

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 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

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; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts

BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Wallis opened the hearing for the 2023 Budget at 7:00 PM and called for comments. No comments were voiced and the public hearing was closed at 7:04 PM. Council member Kale moved the Council adopt the 2023 budget as published in the Iola Register on July 9, 2022. Mueller seconded the motion, motion carried with all approving.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- July 2022 Minutes
- July 2022 Petty Cash Report
- August 2022 Pay Ordinance totaling \$94,650.14
- July 2022 Utility Audit Trail Report
- July 2022 Certificate of Deposit Report
- July 2022 Utility Billing and Use Report

Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

None present.

OLD BUSINESS

Moran Museum – Topic tabled until the September meeting.

Charter Ordinance Mayoral Appointments – Council member Mueller made motion to move Mayoral appointments to the January meeting after the new Council taking office. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. City Attorney Heim will prepare a charter ordinance for Council approval.

City Website as Official Newspaper – Council member Bigelow moved that City Attorney Heim prepare a charter ordinance that will allow the City to designate the City

of Moran website as the official city newspaper. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

NEW BUSINESS

Electric Substation – Superintendent Stodgell asked the Council to move forward with getting an estimate to building a substation to support the City electric utility. Doing so would essentially do away with monthly transmission charges that Moran is billed for receiving power from the substation 6 miles south of town. After discussion, the Council agreed that Mayor Wallis, Stodgell, and Asst City Superintendent Miller travel to Arma, KS to tour their substation. Superintendent Stodgell asked Council member Kale to consider joining the tour.

Lagoon Operations – The Council reviewed a letter that was received from Jeff Lamfers from the Kansas Rural Water Association regarding the City’s lagoon operations. The Council agreed to ask Mitch Bolling to attend the September meeting to discuss concerns with sewage being discharged to the lagoons. Topic was tabled until the September meeting.

City Pound License Renewal – Council member Smith moved the City renew the annual pound license with a cost of \$285.00. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Special Assessment Filings – Council member Bigelow moved to file special assessment costs for services provided to 316 W Church St with the County Clerk if the amounts due for mowing service is not paid before September 12, 2022. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Moran Days – Nothing new to report.

Library Ramp – Superintendent Stodgell presented a bid of \$9153.00 from R2 Concrete of Fort Scott to add a ramp to the existing sidewalk and form and pour concrete parking spaces in front of the library. Council member Mueller moved to accept the bid from R2 Concrete. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Building Maintenance – Council member Smith moved Robertson Masonry repair the cranks in the block walls of City Hall. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Stodgell noted the Robertson crew advised the building would need all the blocks painted to seal the repairs.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported the tires had been replaced on the Tahoe. Additionally, a coil pack was replaced as the Tahoe was running rough. Smith reminded the Council that the school year begins August 17th.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of July 2022:

- Turned electric on south lots on for fire work stand at Chancy's
- Repaired sec lights, Cedar & Randolph, Marmaton Market, Church & High
- Talked with Evergy crew on town voltage
- Checked out voltage at the school
- Mowed, City Park, Troxel Park, City Buildings, Shop
- Hauled broken tree to burn pile from Park
- Dumped trash cans
- Trimmed & mowed at the Fitness Center and picked up trash
- Brush hogged drainage ditch by Marmaton Market, West Second Street
- Mowed and trimmed at City Hall
- Put spreader on dump truck and spread pea rock, Birch, First and Randolph
- Sprayed for Mosquitos
- Marked locates for KS Gas
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- Water leak at Walnut & Cedar
- Trimmed water tower
- Lead Copper samples
- Repaired water leak on Church Street

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

<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Water Fund</u>	
Charges For Services	17.25	Sales To Customers	15,042.62
Refuse	1,814.00	Water Protection Fee	32.61
Court Fines	2,040.00	Connect Fee	150.00
KS Sales Tax	4,785.20	Bulk Water Sales	203.50
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,000.25	Penalties	552.87
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	66.35	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Fire- MFA Oil Grant	2,000.00	Debt Collection Fee	11.29
Permits	35.00	Connect Fee	50.00
Sales Tax		Sewer Fund	
Sales Tax Receipts	1,289.03	Debt Collection Fee	18.76
Electric Fund		Sales To Customers	6,605.44
Sales To Customers	46,712.70	Special Hwy	
Connect Fee	98.28	State Receipts	3,230.04
Overpaid	355.06	Gross Sales	<u>90,989.74</u>
Fuel Adjustment	1,993.20	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	10.68
Light Rent	220.50	Gross Receipts	<u>91,000.42</u>
Lieap Credit	2,570.36	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	1,165.96
Debt Collection Fee	45.43	<i>Setoff Collection Fee</i>	71.71
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	534.73
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	120.00
		Net Receipts	<u>89,108.02</u>

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.