

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 7, 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  
Corliss E. Lynes  
James A. Mueller  
Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

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

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Larry Toney, John Terry, Tony Grant, Joe Meiwes, and Donald Mann.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Smith moved to approve the November 2022 consent agenda as follows:

- October 2022 Minutes
- October 2022 Petty Cash Report
- November 2022 Pay Ordinance totaling \$64,180.36
- October 2022 Utility Audit Trail Report
- October 2022 Certificate of Deposit Report
- October 2022 Utility Billing and Use Report

Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**VISITORS**

Superintendent Stodgell introduced Tony Grant as a representative from Maguire Iron, Inc. Stodgell said he would like to have Maguire clean and inspect the City's water tower. Mr. Grant then presented a proposed service agreement with cleaning and inspecting done for \$7,400 and sets a schedule to inspect the City water tower every two years at a cost of \$1,850 per inspection. Council member Lynes moved the City accept the agreement as presented. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Donald Mann said he was present to discuss water service to his farm north west of Moran. Mayor Wallis noted this topic was scheduled later on the agenda as the Moran Council was going to discuss proposed changes to management of this account. Currently Public Wholesale Water Supply 5 (PWWS5) maintains and reads the water meter on Mr. Mann's property. The City of Moran has billed and collected for water used through his meter until just recently when PWWS5 staff chose to give this meter and service to Allen 16 Rural Water District as a customer. Discussion followed with Larry Toney inviting Mr. Mann to attend the PWWS5 board meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> to further discuss the matter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

KwiKom Communications – John Terry introduced himself as a representative for KwiKom and asked the Council to reconsider approving their proposed agreement that would allow KwiKom to use City electric poles to install communication equipment to provide network services to Moran residents. Mr. Terry noted the company does not have any immediate plans to build out service in Moran but they would like to make provisions for potential expansion. City staff expressed concern with allowing KwiKom to attach to City poles. Mr. Terry asked the City Attorney to review the proposed agreement with regards to the concerns noted by City staff. Discussion followed with no action taken.

Water Project Update – Nothing to report.

Moran Museum – Attorney Heim reported speaking the Debra Tynon and they agreed to execute a standard deed returning the property to the Siefker family. Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

School Crossing – The Council reviewed a letter received from Wayne Gudmonson with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) addressing concerns with the school cross walk. Mr. Gudmonson noted he had forwarded this matter for review in Topeka. The Council also reviewed solar cross walk signage the City could install if allowed. The topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Library Board Appointment – Mayor Wallis appointed Kay Lewis to fill the vacant position on the Moran Library Board. Council member Smith moved to approve the appointment. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Property Conditions at 103 S Pine St – Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Sewer Lagoon Operations – Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Year End Review of Salaries and Benefits – Topic was tabled until later in the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

PWWS5 Customer Billing – Topic addressed earlier in the meeting.

Appointment to Senior Center Board – Mayor Wallis appointed Nelda Cuppy to another three year term as Moran's representative on the Moran Senior Community Center board. Council member Lynes moved to approve the Mayor's appointment. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Animals in City Buildings – The Council discussed a concern voiced with animals being allowed in City buildings. After discussion the Council directed signs be posted allowing service animals only in City buildings.

Park Improvements – Mayor Wallis informed the Council that the Walnut Grove Card Club has sold their building on Nebraska Road and would like to donate \$3000.00 to the City of Moran to use toward replacing the main shelter house at the City Park. Mayor Wallis noted a building similar to the south shelter house would run \$3415.00 for a 24' x 26' x 7' building. The City would be responsible for the balance of the purchase price and other setup costs. Council member Bigelow moved to replace the shelter house upon receipt of the donated funds. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

2022 Scheduled Transfer of Funds – Council member Lynes moved to transfer the funds as set in the 2022 budget. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Allen County Thrive 2022 Awards Banquet – The Council discussed but took no action regarding attending topic.

Mayor Wallis shared an invitation from the Masonic Lodge inviting the Council, city staff, and volunteer fire fighters to an appreciation dinner on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Superintendent Stodgell presented an estimate to purchase a 2014 Freightliner digger derrick bucket truck from Altec Equipment for \$132,900. Stodgell said the truck has the equipment they need and noted Altec will repair and repaint all the rust spots on the truck. The truck would be ready for pick up sometime between mid-December and the first of the year. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the purchase of the truck. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Bigelow moved the Council meet in executive session for 15 minutes at 8:45 PM to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel as allowed by KSA 75-4319(b)(1). Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with unanimous approval. The Council returned to open meeting at 9:00 PM and the meeting resumed. No action was taken.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

- Did 4 locates for Northern pipeline
- Pulled up triplex and trim trees
- Checked voltage at 327 N. Pine
- Replaced a blown fuse, bird wire, and transformer cap in the alley at T. Perkins
- Load 2 35' poles and took them to Bronson and dropped off
- Washed shelter houses
- Marked out football field on #1 field
- Picked up trash and checked restrooms
- Cleaned up park
- Spoke with B. Mann regarding streets
- Cut brush on N. Chestnut, Chestnut & Church
- Hauled ash piles to the landfill and dirt with rock in it. B.Mann and concrete
- Replaced stop sign at the 4-way stop on Birch and Oak
- Cleaned out #1 Truck and restocked
- Mosquito sprayer service put away
- Did 8 locates for Northern Pipeline
- Exposed an 8" water main for contractors
- Marked prices on brass and put away

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

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	13.25	Sales To Customers	17,000.58
Refuse	2,016.00	Water Protection Fee	42.24
Court Fines	1,748.00	Connect Fee	375.00
Building Permit	150.00	Bulk Water Sales	120.52
KS Sales Tax	4,697.30	Penalties	590.27
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	860.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	67.69	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Dog Tag	4.00	Sales To Customers	7,096.50
Tax Disbursement-Gen	1,964.86	<b>Employee Benefit</b>	
<b>Library Fund</b>		Tax Disbursement	318.75
Tax Disbursement	125.00	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
<b>Electric Fund</b>		Sales Tax Receipts	1,191.37
Sales To Customers	44,670.91	<b>Special Hwy</b>	
Connect Fee	270.27	State Receipts	3,211.62
Overpaid	805.07	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<u>91,098.50</u>
Fuel Adjustment	1,672.30	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<u>10.67</u>
Light Rent	220.50	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<u>91,109.17</u>
Reimb Exp-Electric	1,205.50	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	716.32
Lieap Receipts	611.00	<i>Water Leak Credit</i>	90.00
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	510.10
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<u>110.00</u>
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<u>89,682.75</u>

Clerk Evans informed the Council that the City’s email hosting service agreement with GoDaddy.com will expire on November 10<sup>th</sup>. A three year extension for two email accounts will cost \$503.28. Council member Bigelow moved to extend the hosting service agreement with GoDaddy. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:03 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.