

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 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

Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

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

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Jerad Maley, Megan Meiwes, Alisha Turner, and David Ramsey.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Mueller moved to approve the March 2023 consent agenda as follows:

- March 2023 Minutes with corrections to the monthly labels.
- March 2023 Petty Cash Report
- April 2023 Pay Ordinance totaling \$102,537.89
- March 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report
- March 2023 Utility Audit Trail Report
- March 2023 Utility Billing and Use Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Megan Meiwes appeared before the Council as a representative of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Ms. Meiwes discussed CASA services and asked Mayor Wallis to sign a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Council member Smith moved Mayor Wallis sign the proclamation as presented. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Review 421 N High St – David Ramsey addressed the Council and voiced his opposition to the City taking action regarding the condition of his property. Mr. Ramsey then left the meeting without discussing the Council's concerns. Clerk Evans noted all utilities were disconnected when the account became delinquent. The Council discussed the property condition and the lack of utilities. Council member Johnson moved a draft resolution be prepared for Council review at the May meeting. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Water Project Update – The pre-construction meeting was held with Goins Enterprises, Inc. advising they planned to begin work on April 17th. Council member Lynes

moved the City request an easement from Allen County and the Baptist Church with plans to build a new water line just north of their buildings. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

54 Fitness A/C – Clerk Evans informed the Council that Gratz Peters sent a member of his HVAC staff to check out the A/C unit at the fitness center. A freon leak was found in one of the units and was repaired on March 31st. The unit was checked again on Thurs. morning and it was still holding freon. As the building is still so cold, they cannot really check the efficiency of the unit but noted they will return when the weather warms up to check on the unit.

City Hall Office Hours – The Council discussed adjusting the Clerk’s office hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM to match the City crew’s work schedule. The Clerk’s office will take ½ hour lunch breaks to keep a 40 hour work week. Council member Kale moved to approve the change in hours. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with Kale, Johnson, and Smith approving. Council members Mueller and Lynes abstained from the vote.

Speed Trailer Purchase – Chief Smith noted he will be attending training in Emporia from the 4th – 6th and he will visit with vendors present at the training. He believes the City might receive donations to help offset the cost of the equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Board Appointments – Topic was tabled to May to allow the Library board additional time to confirm their candidates will serve another term on the board.

City Insurance Policy Review – The Council reviewed the policy charges and did not request additional information.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith informed the Council that he will follow up with pet owners who have not tagged their pets. He will also begin reviewing properties that may be in violation of Moran City Code.

Superintendent – Stodgell reported the following work done during March 2023:

- Dug trench and ran conduit for electric at new shelter house
- Repaired electric lines at Ag. Choice
- Changed light fixtures to LED fixtures in Concession Stand
- Cut tree limbs out of primary and triplex lines at E. Church Alley, behind 323 N. Locust
- Repaired security lights
- Talked with Ken Kale on City Park new shelter house
- South Linn
- Ordered a steering box pump for the dump truck
- 207 W Randolph
- Worked on JD 3033R Lights
- Spruce & Walnut
- Looked for hydro leak on 91 GMC
- Walnut & Cedar
- Replaced hydro fittings on bucket truck
- Cedar & 54(High School parking lot)
- Greased the backhoe and front loader
- South Linn
- Cut trees out of primary lines at E. Walnut

- Power washed and striped paint off old bleachers, dug out boards at field #2
- Cut limbs off shelter house area
- Picked up broken limbs from City Parks
- Raked up weeds around #2 Field home dug out and pulled dirt away from back stop
- Welded up gate rod for #2 ball field
- Turned on water to concession stand and bathrooms
- Set up Soccer Goals
- Talked with Buddy Mann about street repair
- Repaired alley behind bank and back 40
- Repaired edge in the 300 block of Spruce St for drainage
- Power washed #1 lift station and winterized
- Checked sludge depth on all 3 cells at the Lagoons
- Flushed out inlet pipe on Cell 1 with fire truck
- Repaired water leak at 744 N Cedar
- Filled in dirt around water meter 744 N Cedar
- Met with Rusty Newman of Pete's Corp about water project and house south of Pete's
- Marked waterline valves

Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that he has spoken with the County Public Works Director and he has said his crew will be able to help the City chip and seal City streets this year.

Mayor Wallis informed the Council the new shelter house has been installed and concrete work will begin soon.

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of March 2023:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	6.25	Sales To Customers	16,016.19
Refuse	2,127.19	Water Protection Fee	32.63
Court Fines	1,433.00	Connect/Reconnect Fees	460.00
Reimb Exp	80.00	Penalties	736.79
KS Sales Tax	4,940.75	Bulk Water Sales	52.80
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,325.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	64.27	Sewer Fund	
Tax Disbursement	3,396.45	Sales To Customers	7,407.81
Dog Tag/Kennel Fee	414.00	Library Fund	
ATV/Golf Cart Permits	90.00	Tax Disbursement	258.26
Capital Improvements		Employee Benefit Fund	
Donation-Walnut Grove Card Club	3,001.73	Tax Disbursement	604.73
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	46,305.78	Sales Tax Receipts	1,255.32
Connect Fee	73.71	Gross Sales	95,450.23
Overpaid	2,288.02	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	9.97
Lieap Receipts	1,830.36	Gross Receipts	95,460.20
Fuel Adjustment	97.09	<i>Less:LIEAP Credit</i>	1,718.96
Light Rent	210.00	<i>Utility Credits</i>	564.86
Reimbursed Expense	728.23	<i>Setoff Fee</i>	198.18
Debt Collection Fee	163.87	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	140.00
		Net Receipts	92,838.20

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Kale, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:09 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.