

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 3, 2020. President of the Council Bill Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>President of the Council</u>	<u>Elected Officials Present:</u> <u>Council Members Present</u>	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
Bill C. Bigelow	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: Lee Roberts, Jackie Walls, Ken Kale, Bruce Jackson, Dewey Stotler, Rayna Kidd, and Richard Luken of the Iola Register.

OATH OF OFFICE

Jerry Wallis took the Oath of Office as Mayor and assumed control of the meeting. Mayor Wallis appointed Ken Kale to fill his vacant seat on the Council. Council member Lynes moved to approve the appointment. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Ken Kale joined the Council at the table and took the Oath of Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Smith moved to approve the February 2020 consent agenda as follows:

- January 2020 Minutes
- January 2020 Petty Cash Report
- February 2020 Pay Ordinance totaling \$153,034.95
- January 2020 Utility Audit Trail Report
- January 2020 Certificate of Deposit Report

Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed Smith, Bigelow, Mueller, and Lynes approving. Kale abstained from the vote.

VISITORS

Bruce Jackson said he was present to let the Council know that he still has plans to tear down the house at 403 N Spruce St but has been unable to meet the timeline given as he has been ill. Discussion followed with Council member Mueller moving to grant Mr. Jackson an extension to April 6th to bring the property into compliance. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with Mueller, Bigelow, Smith, and Lynes approving. Kale abstained from the vote. Council will review the matter at the April meeting.

Dewey Stotler asked the Council to remove the refuse charge from his property at 211 E Franklin St as the property is not used as a residence but for family gatherings only. Council member Mueller moved to approve removing the refuse charge from the monthly bill for this property. Lynes seconded the motion. Motion passed Smith, Bigelow, Mueller, and Lynes approving. Kale abstained from the vote.

Rayna Kidd asked if the Council had any questions for the Library Board. No questions were brought forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Moran Museum – Superintendent Stodgell advised the gas service to the Museum has been installed. Stodgell also noted he was contacting area Museums to discuss operational issues and advise for the Moran Museum. No action was taken.

Property Review – Follow up from November 2019 meeting:

203 S Elm St – Clerk Evans reported the family of the deceased owner has called to report they have gotten everything out of the house that they are wanting. Council member Bigelow moved the City go forward with the condemnation and demolition of the house. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

403 N Park St – No improvements made on the property. Council member Mueller moved the City proceed with condemnation of the property. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. A resolution will be presented for Council review at the March meeting.

316 W Church St – Chief Smith asked for an additional 60 days for the land owner to repair or tear down the building. Council member Bigelow moved to grant a 60 day extension until the April meeting. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

403 N Spruce St – 60 day extension granted earlier in the meeting.

103 S Pine St – Chief Smith advised the tenant is making progress but is working alone to make repairs. Smith asked for a 60 day extension for repairs to be made. Council member Mueller moved to approve the request. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Property will be reviewed at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Vacancy – Topic resolved earlier in the meeting.

Kansas Rural Water Association Conference – Superintendent Stodgell said he would like to attend the Kansas Rural Water Association conference in Wichita 3/24-3/26. He plans to drive the City truck each day to Wichita rather than staying overnight. Registration fees are \$170.00 for the conference. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the request. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Fraud Risk Review – Topic discussed, no action was taken.

2019 Fiscal Audit – Clerk Evans advised staff from Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips will conduct an audit of the City's fiscal records on Monday February 10th. Evans invited the Council to stop by any time after 8:30 AM if they have questions for the auditors.

Website Renewal – Clerk Evans advised the City’s website is due for renewal soon. She reported Go Daddy yearly website costs are \$20.99 for morancity.org domain and \$179.88 for web hosting for a total of \$201.05 for the year. Bigelow moved to renew the website with Smith seconding the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Not present.

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported Lee Roberts is representing the Moran Fire Department at the Allen County 911 committee meetings. Lee relayed information shared at the last 911 meeting where they advised the National Weather Service will soon send alerts for all fires that are indicated on their satellite images. 911 Emergency Management has agreed to dispatch local fire departments to the potential fires whenever they receive these alerts. Fire departments will be dispatched before law enforcement or other safety officers are notified.

Smith reminded the Council that he will be attending training in Emporia April 7-9.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of January 2020:

- Set pole at Ag Choice for new scales
- Ag Choice electric service with Ken Kale
- 54 & Birch, Cedar & 54 repaired security lights
- Repaired transformer leads at 319 E. Oak
- Filled in pot holes on Randolph & High
- Marked prices on water supplies and put electrical hardware up and marked
- Pushed up burn pile & cleaned it up
- Repaired poly cart
- Serviced the 07 GMC
- Cleaned up area around the shop
- Prepared the tractors for Snow & Ice melt
- Finished hooking up gas service at Museum
- Clean up front shop area
- Dug up water pit & disconnect line from meter
- Locates for Kansas Gas
- Changed out and install AMR meter at 217 E Second
- Hauled 300 gallons of water to the EMS site
- Repaired pot hole in the alley west of village
- Picked up banner and straightened up PVC Post
- Replaced stop sign at Randolph & Chestnut due to UPRR Contractor running it over
- Worked on Low Lift #2, Cleaned probes and re-primed
- Put new seat covers on #07 GMF Truck
- Fixed heater at Low Lift #2 and hauled off mud
- Took the bleacher back to #2 ball field
- Removed broken boards and rail road ties left by the UPRR Crew

Stodgell noted the new utility truck should be ready for delivery some time in February. Chief Smith will drive Craig Miller to Kansas City to pick up the truck.

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

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	11.10	Sales To Customers	10,961.59
Refuse	1,862.00	Water Protection Fee	28.38
Court Fines	695.00	Connect Fee	300.00
Dog Pickup Fee	20.00	Bulk Water Sales	1.15
ATV Permit	60.00	Penalties	796.77
Building Permit	5.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Donation	20.00	Employee Benefit Fund	
KS Sales Tax	4,276.19	Tax Disbursement	4,869.80
Tax Disbursement	32,625.02	Library Fund	
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,570.00	Tax Disbursement	1,996.96
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	141.31	Sewer Fund	
NSF	1,371.76	Sales To Customers	7,296.93
Dog Tag/Kennel Fees	80.00	Debt Collection Fee	8.05
Fire Mutual Aid	5,000.00	Special Highway Fund	
Debt Collection Fee	-	State Gasoline Tax	3,608.01
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	42,424.43	Sales Tax Receipts	1,191.28
LIEAP	1,249.28	Gross Sales	<u>124,062.52</u>
Connect Fees	221.13	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>11.00</i>
Overpaid	167.49	Gross Receipts	<u>124,073.52</u>
Fuel Adjustment	985.89	<i>Less:LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>103.43</i>
Light Rent	168.00	<i>Setoff Collection Fee</i>	<i>7.65</i>
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>562.28</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<u><i>100.00</i></u>
		Net Receipts	<u>123,300.16</u>

Council member Mueller moved to approve the purchase of a ½ page advertisement in the MVHS year book. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Evans relayed a request from Mitch Bolling asking to add a mail stuffer to the City utility bills. The Council declined to honor the request.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:03 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.