

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2025. 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

Lee Roberts

Nancy Houk

James A. Mueller

Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Joe Stotler, City Crew; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Taeler Carr, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Brent & Sarah Aiello and children, Ty Gable, Connie Houk, Kyle Spielbusch, CPA

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Johnson moved to approve the May 2025 consent agenda as follows:

- April 2025 Minutes
- April 2025 Petty Cash Report
- May 2025 Pay Ordinance totaling \$130,972.49
- April 2025 Certificate of Deposit Report

Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

- April 2025 Special Meeting Minutes- Council member Houk moved to approve the minutes, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Kyle Spielbusch with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips presented the annual audit to the council.

Brent and Sarah Aiello asked if the council would consider following with the new State of Kansas Firework selling dates and allow them to sell from June 20, 2025 to July 7, 2025. After a brief discussion with the council, council member Houk motioned to change the current ordinance to reflect the new dates, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Ty Gable with Twist & Turn Gymnastics was here asking the council if they new of any open lots for sell or if the possibly had any they would be interested in selling for them to be able to expand the gym.

Connie Houk was present to let the council know that a member of the City Crew had pulled onto one of her properties and left ruts. The crew member was replacing a fuse in

a transformer to restore power. After having a conversation with the council, they agreed to bring in some dirt for Ms. Houk when it dries up to help fix the ruts.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Water Project- J. Stotler reported that AST was getting things wrapped up in town and were preparing to tie in to the new service line at Pete's as well as start the process of boring under the highway and laying lines to get the north properties tied in as well.
- B. Annual Insurance Policy Update- Council member Johnson motioned to approve the City to purchase a work comp line of insurance for the Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$1,003.00, which will cover the Fire Department should they assist with City tasks, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed 4-0 with council member Roberts abstaining due to his affiliation with the Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Quotes for Pole Project-** J. Stotler let the council know that he reached out to KMEA and CDL to get quotes for replacing some poles in town. After reviewing the quotes and a discussion council member Mueller motioned to move forward with CDL, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. J. Stotler also asked the council for approval to purchase 16 cross arms for the pole project as well in the amount of \$1,753.72, council member Smith motioned to approve the crossarm purchase, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.
- B. **54 Fitness Equipment Request & Past Due Notice Responses-** Clerk Carr asked if the council would be willing to purchase a new exercise ball, weight belt and new bands as they have all been requests from members, council member Smith motioned to approve the purchase, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Clerk Carr let the council know that she and Clerk Goodman had sent out past due notices to some of the previous members, some of the notices are from 2017 to present, there have been a few issues collecting however 20 past due accounts have been made current. The council appreciated the efforts of the office and approved of them to continue to collect past due amounts.
- C. **Chip & Seal-** J. Stotler let the council know that the County would be in town to mill up 2 blocks on E. Oak, S. Cottonwood and High Street within the next couple of weeks. Stotler also asked about having Buddy Mann come into town and fix a couple of issues before the Chip & Seal project took place, council member Smith motioned to approved B. Mann to fix the road issues prior to Chip & Seal, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

- D. **City Maintenance Advertisement** – After discussion, council member Smith motioned to have the clerk’s office submit an ad to the Lola Register and post on the City’s Facebook Page and Website advertising for a Maintenance Crew member, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.
- E. **Change Order 5 & Pay App #15-** Council member Johnson motioned to accept change order #5 for the Water Project in the amount of \$81,454 in additional project costs, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.
Council member Smith motioned to approve Pay App #15, disbursement #7, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.
- F. **Library Appointment-** Mayor Wallis appointed Kay Lewis to the Library Board, Council member Mueller motioned to accept the appointment, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith let the Council know he had the office send out mow and trimming notices. He also noted that he will be sending out problematic tree notices. All of his equipment is working great and with school ending wanted to remind everyone to be more cautious of the kiddos around town.

Maintenance – J. Stotler asked the council for approval to purchase 6 direct burial splice connectors from lightingsupply.com, council member Mueller motioned to approve the purchase, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

After some discussion about the amount of cold patch needed, council member Houk motioned to approve to let J. Stotler spend up to \$1200.00 on cold patch material, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Stotler let the council know that he received a call about the tamper Mr. Miller had previously sent off to be fixed, the quote for refurbish is \$1400.00, and a new one is \$2500.00. He also let them know that there was a second tamper that needed some repair work done as well. After some discussion, council member Mueller motioned to have the first tamper repaired and receive a quote for the second one, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

J. Stotler let the council know that he had been putting squirrel cages up on transformers hoping to prevent further random outages. He also noted the 2007 GMC had an oil leak in the main seal in the motor. After discussion the council advised to

City Clerk – Clerk Carr reported income for the month of April as follows:

Cash Receipts For the Month Ending April 30, 2025			
General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	-	Sales To Customers	15,421.41
Refuse	1,967.25	Water Protection Fee	29.82
Court Fines	621.00	DebtCollection	36.40
KS Sales Tax	7,159.89	Bulk Water Sales	65.16
Donation-Tpark Signs	63.00	Penalties	458.15
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,300.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	1,060.07	Sewer Fund	
Building Permit	-	Sales To Customers	7,134.16
NSF	1,607.06	Sales Tax	
Kennel Fee	80.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1,248.20
Dog Tag	227.00	Gross Sales	89,691.81
Electric Fund		<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>498.35</i>
Sales To Customers	44,658.59	Gross Receipts	90,190.16
Connect Fee	-	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>303.86</i>
Overpaid	718.52	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>1,095.01</i>
Light Rent	252.00	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>180.00</i>
Lieap Receipts	901.36	Net Receipts	88,611.29
Reimbursed Expense	1,642.50		
DebtCollection	120.68		
Sp Hwy			
Special Highway Receipts	2,869.59		

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