

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 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

Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

James Mueller

Nancy Houk

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

Visitors Present: Andersyn Carr & Sophia Heim with Marmaton Valley FFA, Anna Cole; Marla Hough; Michelle S.; Pastor Marsha Mitchell all with Hope Chapel Assembly of God Church, Ty & Lydia Gable with Twist & Turn Gymnastics, Camille Lavon with Thrive Allen County

BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Wallis opened the hearing for the 2026 Budget at 7:00 PM and called for comments. No comments were voiced and the public hearing was closed at 7:05 PM. Council member Johnson moved the Council adopt the 2026 budget as published in the Iowa Register on July 19, 2025. Roberts seconded the motion; motion carried with all approving.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Smith moved to approve the August 2025 consent agenda as follows:

- July 2025 Minutes
- July 2025 Petty Cash Report
- August 2025 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 101,789.28
- July 2025 Certificate of Deposit Report

Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Hope Chapel – The ladies present with Hope Chapel came to speak about their vision for the building they have in town they currently use for kid's club. They are rebranding the building as a non-profit secondhand boutique style retail shop. The ladies are hoping it will bring a sense of life to the town as well as give local residents and visiting out of towners a little spot to stop and shop.

MV FFA- Andersyn and Sophia asked the council if they could help do some clean up projects at the park before the annual Moran Day Celebration. The council said that would be greatly appreciated, the FFA Officers will be in communication with J. Stotler about the projects.

Twist & Turn Gymnastics- Ty and Lydia Gable came to see if the Council had any updates on the survey being done for the property purchase south of the old library. The Council did not have any updates as the survey had not been completed at this time.

Thrive Allen County- Camille Lavon is the new Director of Economic Development with Thrive Allen County, she came to introduce herself to the Council and let them know she would like to do some in City Hall office hours to better educate herself on the City of Moran and our needs. After a brief discussion, Camille will be in Moran at City Hall on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 to talk with members of the community, tour the City and see what the town's priorities are.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Update- J. Stotler let the Council know that the water project was officially finished. There are a few beautification spots that need attention however the project itself is complete.

Substation Update- Clerk Carr noted that she spoke with KMEA Rep Tyson McGreer and he said they would like to start the concrete work this fall. As of now we are still waiting for the survey to be complete so KMEA can start construction.

Property Purchase- Tabled until next meeting

Application Reviews- Council member Roberts motioned to have 10minute executive session at 7:51pm, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

The council returned to regular session at 8:01pm.

The council instructed the clerk's office to contact K. Endicott to see if there was still interest in the position as a previous applicant, if so set up an interview. The Council also asked to have interviews set up with R. Lickteig and K. Depaola, as well as any others who brought in an application between now and the night of the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Vehicle Permits- After a lengthy discussion about SVP's council member Johnson motioned to lower the annual permit cost to \$15.00 beginning January 1, 2026, after no second the motion died. Council member Roberts motioned to lower the annual permit to \$20.00 beginning January 1, 2026, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith let the council know that he found the water hydrant by the ball park concession stand had been messed with and left on. He told them that there is now a padlock on the hydrant.

Smith also let the council know that he would be getting pricing on the school crosswalk batteries, as they are getting to be older and possibly outdated. There isn't a rush as they are working just fine for now, however getting pricing would be a good idea.

Maintenance – J. Stotler asked the Council if he could send off the 2nd Hydraulic Tamper to be repaired, the cost is \$1400.00. After a brief discussion council member Smith motioned to repair the tamper, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

J. Stotler passed his water test and received his certification. Council member Johnson motioned to give Stotler a \$1.00 per hour raise, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Stotler let the Council know that after meeting with a representative with MKCoop about our lagoon issue, he was advised to do a round of chemical treatments, the 1st treatment would be 30 gallons followed up with a 2nd treatment 3 weeks later costing \$14,000.00, council member Smith motioned to approve the treatment plan, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Stotler was also approached by a council member about a Zero Turn lawn mower, and was asked to bring quotes to the meeting. Stotler received feedback from only one dealer, no action was taken.

There was a brief discussion about what to do with the 2007 GMC truck as far as trade it off, fix it or purchase a new truck. No action was taken.

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

Cash Receipts For the Month Ending July 31, 2025			
General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	-	Sales To Customers	17,081.44
Refuse	2,032.50	Water Protection Fee	35.59
Court Fines	1,999.50	Reimb Exp	315.00
KS Sales Tax	7,151.64	Bulk Water Sales	95.29
NSF Check	140.17	Penalties	367.46
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,025.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	960.75	Debt Collection Fee	20.60
Building Permit	65.00	Sewer Fund	
Donation	300.00	Sales To Customers	7,496.11
Reimbursed Expense	-	Sales Tax	
Franchise Tax	100.00	Sales Tax Receipts	1,618.35
Dog Pickup Fee	60.00	Gross Sales	100,600.04
Dog Tag	4.00	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>487.65</i>
Electric Fund		Gross Receipts	101,087.69
Sales To Customers	56,981.24	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>888.03</i>
Connect Fee	210.35	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>651.58</i>
Overpaid	101.55	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>150.00</i>
Light Rent	241.50	Net Receipts	99,398.08
Lieap Receipts	2,073.29	Transfers to:	
Reimbursed Expense	-		
Re Connect Fee	73.71		

Clerk Carr asked the Council for permission to host the annual 5th Quarter Bonfire at the City Park the night before Moran Day on behalf of the United Methodist Church, council member Johnson motioned to approve the request, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Smith moved to recess the meeting and resume back in session on August 12, 2025 at 6:00pm, Council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed at 8:39pm with all approving.

On August 12, 2025 at 6:00pm the President of Council Warren Johnson called the recessed August 4, 2025 meeting back in session.

Mayor Jerry Wallis was absent, Council member Nancy Houk joined the recessed meeting at 6:00pm.

Visitors- Ashley Tynon with MVE PTO and daughter Riley Tynon were present

Ms. Tynon asked the Council if they would be okay with PTO using the ball fields and restrooms for their annual mother/son kickball game on Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Council member Smith motioned to approve the request, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Next Tynon asked for permission to shut down Oak street from the board office to Birch street and then Pine street at Oak street for the annual PTO Trunk or Treat on October 26, 2025 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm, they would also need the City Crew to drop off barricades and trash cans beforehand to help with traffic control, council member Houk motioned to approve the request, council member Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Ashley and Riley left the meeting at 6:08pm

J. Stotler let the council know that the 2007 GMC door and oil leak could be repaired for around \$2,200.00 with Quality Auto. Council member Smith motioned to accept the \$2,200.00 quote, council member Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Carr let the council know that she had received quotes from 3 different entities regarding the Fire Departments heating and cool unit, after a brief discussion council member Mueller motioned to approve up to \$2,200.00 for a new PTAC Unit, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with 3 yes and Roberts abstaining.

Clerk Carr let the council know that she had not yet received the survey information. The council and attorney still had some questions so the topic would be discussed at the next meeting.

Ryan Lickteig entered the meeting at 6:16pm for his interview. Lickteig left at 6:33pm.
Kyle DePaola entered the meeting at 6:34pm for his interview. DePaola left at 6:49pm.

Larry Kress Jr. entered the meeting at 6:50pm for his interview. Kress left at 7:00pm.

Chief Smith entered City Hall at 6:52 pm

Council member Mueller motioned to have an executive session for non-elected personal at 7:00pm for 10minutes, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council returned to regular session at 7:10pm.

Council member Roberts motioned to hire Ryan Lickteig as a Maintenance Crew member at \$19.00 per hour with drug test stipulation, council member Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

The clerk's office will call in the morning to schedule Mr. Lickteig's drug test.

The Council went back to discussing the property purchase and after speaking with Attorney Heim everyone felt comfortable to make an offer, council member Mueller motioned to sell the property for \$3,000.00 and split the survey cost in the amount of \$750.00 for a total of \$3,750.00, as well as waive the \$150.00 in utility connect fees and provide free water/electric/sewer taps too the structure, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. Council President Johnson asked Clerk Carr with contact Lydia with the offer.

Chief Smith approached the Council with a new patrol vehicle package quote, after a brief discussion, council member Mueller motioned to accept the package proposal, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Lydia Gable entered the meeting at 7:20pm, since present at the meeting the Council asked Ms. Gable if she would be willing to accept the offer of \$3,750.00 for the property purchase? Ms. Gable agreed and accepted the offer. Attorney Heim will draft the contract.

Clerk Carr asked the council for a 10minute non-elected personal executive session inviting Attorney Heim at 7:31pm, council member Smith motioned to accept the request, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

J. Stotler and S. Smith both left the meeting at 7:31pm.

Council returned to regular session at 7:41pm.

The Council asked Clerk Carr to have J. Stotler bring 3 mower bids to the next council meeting.

Council member Roberts motioned to give Assistant City Clerk Goodman a \$1.00 per hour raise, council member Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Smith motioned to hire Joe Stotler as the City Superintendent effective immediately, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Roberts moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.