

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

	Elected Officials Present:	
<u>Mayor</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; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Larry Ross, Lee Roberts, and Richard Luken reporting for the Iola Register.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Bigelow moved to approve the October 2019 consent agenda as follows:

- September 2019 Minutes
- September 2019 Petty Cash Report
- October 2019 Pay Ordinance totaling \$72,248.50
- September 2019 Utility Audit Trail Report
- September 2019 Certificate of Deposit Report

Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

No business was brought before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Property/Code Violations – Council member Lynes moved the City adopt and publish resolution 2019-03 setting a time and hearing date on November 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM regarding the property conditions at 203 S Elm St. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

The Council then reviewed the progress made by the property owners given until October 7th to bring their properties into compliance with City Code. Chief Smith said, he had heard the owner of 527 N Pine St wanted to keep a portion of the house for storage purposes. Smith noted the properties at 404 N Park St, 103 S Pine St, and 403 N Spruce St still needed work to bring them up to City Code. The Council agreed to send letters to the property owners above in addition to the owner of 527 N Pine St to request the owners meet with the Council at the November 4th meeting to discuss their properties.

Moran Museum – Superintendent Stodgell reported the City crew would order and install gas heaters for the museum. He also noted he would contact Loren Korte

and a few other residents to see if they might be interested in displaying their Moran memorabilia.

Charter Ordinance 9 – Council member Wallis moved the City adopt Charter Ordinance 9 *A Charter Ordinance Exempting The City Of Moran, Kansas, From The Provisions Of K.S.A. 15-201, Relating To The Election Of Officers, Their Terms Of Office, Transitions To November Elections, The Filling Of Governing Body Vacancies, And Nomination Petitions; And, Providing Substitute And Additional Provisions On The Same Subject; And Repealing All Conflicting Parts Of Charter Ordinance No. 3 And Charter Ordinance No. 8.* Council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Charter Ordinance 9 will be published twice on consecutive weeks in the Iola Register and filed with the Kansas State Treasurer following a 60 day petition period.

Fitness Equipment Bid – The Council discussed purchasing a recumbent stepper as quite a few members have requested the City consider purchasing this type of machine for the fitness center. The Council reviewed a bid from Elite Equipment for a Spirit CRS800 with a cost of \$2600.00 and a Spirit MS300 for \$3738.00. The Council discussed the benefits of new versus used equipment and the difference between the Spirit machines. Council member Bigelow moved to purchase the Spirit CRS800 from Elite Equipment for \$2600.00 plus \$500.00 delivery and installation. Wallis seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

NEW BUSINESS

Moran Senior Center Board Appointment – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Nelda Cuppy represents the City of Moran on the Senior Center advisory board and that her term ends December 31, 2019. Mayor Merkel asked Clerk Evans to reach out to Nelda to see if she would be willing to continue representing Moran on the Senior Center board.

Public Wholesale Water Supply 5 Annual Meeting October 10, 2019 – Topic was placed on the agenda for Council reminder. No action was taken.

Year End Review – Council member Smith moved the City host a holiday party for City employees and volunteer firefighters catered by Big Creek Market on November 13th with November 6th an alternative date. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the proposed 2020 Council Calendar as presented. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Chief – Chief Merkel reported the department had two calls in September, one a structure fire which was a total loss and one truck fire.

Police Chief – Nothing to report.

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

Checked voltage at the park for Moran Day
 Set pole and anchor
 Wired up electric meter can at 303 S. Pine
 Mowed, trimmed-Park, Troxel Park, Library, City Shop
 Stocked bathrooms for Moran Day
 Sprayed flower bed at Troxel Park
 Picked up limbs at the park
 Sprayed weeds at ball fields and park
 Went over auto read meter equipment information
 Installed auto read meters (done)

Dug up water tap at South Pine
 Cleaned up curb on the south side of the Locker on Hill Street
 Sprayed for Mosquitos x4
 Cut studs off of concrete at new library
 Repaired security lights at the school and behind city hall
 Prepared detour, mowed, trimmed, sprayed for Moran Day
 Replaced electric meter at 135 W. Church
 Resealed gasket on vac tank
 Brush hogged Sewer Lagoons and 416 Birch
 Dug up sewer connection on S. Pine

Superintendent Stodgell reported the 4” water meter serving Rural Water District No. 12 is not registering correctly and asked for approval to replace the meter, meter pit, and valve. Stodgell said the cost would be \$2073.00 for an electronic read meter plus \$296.00 for the meter pit and valve. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the purchase as requested. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Stodgell reported the City has found a flooding issue affecting residents on S Elm St. Stodgell requested approval for Mann Construction to clean the ditches in the affected area and a few other ditches needing cleaned. Stodgell estimated the ditch work needed would run \$1000.00. Council member Bigelow moved to approve the request. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

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

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	13.40	Sales To Customers	11,212.62
Refuse	1,838.00	Water Protection Fee	31.12
Court Fines	2,112.00	Reimbursed Expense	199.44
Reimbursed Expense	760.40	Connect Fee	275.00
KS Sales Tax	5,098.55	Penalties	1,233.40
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,060.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CD's	124.48	Sales Tax Fund	
Dog Tag	24.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1,420.73
Tax Disbursement	7,939.75	Employee Benefit Fund	
Building Permit	20.00	Tax Disbursement	1,731.55
Electric Fund		Sewer Fund	
Sales To Customers	52,058.59	Sales To Customers	7,283.03
Reimbursed Expense	75.27	Reimbursed Expense	38.76
Overpaid	442.79	Monthly Receipts	97,294.32
Fuel Adjustment	1,522.03	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>11.00</i>
Light Rent	157.50	Gross Receipts	97,305.32
Connect Fee	49.14	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>449.41</i>
Library Fund		<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>622.90</i>
Tax Disbursement	522.77	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>100.00</i>
		Net Receipts	96,133.01

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Bigelow moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:18 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approval Date:
 November 4, 2019