

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2020. 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

James A. Mueller

Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

Corliss E. Lynes

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Jessica Sager, Zach Osborn, Loren Korte, Matt Korte, Elmore Patterson, Rick Trester, and Hannah Trester. Mitch Bolling arrived shortly after the meeting began.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Mueller moved to approve the November 2020 consent agenda as follows:

- October 2020 Minutes
- October 2020 Petty Cash Report
- November 2020 Pay Ordinance totaling \$94,373.99
- October 2020 Utility Audit Trail Report
- October 2020 Certificate of Deposit Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

### **VISITORS**

Jessica Sager introduced herself and Zack Osborn as representatives for CDL Electric. Zack Osborn discussed federal tax credits for utility customers looking to switch to solar power. Mr. Osborn discussed net metering and equipment costs. He estimated a new solar power system is generally rated for 25 years use with a return on investment in 5-9 years. Discussion followed with Jessica Sager encouraging the City to contact their company should the City have any questions regarding the solar power options. Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Hannah Trester and Rick Trester were present regarding their payment arrangement with the City. Clerk Evans advised the Trester's were making payment as approved by the Council at the September meeting. The Council will review the account status at the December meeting.

Loren Korte was present representing the Allen County Regional Hospital Board of Trustees. He introduced Elmore Patterson as the new hospital administrator for Saint Luke's Health System. Mr. Patterson discussed plans to upgrade hospital services to

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compete with local hospitals. He also discussed the Moran Clinic and noted Saint Luke's plans to continue operations of the Clinic. Discussion followed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Solar Energy Incentives – Topic addressed earlier in the meeting. Attorney Heim said he would speak with KMEA representatives regarding metering options. Mayor Wallis expressed concern with revenue losses. Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Moran Museum – Superintendent Stodgell said volunteers were going to hold a planning meeting in November. Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

City Storm Drainage – Topic was tabled until the March 2021 meeting.

Library Improvements – Topic was tabled until the March 2021 meeting.

Water Project – The Council reviewed estimated costs for the project and a project map provided by Stuart Porter. The Council discussed projected monthly increases to water rates to fund the project. Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

Year End Review – Mayor Wallis suggested the Council meet in executive session. Council member Smith moved the Council recess into executive session to discuss matters relating to employer-employee negotiations as the year comes to an end for 10 minutes at 8:36 PM. The Council returned to open meeting at 8:46 PM, no action was taken. Topic was tabled until the December meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2020 Scheduled Transfer of Funds – Council member Bigelow moved that fund transfers be made as shown in the 2020 Budget. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed with all approving.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Mayor Wallis presented a request from Chief Miller to purchase a set of turn out gear and boots for one volunteer and a Motorola portable radio. Estimated cost for the gear and boots is \$2800 and \$920 for the radio. Bigelow moved to approve the purchase as requested. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Police Chief – Chief Smith was not present.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that the back hoe is needing repairs that are covered under warranty. The City will be responsible for a service call. Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of October:

- Picked up dirt around new pole at shop
- Set new pole behind Mason building
- Cut tree limbs down, dropped off pole and cut new triplex for 104 S. Linn
- Put up new service at 228 N. Spruce
- Located and replaced a pole at 104 S. Linn
- Tree limb tore down triplex and broke pole at meter mask at City Shop

- Repaired security lights at Randolph & Spruce- west side of American Legion, Randolph & Cedar, Park & Oak, North of football field along 54 HWY
- Replaced fuse at 220 N. Birch
- Cut up and hauled away brush from broken tree at City Shop
- Set pole and moved underground hook up power at back shop
- Fitness Center- purchased 2 mats from Orschlens and dropped off
- Power washed backhoe, dump truck and 3033 R J. Deere
- Marked and called in locates on N. Pine & Sycamore
- Moved equipment out of front shop for paint protection
- PWWD#5 checked on a water leak
- Changed out water meter at 503 E. Second
- Put down 2lbs ice melt at water dock
- Marked locates and talked with home owner on E. Second about fence
- Mowed property at 203 S. Elm
- Mowed, trimmed at 54 Fitness Center and picked up trash
- Cut tree limbs out of street area
- Chip and sealed street x 34 blocks
- Mowed W. Second drainage ditch south of First St, north side of Walnut and Ball Park & Lagoons
- Turned heaters on at both lift stations
- Worked on dump truck lift valve
- Dug out beaver dams at Lagoons and hauled them off
- Dumped trash cans at Troxel Park and City Park
- Shut water off for a leak at City Park
- Winterized park bathrooms

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of October 2020 as follows:

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Charges For Services	17.90	Sales To Customers	14,700.14
Refuse	1,846.00	Water Protection Fee	40.73
Court Fines	1,207.00	Connect Fee	125.00
Reimbursed Expense	40.00	Bulk Water Sales	323.27
Miscellaneous Receipts	20.10	Penalties	633.06
KS Sales Tax	5,043.02	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovvpd	860.00	Reimbursed Expense	237.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	48.71	<b>Employee Benefit</b>	
Tax Disbursement	3,394.87	Tax Disbursement	471.06
<b>Sales Tax</b>		<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Sales Tax Receipts	1,351.76	Sales To Customers	7,611.13
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Special Highway</b>	
Sales To Customers	47,776.17	State Gas Receipts	3,415.05
Connect Fee	122.85	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>90,406.99</b>
Overpaid	674.83	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.65</i>
Light Rent	178.50	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>90,417.64</b>
<b>Library Fund</b>		<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>179.80</i>
Tax Disbursement	218.84	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>432.25</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>100.00</i>
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>89,705.59</b>

Clerk Evans shared an invitation to the Council from Thrive inviting the Council to attend their annual awards dinner. Evans also reported Thrive has indicated they have ordered the requested equipment using Spark funds.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Bigelow, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:13 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

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