up
- Sprayed weeds at lagoons & old library
- Called Pace Analytical spoke with (JW) for information about pulling samples for August no sample, no discharge
- Located lines for Anderson Plumbing at Moran Manor

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

| General Fund | | Water Fund | |
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| Charges For Services | 27.55 | Sales To Customers | 14,787.60 |
| Refuse | 1,799.00 | Water Protection Fee | 45.07 |
| Court Fines | 2,267.50 | Connect Fee | 320.00 |
| Reimbursed Expense | 272.04 | Bulk Water Sales | 347.97 |
| Building Permit | 19.00 | Penalties | 581.99 |
| Donation to Fire Dept | 50.00 | Water Tower Fee | 50.00 |
| KS Sales Tax | 4,651.86 | Reimbursed Expense | 160.02 |
| 54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd | 1,210.00 | Debt Collection Fee | 13.56 |
| Interest Earned Checking/CD's | 35.55 | Sewer Fund | |
| ATV Permit | 30.00 | Sales To Customers | 7,279.83 |
| Dog Tag | 22.00 | Reimbursed Expense | 26.46 |
| Solicitor Permit | 30.00 | Debt Collection Fee | 14.30 |
| Franchise Tax | 100.00 | Sales Tax | |
| Electric Fund | | Sales Tax Receipts | 1,827.72 |
| Sales To Customers | 58,463.47 | Gross Sales | 98,341.86 |
| Connect Fee | | <i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i> | <i>10.98</i> |
| Overpaid | 320.75 | Gross Receipts | 98,352.84 |
| Fuel Adjustment | 1,587.31 | <i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i> | <i>335.47</i> |
| Light Rent | 157.50 | <i>Utility Credits</i> | <i>999.43</i> |
| Lieap | 1,798.62 | <i>Setoff Collection Fee</i> | <i>31.16</i> |
| Debt Collection Fee | 4.94 | <i>Leak Adjustment</i> | <i>61.75</i> |
| Reimbursed Expense | 40.25 | <i>Recreation Fee Credit</i> | <i>150.00</i> |
| | | Net Receipts | 96,775.03 |

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:44 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.