

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 1, 2019. Mayor Phillip Merkel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Elected Officials Present:</u>	
	<u>Council Members Present</u>	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
Phillip L. Merkel	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; Craig Miller, Asst. City Superintendent, Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Larry Ross, Jackie Walls, Rayna Kidd, Lee Roberts, Richard Luken, and Phillip Jarred.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lynes moved to approve the July 2019 consent agenda as follows:

- June 2019 Minutes
- June 2019 Petty Cash Report
- July 2019 Pay Ordinance totaling \$74,488.73
- June 2019 Utility Audit Trail Report
- June 2019 Certificate of Deposit Report

Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Rayna Kidd reported 53 children participated in the Library Summer Reading program and noted quite a few social groups are using the library facilities for their meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Budget Preparation and Review – Mr. Jarred presented the proposed budget for 2020. He noted the financial forecasts were based on data received for the first five months of 2019 compared to 2018 data. Data from Allen County shows the assessed property values in Moran have increased from \$1,540,287 to \$1,573,760. Accounting for an increase in the Consumer Price Index and property values the budget was set at 38.353 mills (up from 2018 rate of 38.012) with each mill bringing in \$1,574 in tax dollars.

Mr. Jarred reviewed income for 2018 and noted an increase in the City/County share of Sales Tax receipts due to construction of the windmills near Moran. He also noted Water receipts are down in the first five months of 2019, possibly due to increased rainfall this spring. Council member Lynes moved to adopt the 2020 Budget

as presented and to publish the proposed budget in the Iola Register. Council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with unanimous approval.

Council member Wallis moved the Mayor sign the 2019 Audit Engagement Letter and 2021 Budget Engagement Letter presented by Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips, PA. Lawson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Moran Museum – The Council discussed museum operations. No action was taken.

Utility Truck Bids – Assistant City Superintendent Miller presented a bid from American Equipment of \$44,445 for a 2020 GMC 2500HD utility truck with Reading Classic II service body. The Council discussed the age of the City bucket and digger derrick trucks and other utility vehicles. Council member Lynes moved to purchase the new utility truck from American Equipment as bid. Wallis seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

NEW BUSINESS

City Elections – Topic of Council Term Start Date and Mayoral Appointments was tabled until the August meeting.

Property Condition 203 S Elm St – Council reviewed a signed complaint from six families asking the City to declare the property at 203 S Elm as a blight to neighborhood and consider condemning the property. Chief Smith reported there are a number of properties in the City limits with structural issues. Discussion followed with the Council advising Chief Smith to cite properties with code violations.

Kansas Municipal Energy Proposed Lineman Crew – Superintendent Stodgell discussed Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) proposal to fund and staff a two man lineman crew to assist smaller cities with electrical system needs. Clerk Evans noted KMEA staff spoke with local cities on 6/19 to discuss funding the crew and have asked if their customers in our area; Moran, LaHarpe, Bronson, Blue Mound, and Prescott, would be willing to monetarily help support the crew for the first two years. The Council asked Clerk Evans to contact KMEA and ask for the specific dollar amount they would need from area cities. Topic was tabled until information is available.

Moran Day Ball Tournament – Council member Lawson moved to approve the request to use the ball fields for tournament at the park. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

KS Gas Service Bill Due Date – Clerk Evans informed the Council that KS Gas Service has recently installed new electronic read meters in town. Along with the new meters, KS Gas Service has changed their billing cycle with a new due date for payments. The City's new statement date for the past month is June 7 with a due date of June 25. The Clerk's office contacted KS Gas to see if they could change the City's billing cycle but they will not change the cycle date. Evans asked for approval to pay

this bill before monthly meetings to avoid penalty charges. The City currently pays two other bills before the meeting dates as they also are due before meeting dates. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the request with Lawson seconding the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported June was a quiet month and that volunteers assisted Moran Manor with their annual fireworks display.

Police Chief – Nothing to report.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of June 2019:

- Replaced photo cell on security lights at Cedar & Hill and Park & Oak
- Changed out electric meter for Craw-Kan and at 408 E. Second St.
- Ran new internet cable for the library
- Repaired security light at 54 Hwy by Pump-n-Pete's
- Set new security pole and anchor at Moran Locker
- Refused security light transformer at W. Front & Linn St.
- Replaced parking light on #1 Truck
- Filled in pot holes around town with cold patch
- 4 locates
- Dug up and located 6" water main for new potential Ambulance building
- Met with ISO at City Hall
- Tested 8 hydrants
- Reset stop sign at Randolph & Locust and at Cedar & Oak
- Mowed, trimmed and picked up limbs at Police/Library, City Shop, Moran Museum, Troxel Park, 54Fitness
- Sprayed for weeds at City Shop, Library/Police Office, sidewalks up town and pulled weeds out of the flower garden at Troxel Park
- Cut limbs that were low hanging from the storms at W. First, in the alley right of way at MV Housing, Second St, Franklin St, Church St, and Spruce St.
- Mowed the drainage ditch behind Marmaton Market
- Hauled dirt to Birch street for KS Gas
- Mowed Lagoons
- Replaced check valve spring at #2 Low Lift
- Rebuilt vac pump on #2 Low Lift
- Mowed, trimmed and picked up limbs and trash around both ball fields and the city park
- Replaced oil switch at the ball field due to bad motor
- Restocked bathrooms and dumped all trash cans
- Cut limbs off the swing at the park

Superintendent Stodgell reported the theft of fuel from the tanks at the City shop. Stodgell said the City crew has installed a surveillance camera should the thieves return.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Personal Service Insurance sent a note advising they could reduce coverage on the old library to \$75,000 with an annual cost of \$529 down from \$805. The Council agreed to discontinue insurance coverage for the property at 335 N Cedar St.

Evans reported income for the month of June 2019 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	6.36	Sales To Customers	10,638.18
Refuse	1,680.00	Water Protection Fee	28.23
Court Fines	1,694.00	Connect Fee	50.00
Franchise Fee	236.06	Bulk Water Sales	186.35
CMB License	10.00	Penalties	235.56
Tax Disbursement	20,432.36	Water Tower Fee	50.00
KS Sales Tax	4,909.08	Reimbursed Expense	80.55
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,080.00	Employee Benefit	
Interest Earned Checking/CD's	139.11	Tax Disbursement	1,692.37
Dog Tag	38.00	Library	
Building Permit	162.00	Tax Disbursement	1,230.07
Electric Fund		Sales Tax Fund	
Sales To Customers	35,058.01	Sales Tax Receipts	1,045.27
Connect Fee	49.14	Sewer Fund	
Reimbursed Expense	580.70	Sales To Customers	6,669.80
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Overpaid	970.54	Monthly Receipts	91,222.42
Fuel Adjustment	979.88	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>11.00</i>
Light Rent	157.50		<hr/>
		Adjusted Gross Receipts	91,233.42
		<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>423.99</i>
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>717.78</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>130.00</i>
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		Net Receipts	89,961.65

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.