

The Moran City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 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

L. Lee Roberts

Nancy Houk

James A. Mueller

Kris R. Smith

Council Members Absent

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

Visitors Present: Ray Maloney, Teresa Chandler, Patrick Zirjacks with Thrive Allen County, at 7:19 Roger Houk came to the meeting to observe

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 2025 Minutes
- May 2025 Petty Cash Report
- June 2025 Pay Ordinance totaling \$ 114,254.01
- May 2025 Certificate of Deposit Report

Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

VISITORS

Ray Maloney who purchased the Kline Tool building North of Moran in 2010 came to ask the city council if they would consider taking on reading the meters and billing the 4 meters he currently reads and bills 1.5 miles North of town. After discussion with Mr. Maloney, council member Mueller motioned to accept the request, with the stipulation that Maloney purchases the AMR meters from the city and puts them in. The city will also assess a \$5.00 monthly meter fee, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Patrick Zirjacks with Thrive Allen County came to let the council know that Thrive hosted a Community Conversation in Moran and that the crowd that attended all had the same goals in mind, Moran has the will to be a thriving community it just needs to take the right steps to do so. Housing was the largest topic of conversation and Zirjacks said that even though we don't necessarily hear or see any progress being made on housing that Thrive is always looking and discussing ways to help. There was a new Economic Development employee hired that Thrive is very excited to work with and see how she will be helping the Allen County Communities fulfill their goals.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Project Update- J. Stotler let the council know that Pete's new water service was just about complete and would be hooked up to the new service before the July 7th meeting. There had to be a resampling of water done and sent off due to courier error. Once the test results were back and acceptable we would be able to hook up the service.

Substation Update- Clerk Carr let the council know that KMEA wanted the City to have a survey of the property done at the substation site so there was no question about boundary lines. Council member Smith motioned to have Clerk Carr call and set up a survey of the property, council member Johnson seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **GAAP Resolution 2025-02** – Council member Houk moved to adopt Resolution 2025-02 granting a waiver from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for the year ending December 31, 2025. Johnson seconded the motion; motion passed with all approving.
- B. **Zoning/Housing Conversation-** Clerk Carr let the Council know there had been some questions raised about why the City isn't Zoned and if that was something they would look into doing. After a brief discussion with the Council, there was no action taken. Housing incentives were also a topic at the Thrive meeting, the council stated that yes there are incentives and could possibly be more if someone wanted to build a house in town. The individual or company would need to come before the Council and discuss the incentives with them.
- C. **Application Reviews-** Council member Johnson motioned to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving, the council went into executive session at 7:47pm and returned to regular session at 7:57pm.

After returning to regular session council member Houk motioned to continue to accept applications and re-advertise on City Facebook page, the lola Register and the City Website, council member Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Smith asked the council for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Council member Johnson motioned to have a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel inviting Chief Smith, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving, the council and Chief Smith went into executive session at 8:03pm and returned to regular session at 8:13pm.

Maintenance – Stotler asked the council for an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Council member Johnson motioned to have a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel inviting Joe Stotler, council member Houk seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving, the council and Stotler went into executive session at 8:17pm and returned to regular session at 8:27pm.

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

Cash Receipts For the Month Ending May 31, 2025			
General Fund		Water Fund	
Charges For Services	-	Sales To Customers	14,931.00
Refuse	1,908.00	Water Protection Fee	26.67
Court Fines	3,304.54	Reconnect Fee	300.00
KS Sales Tax	8,761.58	Bulk Water Sales	-
54 Fitness Fee/Fobs/Ovpd	1,155.00	Penalties	322.04
Interest Earned Checking/CDL	793.32	Reimb Exp	5,008.50
Building Permit	95.00	Water Tower Fee	50.00
Franchise	-	Sewer Fund	
Reimbursed Expense	1,903.06	Reimb Exp-Sewer	205.82
Dog Tag	13.00	Sales To Customers	6,704.00
Electric Fund		Sales Tax	
Sales To Customers	39,337.76	Sales Tax Receipts	1,174.73
Connect Fee	150.00	Gross Sales	88,681.54
Overpaid	918.13	<i>Add: Interest to CD 44526614</i>	<i>484.08</i>
Light Rent	231.00	Gross Receipts	89,165.62
Lieap Receipts	965.11	<i>Less: LIEAP Credit</i>	<i>-</i>
Reimbursed Expense	423.28	<i>Utility Credits</i>	<i>1,403.91</i>
		<i>Recreation Fee Credit</i>	<i>-</i>
		Net Receipts	87,761.71

Clerk Carr asked the council for permission to purchase the annual Quick Books Subscription; the cost is \$1673.00. Council member Mueller motioned to approve the request, council member Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

Clerk Carr let the council know there was a grant for signage within the City and that 3 businesses would have to want to participate with the City being one of them. After discussion the council decided to table this topic until a later date.

Council member Smith made a motion to give Joe Stotler a \$2.00 per hour raise, council member Mueller seconded the motion, motion passed with all approving.

There being no further business to discuss, Council member Mueller moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:33 PM. Motion passed with unanimous approval.