

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 5, 2026. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Mayor

Jerry Wallis

Council Members Present

Nancy Houk  
Warren Johnson  
Jim Mueller  
Lee Roberts  
Kris Smith

Council Members Absent

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

Visitors Present: Brad Barrere, Michael Stodgell, Camille LaVon, Aryln Briggs, Kyle McAloon

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Houk moved to approve the January 2026 consent agenda as follows:

- December 2025 Minutes
- December 2025 Petty Cash Report
- January 2026 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 219,891.14

Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**VISITORS**

Aryln Briggs- Mr. Briggs discussed scholarships he will be giving to 2 high school seniors. The council let him know he would need to speak with the school about these as the City doesn't take care of such things.

Kyle McAloon- Mr. McAloon had questions and concerns with the way his front yard was left after the water project. After discussion the council advised Superintendent Stotler to reach back out to AST to see what our options are, and advise Mr. McAloon what those options are.

Mr. McAloon left the meeting at 7:15pm

**OLD BUSINESS**

Substation Update- Superintendent Stotler let the council know the location of the Substation was moved 200ft south of the original plan to make room for the generators and fuel tanks.

**Oath of Office**- Mayor Lee Roberts and Council Members Brad Barrere and Michael Stodgell took their Oath of Office and the meeting resumed.

Jim Mueller left the meeting at 7:21pm and Jerry Wallis joined the audience.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mayoral Appointments**- Mayor Lee Roberts made the following appointments:

<b>City Clerk</b>	Taeler Carr	<b>Fire Chief</b>	Joe Carr	
<b>Asst City Clerk</b>	J. Bailey Stewart	<b>Asst Fire Chief</b>	Kevin Davis	
<b>City Treasurer</b>	J. Bailey Stewart	<b>Fire Fighters</b>		
<b>Police Chief</b>	R. Shane Smith	Phil Merkel	Joe Carr	Derrick Carr
<b>Municipal Judge</b>	Pati Miklos-Boyd	Kevin Davis	Ryan Smith	Korbin Smith
<b>Court Clerk</b>	Taeler Carr	Joe Stotler	Ben Daniels	Joe Meiwes
<b>City Attorney</b>	Bret Heim	Collin Dudley	Chase Dudley	
<b>Public Officer</b>	R. Shane Smith	<b>Fire Trainee</b>	Ryan Lickteig	
<b>Building Inspector</b>	Joe Stotler	<b>Reserve</b>	Chris King	Curt Drake
<b>Official Bank</b>	Emprise Bank		Craig Miller	
<b>Official Newspapers</b>	www.morancity.org & The Iola Register			

Council member Johnson motioned to approve the appointments, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**Election of Council President-** Council member Smith nominated council member Warren Johnson to be council president, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**Moran Pride Resolution-** Council member Smith motioned to approve the Moran Pride Resolution 2026-01 as written, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**IRS 2026 Milage Rates-** Council member Johnson motioned to raise the milage rates to match the new 2026 IRS rates, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

**Camille Lavon-** Ms. Lavon was present to discuss potential business ventures with the council. After some discussion Ms. Lavon will be setting up a revitalization meeting at City Hall with the mayor and possible representation from Humboldt.

Ms. Lavon left the meeting at 8:01pm

**Insurance Options-** After discussion between the council and with the present city employees about the presented insurance options vs the insurance stipend, council member Stodgell motioned that the City give the option to each employee if they would like to take the insurance or keep the insurance stipend as some employees currently have insurance, council member Barrere seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**Police Chief-** Chief Smith gave a brief update on the new vehicle, he noted that it would be ready 30days from the call saying one was available. He has also picked up all of the live traps for now in hopes that the pest issue has been mitigated.

**City Superintendent-** J. Stotler let the council know he passed his Sewer Class I Certification test. Council member Houk motioned to give Stotler a raise of \$1.00 for the new certification, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Stotler asked the council for permission to purchase steel water couplers in the amount of \$1,893.00, council member Houk motioned to approve the purchase, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Stotler let the council know that he reached out to a second company about Lift Station #2 and they reverted him back to the previous company as they use them too. To fix Lift Station #2 properly it will cost \$93,000.00, council member Stodgell motioned to approve spending \$93,000.00 to update Lift Station #2, council member Barrere seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

On September 10<sup>th</sup> there was blood in the lagoon from a local in town business, council member Smith motioned to go into executive session for 10minutes at 8:34pm inviting Superintended Stotler and Attorney Heim, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

The council returned to regular session at 8:44pm.

After some further discussion the council decided that Attorney Heim would draft a letter inviting the business owner to the next council meeting.

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

<b>Cash Receipts For the Month Ending December 31, 2025</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Water Fund</b>	
Franchise Tax	538.73	Water Tower Fee	50.00
CMB License	25.00	Sales To Customers	17,039.25
Charges for Services	1.50		
Refuse	2,121.75	Water Protection Fee	44.67
Court Fines	520.00	Connect Fee	125.00
Permits	130.00	reconnect fee	75.00
K/S Sales Tax	10,374.85	Bulk Water Sales	1,989.04
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	940.00	Penalties	566.75
Interest Eamed Checking/CDL	942.71	meter reading charge	20.00
NSF	367.53	<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
donation	20.00	Sales To Customers	8,004.00
<b>Electric Fund</b>		<b>Sales Tax</b>	
Sales To Customers	48,640.42	Reimbursed Exp Sales Tax	-
Connect Fee	98.28	Sales Tax Receipts	1,443.07
Overpaid	801.32	<b>Gross Sales</b>	<b>96,518.72</b>
Light Rent	283.50	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	365.37
Lieap Receipts	-	<b>Gross Receipts</b>	<b>96,884.09</b>
Reimbursed Expense	1,264.50	Less: LIEAP Credit	43.94
Setoff collection Fee	91.85	Utility Credits	935.25
		Recreation Fee Credit	90.00
		<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>95,814.90</b>

Clerk Carr let the Council know that they needed to re-nominate a Senior Center Board member for the county, council member Smith nominated Ken McWhirter, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Carr noted the previous Mayor Jerry Wallis was our PWW5 water board representative, Wallis noted he would still be willing to attend the meetings and correspond with the office and council, council member Johnson motioned to keep Mr. Wallis as the city's representative, council member Barrere seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Carr let the council know that the current Senior Center Board would like to have the Clerks office take over the reservations and money for the Senior Community Center. The account would need to be a subaccount of The City of Moran, council member Smith motioned to approve the request, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Asst. City Clerk Bailey Stewart has been cleaning the 54 Fitness Center weekly for \$25.00 and would like to step down from that position, City Crew member Ryan Lickteig would like to take on that role, after some discussion council member Smith motioned to hire Ryan as the 54 Fitness Center weekly cleaner, council member Barrere seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Carr asked the council if they would approve the purchase of 2 new Dell Computer Towers for the office due to the current towers being 2010 and not fully compatible with all of the new software updates, council member Johnson motioned to approve the purchase of the towers from the Dell website, council member Barrere seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Houk moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.