

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2023. 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

James A. Mueller

Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

Corliss E. Lynes

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

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts and Kim Ensminger

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Mueller moved to approve the October 2023 consent agenda as follows:

- September 2023 Minutes
- September 2023 Petty Cash Report
- October 2023 Pay Ordinance totaling \$114,098.96
- September 2023 Utility Audit Trail Report
- September 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report
- September 2023 Utility Billing and Use Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Kim Ensminger, USD 256 Superintendent and Elementary Principal, spoke with the Council about a grant opportunity that USD 256 is seeking to build an early childhood development center. Ms. Ensminger said the plan is to build a facility to provide early education and care for up to 50 children between the ages of birth to 5 years old. Warren Johnson moved the Council submit a letter of support to USD 256 in their efforts in obtaining a grant. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS

USD 256 Crosswalk – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Sara Peters, Bureau Chief of Traffic Engineering with the Kansas Department of Transportation has notified the Council that the City can install push button signage at the crosswalk, but if the Council chooses to do so, KDOT will reclassify the crosswalk as a pedestrian crossing and the speed limit on Hwy 59 would be increased to 30 mph with no reduction during school hours. Additionally, the solar speed/crosswalk signs indicating a school crossing ahead would need to be removed. Discussion followed with Chief Smith suggesting lighting be upgraded at the crosswalk to provide better visibility. He also suggested placing portable signs on and near the highway the crosswalk. Council

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member Smith moved the City purchase portable signs for the crosswalk. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Water Project Update – Council member Mueller moved the Mayor sign a waiver to be sent to the Kansas Department of Commerce requesting approval for the City to resume construction on the water project. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The Council agreed to ask the contractor to return to the project should the waiver be granted.

Tiny Home Ordinance – Attorney Heim requested the topic be tabled until the November meeting.

Building Permits – Topic was tabled until the November meeting.

Substation Land Purchase – Council member Johnson reported the landowner of the preferred site had declined to sell the property. The Council reviewed other land options with no action taken. Topic was tabled until the November meeting.

Moran Day Event Insurance – Topic was tabled until the November meeting.

Lead Service Line Inventory – Topic was tabled until the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

122 E Oak St Property Conditions – Clerk Evans and Chief Smith discussed the property condition and past action to bring the property

Public Wholesale Water Supply 5 Annual Meeting 10/12/2023 – Monthly water needs were discussed. No action was taken.

Year End Review – Mayor Wallis encouraged the Council to review the proposed 2024 Council Calendar and current salary and benefit information over the next month for review at the November meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith informed the Council that he found an 8” x 36” portable Stop for Pedestrians sign for \$297.00. Council member Mueller moved to purchase this or a similar sign for the crosswalk. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Chief Smith reported there was an ALICE training event will be held on Jan 3-4. Smith reported the Moran Day celebration went well.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell requested approval to carry 79 hours of vacation over as he has been unable to use the hours before his anniversary date of October 10th. Council member Smith moved to approve Stodgell’s request. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of September :

- Raised electric service line at 304 N Park
- Cut limbs off triplex on 504 N Birch
- Fixed fuse in transformer due to a cat at 313 N Birch
- Changed out electric meter at
 - 104 S Pine
 - 237 N Spruce
 - 105 E First
- Electric fuse outage at B. Maley's
- Repaired security lights
 - Ag Choice x2
 - 320 E Second
 - Chestnut & Franklin
 - 54/59 Junction
- Worked on brush hog- needs punch set, coil pin and washer
- Adjusted the internet antenna at City Hall for the Library
- Terry Johnston repaired backhoe and tractor tires
- Worked on dump truck lights
- Took street sweeper cylinder off to have a hydraulic repair done
- Trimmed and dumped trash at Troxel Park
- Mowed and trimmed at City Park & ball fields
- Prepared the track for the Moran Day Pony Pull
- Set out bean pots and stands for Moran Day
- Prepared town for Moran Day- set out extra trash cans, swept streets
- Bladed and rolled rock on East side of Linn, 1yd screenings, 16ton ABB
- Cleared tree limbs off street at 208 E Church
- Chip & Sealed City Streets
- Sprayed- Down town, City Hall, around ball fields
- Repaired security light at 206 S Linn
- Sprayed for Mosquitos x 1
- Cut tree limbs at Church & Locust
- Hauled off spoils to landfill
- Brush hogged lagoons
- Tapped sewer at 321 W First
- Repaired ¾" Water service at 408 W Church
- Changed out meter setter and meter at West 54 Water District
- Sat in on a Lead and Copper class at City Hall
- Repaired 1" water meter at M. Bland's

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

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	20.00	Sales To Customers	18,062.56
Refuse	1,875.75	Water Protection Fee	39.27
Court Fines/Fees	2,170.00	Bulk Water Sales	230.72
CMB License	50.00	Penalties	329.67
Tax Disbursement	7,024.21	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	11,025.43	Sewer Fund	
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,010.00	Sales To Customers	6,839.80
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	439.48	Sales Tax	
Dog Tag	2.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1,583.08
Permits	10.00	Employee Benefit	
Kennel Fee	10.00	Tax Disbursement	1,188.17
Library Fund		Gross Sales	117,217.30
Tax Disbursement	476.22	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>11.04</i>
Electric Fund		<i>Water Project Acct Interest</i>	<i>1.22</i>
Sales To Customers	56,414.05	Gross Receipts	117,229.56
Reimbursed Expense	874.96	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>588.91</i>
Overpaid	918.43	<i>EWAP Credits</i>	<i>132.66</i>
Lieap Receipts	6,374.00	<i>Leak Adjustment</i>	<i>21.25</i>
Light Rent	199.50	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>1,019.90</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>110.00</i>
		Net Receipts	115,356.84

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Clerk Evans informed the Council that properties at 203 S. Elm St and 427 N. Cedar were sold in June at the Sheriff's auction and the City's assessments totaling \$4,448.00 were removed from the property.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Kale, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.