

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2021. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor

Jerry D. Wallis

Council Members Present

William C. Bigelow

Kenneth D. Kale

Corliss E. Lynes

James A. Mueller

Kristofor R. Smith

Council Members Absent

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

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts and Stuart Porter representing Schwab Eaton via Zoom.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 2020 Minutes
- December 2020 Petty Cash Report
- January 2021 Pay Ordinance totaling \$69051.89
- December 2020 Utility Audit Trail Report

Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

No business was brought before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project – The Council reviewed the Preliminary Engineering report and discussed cost saving measures with hopes to reduce projected costs of the water project. One item mentioned was to remove the proposed maintenance to the water tower. Removing this line item would reduce the project total by \$102,000.00. The Council then spoke with Stuart Porter about their concerns. Mr. Porter advised the Council that he thought the City would be better served to utilize the loan funds for the water tower maintenance due to low interest rates on the loan. He said he believes the City should conserve funds on hand for unknown needs that may occur in the future. After much discussion, Council member Bigelow moved the City adopt a tiered rate increase over a three year period with meter rates increasing \$2.50 and use rates increasing .50 cents per 1000 gallons for three consecutive years. After the third year of increase the monthly meter rate for a 5/8" water meter will increase from \$13.00 to \$20.50 and use rates will increase from \$6.50 to \$8.00 per 1000 gallons of use. Kale seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Lynes moved to adopt the preliminary engineering plans as presented by Mr. Porter. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. A proposed ordinance will be available for Council review at the February meeting.

Solar Energy Incentives – Topic was tabled until the February meeting.

Moran Museum – Topic was tabled until the February meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE

Council members Kenneth Kale, Kristofor Smith, and William Bigelow took their oath of office.

NEW BUSINESS

Moran Pride Resolution 2021-01 – Council member Mueller moved the City adopt and Mayor Wallis sign Resolution 2021-01 supporting the Moran Pride Group. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

IRS 2021 Mileage Rates – Council member Mueller moved to set the City's mileage reimbursement rate to match the IRS approved rate of .56 cents per mile. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

2021 Dog Tag Clinic – Council member Bigelow moved the City sponsor a pet vaccination clinic in March as they have done in years past pending Covid 19 restrictions. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Copier/Printer Maintenance Agreement – Clerk Evans reported Modern Copy System quoted \$750.00 to continue the annual maintenance agreement. Council member Kale moved to renew the copier/printer maintenance agreement with Modern Copy System. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with Mueller, Smith, and Lynes approving with Bigelow abstaining from the vote. The December pay ordinance total will increase by \$750.00 to \$69,801.89.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith had no issues to report for the department. He did note the patrol vehicle is running well.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell reported the City had a 4 hour electrical outage on January 1st due to a broken electric pole. The City crew replaced the broken pole and restored services.

Stodgell informed the Council that a numbers of trees need cleared and cleaned up around the City sewer lagoons. Stodgell submitted a bid of \$1800 to \$2400 from Ray Maloney to remove and clean up the trees at the lagoons. Stodgell also asked the Council to consider having Maloney break up and removed the concrete pad north of the Library. Maloney estimated a cost of \$800 to \$1200 to remove the concrete and backfill the affected area. Council Mueller moved to have Maloney remove the trees at the lagoon. Lynes seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Mueller moved to have Maloney break up and remove the concrete at the Library. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of December :

- Pulled up electric line service at 103 S Pine
- Replaced fuse due to electric outage at 304 S Cedar
- Talked with Craw-Kan about new fiber crossing on Second Street
- Picked up limbs and hauled to burn pile
- Hauled 6 loads of ash & dirt to landfill + 3 loads
- Located sewer mains & services at 544 N Cedar, 214 S Pine & US Hwy 54
- Took dump truck to landfill with a load of trash
- Cut trees & piled up brush at the Lagoons by the Creek
- Worked on corner post at Lagoons
- Cut limbs & trees out of fence at lagoons
- Dug up & replaced meter setter and pit at 644 N Spruce
- Dug up 4" water main by 104 S Sycamore to cap service line
- Checked on gas company on new main
- Removed water meter at Moran Locker
- Read over water project information
- Got new tires for #1 Truck 07 GMC

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of December 2020:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	11.35	Sales To Customers	11,880.60
Refuse	1,922.00	Water Protection Fee	30.54
Court Fines	525.00	Re Connect Fee	75.00
Reimbursed Expense	5.00	Bulk Water Sales	35.22
CMB License	50.00	Penalties	368.53
KS Sales Tax	10,303.51	Water Tower Fee	50.00
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	860.00	Connect Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	48.67	Sewer Fund	
ATV Permit	30.00	Sales To Customers	6,946.83
Franchise	206.01	Sales Tax	
Electric Fund		Sales Tax Receipts	1,011.63
Sales To Customers	34,944.39	Gross Sales	70,436.44
Connect Fee	147.42	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>10.66</i>
Overpaid	392.18	Gross Receipts	70,447.10
Reimbursed Expense	406.06	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>233.67</i>
Light Rent	136.50	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>466.00</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>233.67</i>
		Net Receipts	69,513.76

Clerk Evans noted quite a few utility payments were late in December due to mail delays and other factors. Council member Mueller moved to waive the late penalty for Moran Manor. Bigelow seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council member Mueller moved to waive the late penalty for USD 256. Lynes seconded the motion with Mueller, Lynes, and Kale approving. Bigelow and Smith abstained from the vote. Letters will be mailed advising the late charges have been waived for this one occurrence.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Bigelow, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.