

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

<u>Mayor</u> Jerry D. Wallis	<u>Council Members Present</u> Warren L. Johnson Kenneth D. Kale Corliss E. Lynes James A. Mueller Kris R. Smith	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
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City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Michael Stodgell, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Lori Evans, City Clerk

Visitors Present: Lee Roberts, Pam Mueller, and grandson Grayson.
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CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Lynes moved to approve the January 2024 consent agenda as follows:

- December 2023 Minutes
- December 2023 Petty Cash Report
- January 2024 Pay Ordinance totaling \$192,562.73
- December 2023 Utility Audit Trail Report
- December 2023 Certificate of Deposit Report
- December 2023 Utility Billing and Use Report

Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

No business was brought before the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

USD 256 Crosswalk – Clerk Evans reported the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is having issues with sourcing the signs for the school crosswalk. Topic was tabled until the February meeting.

Water Project Update – The Council reviewed pay application no. 4 as presented by Schwab Eaton and agreed to submit the request for release of funds from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Water Project Easement – Topic not addressed.

Substation Land Purchase – Mayor Wallis shared a suggestion made Asst City Superintendent Miller that the City build the proposed substation near the old water plant. Topic was discussed and tabled until the February meeting.

Lead Service Line Inventory Reporting – Clerk Evans informed the Council that the Clerk’s office would like to send Lead Copper surveys to customers when mailing the January utility bills. The Council discussed offering incentives to water customers to encourage them to complete and return the survey. The Council chose to not offer incentives at the present time.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Jerry Wallis and Council Members James Mueller and Lee Roberts took their Oath of Office and the meeting resumed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayoral Appointments – Mayor Wallis made the following appointments:

City Treasurer: Taeler Carr	Firefighters:
Municipal Judge: Patty Miklos	Joe Carr
Marshal/Police Chief: R. Shane Smith	Phillip Merkel
City Clerk: Lori Evans	Kevin Davis
Asst. City Clerk: Taeler Carr	Derrick Carr
Court Clerk: Lori Evans	Nick Meiwes
City Attorney: Bret Heim	Joe Meiwes
Public Officer: R. Shane Smith	Ryan Smith
Building Inspector: Michael Stodgell	Tristan Dickerson
Official Bank: Emprise Bank	Lee Roberts
Official Newspapers: morancity.org & The Iola Register	Ben Daniels
Fire Chief: Craig Miller	Chase Dudley
Asst. Fire Chief: Curt Drake	Korbin Smith
	Joe Stotler

Council member Johnson moved to approve Mayor Wallis’s appointments. Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Election of President of the Council – Council member Mueller nominated Warren Johnson as President of the Council. No action was taken on the motion. Council member Smith nominated James Mueller to continue in his current position as President of the Council. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion nominating Mueller as President of the Council was passed with Smith, Johnson, Roberts, and Kale approving. Mueller abstained from the vote.

Moran Pride Resolution 2024-01 – Council member Roberts moved the City adopt Resolution 2024-01 supporting the Moran Pride Group. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with Roberts, Johnson, Kale, Mueller, and Smith approving.

Kansas Rural Water Association Conference – Superintendent Stodgell requested approval for Jerad Maley to attend the Kansas Rural Water Association Conference at Wichita in March. The City will be responsible for lodging and meals during the training. Council member Johnson moved to approve sending Jerad Maley to the training opportunity. Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

IRS 2024 Mileage Rates – Council member Mueller moved to set the City’s mileage reimbursement rate to match the IRS approved rate of .67 cents per mile, up from the 2023 rate of .65^{1/2} cents. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

2024 Dog Tag Clinic – Council Smith moved the City sponsor a pet vaccination/tag clinic in March. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving. The Clerk’s office will reach out to Red Barn Veterinary Clinic to check on possible dates.

Copier/Printer Maintenance Agreement – Council member Mueller moved the Council replace the existing Kyocera printer/copy machine from Modern Copy Products rather than renewing the annual maintenance agreement. The cost to replace the current machine with a printing/faxing/copying function is \$4,305. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

54 Fitness Equipment – Clerk Evans reported a cable had broken on the swivel seat on the recumbent elliptical at the fitness center. Evans noted the machine is still functional but the Clerk’s office has not been able to find a replacement part for the machine. The council asked the City crew to look at the elliptical to see if they might find a solution to the problem.

Copper Ground Rod Purchase – Superintendent Stodgell informed the council that the City has been offered the opportunity to purchase 400 ground rods for \$5.00 each. Council member Mueller moved to approve purchasing the ground rods from Phillip Smith. Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith requested approval to attend a training opportunity offered by the Lyons County Sheriff Department in April. Smith noted he generally attends this training opportunity each year. Council member Johnson moved to approve the request, Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Smith asked the Council to consider purchasing a second gun for the department as he must qualify with two types of guns each year. The Council asked Smith to check on pricing for a new gun for discussion at the February meeting.

Superintendent – Superintendent Stodgell informed the Council that there are rumors that Allen County Public Works will not assist local cities with chip and seal projects this summer. Discussion followed with Mayor Wallis suggesting that representatives from the Council may need to attend a commissioner meeting to discuss the topic.

Superintendent Stodgell submitted the following activity report for the month of December 2023:

- Electric outage at 220 N. Birch- replaced fuse
- Repaired security lights x 2
- Set up new service at 511 N. Spruce
- Set new pole at the corner of First and Cottonwood
- Caulked windows on the East side of City Hall
- Dug up sewer tap and located underground electric at 422 N High
- Cleaned up sewer lateral at S. Linn
- Repaired 4” check valve at Lift Station #2
- Replaced valve at Church and Locust
- Shut off 10 valves for water project and flushed hydrants at Walnut and Locust
- 4” CI Water Leak Repair at Pine and First
- Replaced washer valves and box at Fire Station for new gear extractor
- Shut off water and pumped out pit due to leak at Ag. Choice
- New service line at 308 E. Church
- Dug up hydrant due to a leak at Church and Park
- 4” main break at N. Cedar
- Locates x 26

City Clerk – Clerk Evans reported income for the month of December 2023 as follows:

General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	2.00	Sales To Customers	16,077.75
Refuse	1,896.75	Water Protection Fee	30.23
Court Fines	1,294.00	Reimbursed Expense	140.76
KS Sales Tax	5,109.27	Bulk Water Sales	94.97
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovps	1,230.00	Penalties	326.72
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	446.85	Connect Fees	50.00
Reimbursed Expense	50.00		
NSF Check	418.00	Sewer Fund	
CMB License	100.00	Sales To Customers	6,990.00
DogTags	24.00		
Kennel Fee	40.00	Sales Tax	
Franchise Tax	314.05	Sales Tax Receipts	1,158.72
ACMAT- Adopt-A-Child Donation	75.00	Gross Sales	<u>78,334.76</u>
Electric Fund		<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	10.69
Sales To Customers	40,944.19	<i>Water Project Acct Interest</i>	<u>1.26</u>
New Lieap	226.50	Gross Receipts	78,346.71
Overpaid	429.00	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	1,230.65
Light Rent	220.50	<i>Setoff Fees</i>	45.63
Debt Collection Fee	48.03	<i>EWAP Credits</i>	253.44
Connect Fee	98.28	<i>Utility Credits</i>	555.78
Reimbursed Expense	495.55	<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<u>60.00</u>
Fuel Adjustment	3.64	Net Receipts	76,201.21

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.