

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2021. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Mayor</u> Jerry D Wallis	<u>Elected Officials Present:</u> <u>Council Members Present</u> William C. Bigelow Kenneth D. Kale Corliss E. Lynes James A. Mueller Kris R. Smith	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
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City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk.

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lynes moved to approve the April 2021 consent agenda as follows:

- March 2021 Minutes
- March 2021 Petty Cash Report
- April Pay Ordinance totaling \$161,608.54
- March 2021 Utility Audit Report
- March 2021 Certificate of Deposit Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

No business was brought before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) Energy Cost Recovery –The Council discussed various options to collect the additional energy costs that occurred due to the extreme cold weather in February. Options discussed were a fuel adjustment based on the overall cost divided by a set period of collection, i.e.: $\$197,953.33 \div 12$ months. Fuel adjustments would be calculated based on a customer's use for that set period. The Council discussed 12-24 month collection periods. Another fuel adjustment option was to charge a set amount of 2¢, 3¢, or 4¢ per kWh of use charged until the full amount is collected. Council member Mueller moved no fuel adjustment be charged to customers who pay their adjusted bill in full. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Smith moved to collect a fuel adjustment over an 18 month period with 1/18th of the unpaid balance added to each kWh used during the monthly period. The unpaid balance would be adjusted each month based on the actual dollar amounts collected during the period. This would include amounts collected from customers who chose to pay in full. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Water Project Update – Clerk Evans noted the low to moderate income survey was ongoing. Evans noted LMI surveys will be sent to residents who have not responded to the survey request. No other action was taken. Topic was tabled until the May meeting.

Property Reviews – Chief Smith reported he has spoken with the responsible party at 103 S St Pine and he has indicated he and his son will begin working on the property again when the school year ends. Smith also noted the a group of veterans and volunteers will work on the tearing down the storage shed at 316 W Church St and hope to have it down by the end of June.

Moran Museum – Superintendent Stodgell reported the group of volunteers that will take on the museum operations are currently working at the Covid Vaccination clinic at Iola. Topic was tabled until the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Emprise Bank Closing – The Council reviewed a notice from Emprise Bank advising they will close the Moran Branch effective June 25, 2021. Council member Bigelow moved the City contact local banks to see what services they could offer the City. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

American Rescue Plan Act – Clerk Evans reported the City should be receiving Stimulus funds in the near future. The Council discussed possible use of the funds. No action was taken.

Clerk Evans relayed a request from Barbara Lutz asking the City to consider opening the fitness center 24-7 instead of 5:00 AM to midnight. The Council discussed the request but declined to make any changes to the hours of operation.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith reported he would meet with Kaleb Stroud in the near future regarding ammunition needs for the department. Smith advised he had spoken with a few property owners and sent notice to some owners regarding their property conditions. Smith told the Council that he believed the City's purchase of the soccer goals were a good purchase as he's noticed the goals are being used quite a bit. He also noted the patrol vehicle and other equipment is working well.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell presented the following report for the month of March 2021:

- Replaced transformer @ 709 N Cedar
- Power outage at Franklin & Locust due to blown fuse
- Changed oil and filter in #4 2020 GMC Truck
- Changed oil and filter in Police Tahoe
- Cleaned out storm shelter's
- Dumped trash cans and picked up limbs
- Got Ball Park #2 ready for USD 256 Season
- Un-Winterized bathrooms at the park
- Cleaned up loose rock and trash @ Library after Ray's removed concrete pad

- Cleaned up curbing along Randolph
- Locates @ 308 N Spruce
- Cleaned out culverts around town during and after rain fall
- Put in new culvert @ 206 W. Church
- Alley rock @ 544 N. Cedar
- Blow inlet pipe going to Cell #1 Lagoon with 1000gal water
- Burnt brush pile at Lagoons & City Burn Pile
- Cleaned out sewer line @ 422 N. High
- Jeff with KRWA stopped by the look at the Lagoons
- Dug turtles out of led pipe at Lagoons #2 lift station dug rags out and replaced vac gauges (21 turtles total so far)
- Installed new toilet at City Library
- Replaced shut off valve in meter pit @ 229 S. Cedar
- Switched out water meters from B.Maley to M.Bolling
- Tilled dirt around water pit @ 644 N. Spruce
- Tapped water main and set up new water pit at Bolling's rental

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of March 2021:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	9.80	Sales To Customers	15,582.78
Refuse	1,987.00	Water Protection Fee	38.24
Court Fines	3,561.50	Connect Fee	150.00
Allen Co Tax Disbursement	3,951.25	Bulk Water Sales	118.73
KS Sales Tax	4,746.28	Penalties	1,226.03
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,020.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	43.18	Reimbursed Expense	121.16
Dog Tag	227.00	Sewer Fund	
License/Permit	150.00	Sales To Customers	8,333.40
Electric Fund		Employee Benefit Fund	
Sales To Customers	59,077.15	Allen Co Tax Disbursement	638.05
Connect Fee	270.27	Sales Tax	
Overpaid	627.75	Sales Tax Receipts	1,633.55
Fuel Adjustment	7.86	Gross Sales	104,290.81
Light Rent	178.50	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	9.96
Lieap Receipts	270.00	<i>Refund Check BOTA</i>	150.00
Debt Collection Fee	19.85	Gross Receipts	104,450.77
Library Fund		<i>Less:LIEAP Credit</i>	170.90
Allen Co Tax Disbursement	251.48	<i>Utility Credits</i>	605.42
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	140.00
		Net Receipts	103,534.45

Clerk Evans discussed needed computer software upgrades. Evans reported the City's QuickBooks 2018 software is being phased out due to newer versions being released. Additional concerns are with the current Office 2010 software as Microsoft has discontinued support for this version. Evans will present software pricing at a future meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

