

CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF July, 1 2025
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The Moro City Council met for a regular council meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Present: Mayor Perisho, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors James Alley, Bryan Cranston and Travis West (remote). City Staff: John English, Director of Public Works and Brittany Wood, City Administrator. Others in Attendance: Dan Bubb, Blue Mountain Networks.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Perisho called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, following the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA-MINUTES-BILLS-FINANCIAL REPORT-

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June Council Meeting as presented **(Cranston/ Alley) the motion carried**. The minutes from the June 17th Budget Hearing were reviewed; a motion was made to adopt the minutes as presented **(Anderson/ West) the motion carried**. A motion was made to approve the June check report including check # 13815-13841, 15162 with bills totaling \$60,263.17.**(Anderson/ Alley) the motion carried**.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY)

None heard.

VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –

None heard.

OLD BUSINESS-

Project updates/ DPW staff report- Director English reported that the Consumer Confidence Report was posted publicly, and the second round of cemetery maintenance was completed. Cleanup efforts for both Moro’s annual cleanup day and Harvest Fest were carried out. Due to high participation, an additional dumpster may be needed next year. Public Works staff also began training with the new sewer camera purchased through the CIS grant. Park restrooms were cleaned and painted, and five locates were completed.

City Hall Staff Report- CA Wood noted that FY 25–26 budget documents were finalized and filed. The desktop computer and accounting system upgrades were completed. A \$45,000 DLCD grant reimbursement was received. The sidewalk project closeout is pending BOLI payment coordination. The income survey was completed but yielded results showing the City did not qualify for Community Development Block Grant funding. The IFA funding contract for Dewey Street infrastructure has been submitted to Business Oregon. Work continued on the Ferry Fire utility-sharing contract. Councilor Anderson noted a significant decline in cemetery donations and asked CA Wood to review the City's sidewalk ordinance.

Blue Mountain Network Franchise payment and agreement- Dan Bubb- CA Wood summarized the franchise breach history. CEO Dan Bubb of BMN presented again, proposing a revised pricing structure. After discussion, Council unanimously agreed to collect the full past-due amount of \$36,303.50 within six months, with no additional penalties if paid in full. Mayor Perisho emphasized the importance of

franchise contributions to the City budget. A motion was made to extend the deadline for payment to 6 months; with no additional charges for interest on past due payments. **(Anderson/ Cranston) motion carries.**

New Business

Review of past due water/sewer accounts- A list of 8 past-due accounts was reviewed.

Tower Alliance- offer to purchase Cell tower lease- Council opted to submit a counteroffer to Tower Alliance's lease purchase proposal.

Cemetery Annuity- Council determined it was the best management of the funds to consolidate all Cemetery Funds into the LGIP bank account, which has current interest rates at 4%. A motion was made to liquidate and close the Nation Wide annuity and Bank of Eastern Oregon Time Certificate and to transfer the funds into the LGIP bank account. **(Cranston/ Alley) motion carries.** The interest from these funds will continue to be tracked independently.

Sewer Line Ordinance- DPW English advised that after review of the sample ordinances, in most cities, property owners are responsible for the connection from lateral to main. However, Moro has unique cases that could impose financial hardships. Council President Anderson suggested including an appeal process. Staff will begin drafting an ordinance.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA-

None heard.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

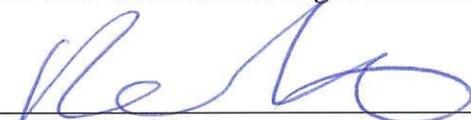
Council President Anderson thanked DPW English for assisting with water line locates at the fairgrounds.

Director English thanked Mayor Perisho and CA Wood for managing contractor logistics related to the Ferry Fire agreement.

ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

 Date 8-6-2025
Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST:  Date 8/5/2025
Brittany Wood, City Administrator