

CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF July 7, 2026
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The Moro City Council met for a council meeting on July 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Present: Mayor Bert Perisho, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors: Bryan Cranston, James Alley and David Messenger. City Staff: John English- Public Works Director, Brittany Wood- City Administrator Anderson Perry Staff: Josh Robinson, Grace Clark, and Bryce Wininger. Public: Teresa Farmer*. *indicates remote attendance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Perisho.

CONSENT AGENDA-MINUTES-BILLS-FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made to approve the June Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **(Anderson/ Alley) Vote: 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). The motion carried.** A motion was made to approve the revised May Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **(Cranston/ Messenger) Vote: 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). The motion carried.** The June financial report was reviewed, including check #14111-14139 with bills totaling \$100,844.87. A motion was made to approve the bills as presented **(Messenger/ Cranston) Vote: 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). The motion carried.**

Legislative Public Hearing- Adopt Zoning Ordinance 284- A motion was heard to open the Public Hearing at 7:04 **(Cranston/ Anderson) Vote: 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). The motion carried.**

Mayor Perisho read the Legislative Public Hearing script.

CA Wood presented the staff report, explaining that Ordinance 248 being proposed for adoption had Section 4.17 added into the City's Zoning Ordinance. This section had been inadvertently omitted during the City's 2025 adoption of the Zoning Ordinance. Section 4.17 originated from the City's 2022 Zoning Ordinance and represented an existing policy on residing in RV's that had been referenced frequently. Staff recommended adoption of the complete zoning document, rather than amending a single section, in order to maintain one complete and consistent ordinance.

No public testimony was heard, no additional staff comments or planning board comments were heard. Mayor Perisho called for Council discussion; none was heard. With no further discussion, a motion was heard to close the Public Hearing **(Cranston/ Anderson) Vote: 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). The motion carried.**

A motion was heard to adopt Zoning Ordinance 284 by title only. **(Anderson/ Alley) Vote: 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). The motion carried.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY) -

None Heard.

VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –

A written complaint was read regarding parking and unattended vehicles in the alley near the U.S. Post Office.

OLD BUSINESS-

DPW staff report- DPW English reported that eight utility locates were completed and six 24-hour disconnect notices were delivered for past-due utility accounts, resulting in one utility service disconnection.

All required water and irrigation samples and regulatory reports were submitted. The 2025 Consumer Confidence Report was certified, including lead and copper monitoring requirements.

Maintenance was completed at the park restrooms, hydrants were flushed near ODOT and the High School, and street maintenance was performed on Dewey Street in preparation for Harvest Fest.

One Fire Hazard Notice was posted. Huffman Power completed the underground power installation.

Maintenance was also performed at the cemetery, flags were installed throughout town in preparation for the Fourth of July holiday, additional restroom maintenance was completed, and the City's annual Cleanup Day was successfully conducted in partnership with Waste Connections.

City Hall Staff Report- CA Wood reported that utility billing had been updated for all customer accounts with July 2026 rate increases. An RFP process for land use planning services was completed, and the City's financial records were reviewed in preparation for the upcoming audit scheduled for July 20. Street light utility invoices were prepared and issued to Sherman County, Sherman County School District, and ODOT. Time was spent completing an internal review of the City's website for ADA accessibility compliance. Two ordinance violations and public safety concerns were addressed with property owners. Two land use matters were finalized, including the Moore Lot Line Adjustment. Lastly time was spent working with FEMA to finalize the City's floodplain map adoption.

Water system project updates- Prior to the Council meeting, DPW English and Anderson Perry staff reviewed the City's existing water distribution infrastructure.

Review findings of GSI geological study and make determination on location- Josh Robertson, with Anderson Perry, reviewed the findings of the GSI Geological Study, explaining that two sheet aquifers were identified beneath the town. The report recommended the preferred aquifer for future well development and determined that the aquaphor could ideally be reached from any location in Moro. The importance of identifying the ideal well location would consider several factors, including: drilling depth to the aquifer, construction costs, availability of electrical service, and proximity to the existing water distribution system.

The Council discussed several potential well sites in detail, identifying four possible locations for additional evaluation.

Anderson Perry Staff will prepare a comparative analysis of each location, including elevation, infrastructure access, utility availability, and estimated construction considerations.

Adopt Resolution 2026-08 General City Fee Resolution- CA Wood explained that while filing recently adopted resolutions, it was discovered that two resolutions had inadvertently been assigned the same resolution number. To maintain an accurate legislative record, this resolution was renumbered and presented for adoption as Resolution No. 2026-08. A motion was heard to adopt Resolution 2026-08 The City of Moro's Rate and Fee Schedule. **(Messenger/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Review of past due water/sewer accounts- A list of five delinquent water and sewer accounts was reviewed. One customer remains turned off for non payment.

Approve Sewer Line Ordinance #282 for second reading- Ordinance No. 282- Sewer Line Ordinance was presented for a second reading. CA Wood reported that the ordinance had been made available for public review in accordance with Charter requirements. The ordinance was read by title only. A motion was made to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 282 by title only for final adoption.

(Messenger/ Alley) Vote: 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Fire Hazard Abatement 2nd notice- 200 Court street- The property owner requested an extension to finish the clean up and removal of debris. Council acknowledged the work that had been completed and granted an extension. CA Wood will work with the property owner.

Declare Land Use Planner of Record- The City had completed an RFP process soliciting proposals for land use planning services. A motion was made to designate Bell Design Company as the City's official Land Use Planner of Record, formalizing the City's ongoing professional relationship with Planner Jaime Crawford. **(Cranston / Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Review Lot Line Adjustment Moore/ VonAhn- The Moore/VonAhn Lot Line Adjustment had been completed and all final documents were ready for signature and distribution to the property owners. No council action was required.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA-

None heard.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Councilor Cranston complimented the Public Works Department on the appearance of the community for the Fourth of July holiday, specifically recognizing the placement of flags and maintenance of the flower planters.

Councilor Messenger requested that the purchase of a second speed radar trailer be added to a future Council agenda for discussion. Mayor Perisho directed staff to obtain updated pricing information and place the item on the August Council agenda.

ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 4th, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brittany Wood, City Administrator

APPROVED 8/4/2026- Signed minutes available upon request