

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 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  
Corliss E. Lynes  
James A. Mueller  
Kristofor R. Smith

Council Members Absent

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Craig Miller, Fire Chief; Jerad Maley; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Johnson moved to approve the December 2023 consent agenda as follows:

- December 2023 Minutes
- December 2023 Petty Cash Report
- January 2024 Pay Ordinance - \$75,545.70 with budgeted transfers of \$94,700
- December 2023 Utility Audit Trail Report
- December 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report
- December 2023 Utility Billing and Use Report

Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

Chief Miller spoke with the Council about a problem the fire department was having with residents burning leaves and other prohibited items in their chimenea, burn pits, fire rings, or other outdoor fireplaces. Mayor Wallis asked attorney Heim how the City could restrict the burning of unapproved materials. Heim suggested the Council restrict burning to untreated wood or charcoal. Council member Kale moved the Council adopt the proposed restrictions for burning in chimenea, burn pits, fire rings, or other outdoor fireplaces. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

USD 256 Crosswalk – Topic was tabled until the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Water Project Update – Superintendent Stodgell reported Goins/AST returned to the project on November 27<sup>th</sup>. They have begun working in the Northeast area of town but have hit rock. If they have problems they will move to South Birch St until they can find a jackhammer large enough to break up the rock.

Tiny Home Ordinance – Council member Kale moved to adopt Ordinance 2033 titled *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER IV OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF*

*THE CITY OF MORAN, BY ADOPTING ARTICLE VII REGULATING TINY HOMES.*  
Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Building Permits – Council member Smith moved the City resume processing and issuing building permits for new home construction. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Substation Land Purchase – The Council discussed purchasing property from Don Mann just north of the intersection of Walnut and Locust St. No action was taken.

Water Project Easement – Topic was tabled until the January 2024 meeting.

Lead Service Line Inventory Reporting – Topic was tabled until the January 2024 meeting.

Year End Review of Salaries and Benefits – Council member Smith moved the Council meet in executive session at 7:56 PM for 10 minutes to discuss salaries and benefits pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, KSA 75-4319(b)(1). Kale seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving. The Council returned to open meeting at 8:05 PM. Council member Mueller moved that all employees receive a raise of \$1.00 per hour or the equivalent and to increase the monthly insurance stipend \$50.00 bringing the monthly stipend to \$560.00. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Based on the motion, employee pay for 2024 will increase as follows:

Mike Stodgell	\$ 24.25 to \$ 25.25 per hour
Craig Miller	\$ 23.00 to \$ 24.00 per hour
Lori Evans	\$ 20.70 to \$ 21.70 per hour
Jerad Maley	\$ 16.00 to \$ 17.00 per hour
Taeler Carr	\$ 13.75 to \$14.75 per hour
Shane Smith	\$ \$964.60 to \$1008.60 per week

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Annual Review of Moran Municipal Court Costs – No changes were made.

Librarian Update – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Teresa Smith has been hired for the Librarian position. The Council discussed and agreed to install lighted exit signs at the library and at City Hall.

Building Maintenance – The Council approved to replace a window in the clerk’s office with the understanding that all damaged wood will be replaced.

Culvert Purchase – Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that two culverts need replaced at the intersection of Church and Locust Streets. Stodgell presented a quote of \$5359.50 to purchase a 15” x 30’ and 18” x 30’ culvert to replace the damaged pipe. Council member Johnson moved to approve the purchase. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving

2024 KPERS Employer Rates – Clerk Evans informed the Council that the KPERS rate for employers will increase from 8.43% to 9.26% effective January 1, 2024.

2024 Cereal Malt Beverage Applications – Council member Lynes moved to approve issuing licenses to Pete’s of Erie, Inc. and The Marmaton Market. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Police Chief – Not present.

Superintendent – Stodgell submitted the following activity for the month of November :

- Changed out light bulbs at 54 Fitness
- Changed out electric meter at Ag Choice, 304 E Franklin, 209 E Church, 208 E Second, 103 E Second, 207 W Randolph, Apt 21, Apt 22 and 414 N Linn
- Changed out thermostat at Moran Library
- Measured out lots with Buddy Mann for the substation layout
- Trimmed tress over the electric lines at 730 N Cedar and 244 N Spruce
- Installed cylinder in the street sweeper
- Cleaned up tools and back shop
- Placed the covers over the score boards at the ball parks
- Winterized the concession stand and bathrooms
- Dumped trash cans and City and Troxel Park
- Hung Christmas lights
- Put out ice melt at 54 Fitness
- Cleaned out and straightened fence line
- Cleaned trees and brush out of roadside to burn pile
- Dug up 4" capped lateral sewer line in the alley between Locust and Oak
- Replaced 2" water meter at 323 N Pine
- Replaced bolts at 323 N Pine
- Replaced meter setter at 126 S Cedar

Superintendent Stodgell asked the Council to consider removing the trees on city property along the railroad right of way north of the intersection of Walnut and Locust St. Stodgell said he had spoken with Mike Maloney and he would remove the trees for \$2400.00. Topic was tabled until a final decision was made regarding the location of the substation.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans informed the Council that 2024 final budget for the City of Moran was adjusted down by the County from 31.917 to 31.645 mills to meet the Revenue Neutral Rate requirement.

Evans reported income for the month of November 2023 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	1.40	Sales To Customers	15,850.89
Refuse	1,803.75	Water Protection Fee	31.11
Court Fines	1,695.00	Connect Fee/ReConnect	125.00
Reimbursed Expense	51.00	Penalties	205.15
KS Sales Tax	5,909.06	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	800.00	Water Dock	155.35
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	434.42	Reimbursed Expense	70.40
Building Permit	1.00	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
FD Reimbursement Grant	3,130.00	Sales To Customers	6,680.40
<b>Electric Fund</b>		Reimbursed Expense	70.40
Sales To Customers	39,309.77	<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Connect/Reconnect Fees	98.28	Sales Tax Receipts	1,088.35
Overpaid	732.94	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<u>78,868.37</u>
Light Rent	220.50	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	11.05
Reimbursed Expense	354.20	<i>Water Project Acct Interest</i>	<u>1.22</u>
		<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>78,879.42</b>
		<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	1,066.46
		<i>EWAP Credits</i>	205.25
		<i>Utility Credits</i>	673.44
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<u>90.00</u>
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>76,844.27</b>

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Johnson moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.