

**CITY OF MORO**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 07, 2025**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular council meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM. The following were present: Mayor Bert Perisho, Andy Anderson, Councilors James Alley and Travis West. City staff in attendance included: John English, Director of Public Works; Brittany Wood, City Administrator; Brad Baird, Anderson Perry and Dan Meader, Tenneson Engineering. Others in attendance: Jeff Schott- Pillar Consulting Group, Michelle Colby- MCEDD, Kelsi Phillips- SC Transit, Roberta Aldrich, Mike Kozak, and Tim Payne.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Perisho, following the Pledge of Allegiance. Swearing in of newly elected officials- Mayor Bert Perisho, Councilor James Alley (Position 2), and Councilor Andy Anderson (Position 4) each took the Oath of Office. Elect Council President 2025- A nomination was made for Andy Anderson to serve as the Council President for 2025. Anderson accepted the nomination. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Andy Anderson as Council President for 2025 (Alley/West). **The motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA-MINUTES-BILLS-FINANCIAL REPORT-**

The minutes from the December Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented (Alley/ West). **The motion carried.** The financial report for December, covering checks #13697-13721 and 15155, with total bills amounting to \$31,115.97, was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the payment of bills as presented (Alley/ West). **The motion carried.**

**7:05 PM PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Perisho read the public hearing procedure and introduced the decision-making process.

Call for Abstentions- None were heard.

Objections to Jurisdiction- None were raised.

Staff report- Dan Meader (Tenneson Engineering) summarized his staff report, outlining three land-use decisions/actions required for SC Transit's proposal to build a bus barn at 1st and Hood Street. The current zoning is R5, and the applicant requested:

1. A Conditional Use Permit
2. Preliminary replat approval to consolidate five lots into one
3. A variance to reduce the rear yard setback to 6 feet

Planner Meader recommended approval for all three land use requests.

Proponents- Jeff Schott (Pillar Consulting) emphasized the plan to consolidate lots for a single bus barn with access from 1st Street. He noted measures to reduce noise impact on neighbors were taken into consideration.

Cross-examination of proponents- None.

Opponents- None.

Cross-examination of opponents- None.

Public agency comments- None.

Rebuttal evidence- None.

Council action- After determining sufficient information was presented, a motion was heard to close the public hearing and return to the council meeting **(Anderson/Alley) motion carried.**

A motion was heard to approve the Conditional Use Permit, granting approval for a variance on setbacks for the rear yard, and approving the Replat of the property on which the proposed Bus Barn is to be located. **(Anderson/ Alley) motion carried.**

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY)**

Resident Tim Payne expressed difficulty locating the Zoning Map on the City's website, despite searching for three hours. City Administrator Wood clarified that the map is available online.

### **VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS-**

Project updates/ DWP staff report- DPW English reported that staff attended a 1-week training in Hood River to fulfill required training hours for water/wastewater certification. The 2024 Water usage report had been submitted and Hart well was back online. Snow removal efforts were minimal due to light snowfall. Dangerous limbs were removed from the City Park, by Tarzan Tree Works, and staff cleaned up additional branches after an ice storm. Routine storm drain and ditch maintenance were completed. The Generac Generator was tested successfully and started up for a test run.

City Hall Staff Report- CA Wood updated that the City successfully transitioned from CenturyLink landlines to Verizon cellphones; only minor internet service issues were encountered at the DPW building. The City received \$20,000.00 in Grant Funding from Business Oregon, to close out the SIPP grant for the WSMP. A final update was given that the next DLCD work session is scheduled for February 4, 2025, before the Council meeting.

Small City Allotment Grant- Brad Baird presented draft designs and bid documents prepared by Anderson Perry, confirming the project would remain within the \$250,000 grant funding. City Staff will review the bid document and design packet and the project will be released for bid. Engineer Baird provided a list of local area contractors, that the RFB will be sent to in addition to standard publication.

Ordinance 276- Second reading for adoption- A motion was made to read Ordinance 276 by title only **(Anderson/ Alley). The motion carried.** A subsequent motion was made to approve Ordinance 276 with **2 votes in favor Aye-Alley, Anderson; and one against Nay-West. (Alley/ Anderson) The motion carried.**

2025 CEDS- (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy)- CA Wood presented revised CEDS priority projects for 2025, which the Council approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

Past Due Water/ Sewer- A list of past-due water/sewer accounts was reviewed. Disconnect notices will

be issued after the 10th of the month. It was noted that a new text message notification is being used and has been effective, reducing the number of door hangers being delivered.

One Stop meeting scheduled for January 8th, 2025-

Brad Baird reviewed the agenda and process for the One-Stop meeting scheduled for January 8, 2025.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA-**

None were heard.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER-**

DPW English noted that Mark Coles is preparing sight plans for a shed on the Road Department lot for review at the next meeting.

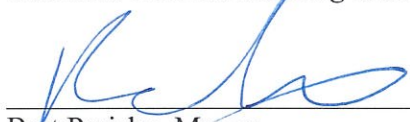
Mayor Perisho- thanked City staff for their dedication and contributions to a strong start in 2025.

Brad Baird- commended the City staff, highlighting their performance.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

**The next Council Meeting is scheduled for February 4th, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.**

 Date 2-4-2025  
Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST: Brittany Wood Date 02/04/2025  
Brittany Wood, City Administrator