

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 2025. Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Council Members Present</u>	<u>Council Members Absent</u>
Jerry D. Wallis	Warren L. Johnson	
	Lee Roberts	Kris R. Smith
	Nacy Houk	
	James A. Mueller	Taeler Carr

City Staff Present: Bret Heim, City Attorney; Joe Stotler, City Superintendent; Shane Smith, Police Chief; and Bailey Goodman, Asst. City Clerk

Visitors Present: Shauna Berntsen, Lydia Gable, Regena & Loren Lance

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Houk moved to approve the July 2025 consent agenda as follows:

- June 2025 Minutes
- June 2025 Petty Cash Report
- July 2025 Pay Ordinance totaling \$
- June 2025 Certificate of Deposit Report

Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Shauna Berntsen asked if the council would consider letting her use the ball fields and the LaHarpe VFW use the concession building for a benefit ball tournament in honor of Michelle Stewart on August 2, 2025 After a brief discussion with the council, council member Johnson motioned to let her use the fields and the VFW use the concession building with their own supplies on August 2, 2025 council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Lydia Gable with Twist & Turn Gymnastics was here asking the council to purchase the lots at 323 N Cedar St, Lydia would like to bring in a metal building 40x50x16 as they have outgrown the old Library building. After a brief discussion with the council, council member Johnson motioned to get the lot surveyed and reconvene the topic for the August meeting, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Water Project- J. Stotler reported that he had been digging up lines to find a cast iron line that needed to be shut off. Stotler stated that KRWA would be coming Wednesday to try and help locate the line. Stotler also stated that there are 8 hydrants and 3 places that still need to be tied in, this can't be completed until the cast iron line is shut off. Water Project Engineer sent final pay app in the amount of \$227,675.04 for the project payout. We also received the final engineer invoice in the amount of \$5,236.25. After speaking with Matthew Kralik with Coranco Great Plans, INC he stated that the company will be reimbursing the city in the amount of \$58,070.50 due to the Pete's water line reroute. After a brief discussion with the council, council member Johnson motioned to approve all three payments, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Kyleigh with SEKRPC reached out regarding an increase in the water project loan. She is checking with KDHE & CDBG to see if we will need to do an increase. We will discuss this further in the September meeting. Council member Roberts motioned to sign the increase, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

- B. Moran Day Update- Bailey reported that Bailey & Taeler are taking parade entries for Tash at the City Hall. Allen County donated \$1500.00 to the Moran Day Committee and the name of the beverage vendor is Taylor'd Events – she has her own insurance and commercial license that allows her to do traveling sales. Natasha will be serving as her employee and will be covered under her policy. Taylor'd Events will be sending Natasha a copy of her insurance and certificate and then she will get us a copy as well. Chief Smith stated that she will need to have a beer garden location. Council tabled until July 16th due to needing further information.
- C. Application Reviews- After looking through applications and a brief discussion, council member Johnson motioned to have Clerks office call K. Doughty to come for an interview July 16th at 7:00pm, council member Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **2026 Budget Prep-** Tabled the topic to July 16th for a Special meeting to meet with Kyle Spielbusch.
- B. **Property purchase inquiry-** see above as this was discussed under visitors.
- C. **Lagoons-** J. Stotler let the council know that there has been blood in the lagoons, he showed pictures to the council. Stotler stated that the sludge test is fine, and we will need to stop the blood from going into the lagoon or we will have to build a new pond. After discussion with council and the city attorney everyone agreed that a letter would be drafted and sent. We will follow up at the September meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith let the council know that there will be a radio update in the near future. Smith will keep us updated and would like to start budgeting for the cost. Smith asked council if he can go to KPOA conference September 8 -10, 2025. Room will need to be booked by August 6, 2025. Council member Johnson motioned to approve Smith to attend the conference, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Maintenance – Stotler stated that he is to try to go to his water test July 25th or sometime in August.

Clerk's Office – Asst. Clerk Goodman reported income for the month of June as follows:

Cash Receipts For the Month Ending June 30, 2025			
General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	-	Sales To Customers	15,070.50
Refuse	2,076.00	Water Protection Fee	28.07
Court Fines	350.00	Connect Fee	125.00
KS Sales Tax	7,132.40	Bulk Water Sales	77.59
FireDeptDonation	200.00	Penalties	482.47
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	975.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Dog Pickup Fee	60.00	Lib/Emp Ben Tax Dis	5,336.92
License Fee	100.00	Sewer Fund	
FranchiseTax-Crawkan	341.28	Sales To Customers	6,948.00
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	902.45	Sales Tax	
NSF Check	179.41	Sales Tax Receipts	1,106.12
Building Permit	40.00	Gross Sales	
Tax Disbursement	19,226.94	Add: Interest to CD 44526614	502.02
Dog Tag	8.00	Gross Receipts	
Electric Fund		Less: LIEAP Credit	588.28
Sales To Customers	42,065.67	Utility Credits	652.53
Connect Fee	122.85	Recreation Fee Credit	170.00
Overpaid	312.54	Net Receipts	
Light Rent	252.00		102,660.42
Lieap Receipts	-		
Reimbursed Expense	-		

Asst. Clerk Goodman asked for approval to buy 6 more months of stamps before the cost went up. Council member Mueller motioned to buy 6 more months of stamps, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council member Johnson moved to recess this meeting and reconvene in a special meeting on July 16th, seconded by Mueller, at 8:50 PM motion passed with unanimous approval.

Mayor Jerry Wallis called the meeting back to order on July 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Council member Smith and Clerk Carr joined the meeting along with Kyle Spielbusch.

Kyle Spielbusch went over the budget for 2026. After a brief discussion with the council, council member Johnson motioned to keep the budget as is, council member Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Carr asked the council if they would like to raise milage rate from .68 cents to .70 cents to be in compliance with the State of Kansas. After a brief discussion council member Mueller motioned to raise the rate, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Carr let the council know that Natasha will have the beer garden at Moran Day from 6:00pm – 10:00pm inside of the tennis court. Council member Johnson motioned to approve the time and location of the beer garden, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council discussed sending a plant or donation to the service for Loren Korte. After a brief discussion the council decided to send a donation to Wings of Warriors on behalf of Mr.

Korte. Council member Smith motioned to send a donation, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council had a brief discussion about SVP and has tabled the discussion until the August meeting.

Mr. Doughty entered the meeting at 6:50 pm for an interview. After interviewing Mr. Doughty, the council decided to let him leave and have an executive session.

Council member Mueller motioned to have an executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes beginning at 7:16pm, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Council came back to regular meeting at 7:26pm with no action taken, the Clerk's office to continue advertising for position, on the City Website, Facebook and with KRWA.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM, seconded by Houk,. Motion passed with unanimous approval