

**CITY OF MORO**  
**MINUTES OF May 6, 2025**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular council meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Present: Council President Andy Anderson (remote), Councilors James Alley, Bryan Cranston, and Travis West. Absent: Mayro Bert Perisho. City Staff: John English, Director of Public Works; Brittany Wood, City Administrator; Jamie Crawford (remote), Tenneson Engineering. Others in Attendance: David Albergo, Roberta Aldrich, and Perry Thruston.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

In the absence of Mayor Perisho and with Council President Anderson attending remotely, Councilor Cranston chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM following the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes from the April Council meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented (**Alley/West**) **the motion carried**. The financial report for April, covering checks #13771-13798 with total bills totaling \$70,101.92, was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the payment of bills as presented (**Alley/West**) **the motion carried**.

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

Perry Thruston inquired about the new zoning map and the reasoning behind recent rezoning decisions. City Administrator (CA) Wood explained that the process began with Planner Fatland after the City received a \$45,000 grant to revise its Comprehensive Plan. The volume of agricultural land currently being used for residential purposes prompted a review of the zoning classifications.

**PUBLIC HEARING-**

A motion was made to open the public hearing at 7:05 (**Alley/ West**) **the motion carried**. Councilor Cranston read the legislative public hearing script for Land Use Case file 001-25.

Staff report- Planner Meader's staff was reviewed by CA Wood, and Planner Crawford noted that the hearing was an opportunity for public comment.

Public Testimony: None.

Additional Staff Comments: None.

Public comment: None.

Planning board members: None.

With no testimony or further comment, the public hearing was closed. A motion to close the hearing was made at 7:11 PM (**Alley/ West**) **motion carried**.

**VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –**

The Council reviewed a letter from Cindy Heater-Judah. CA Wood shared that a resident cited for an ordinance violation—living in an RV within the City's right-of-way—had since relocated the vehicle.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

Project updates/ DPW staff report- Director English reported the completion of the 2024 Sidewalk Project (SCA). The City has also received the new reservoir floor for installation in Fall 2025. Irrigation using treated wastewater has begun for the season. Multiple sewer backups were reported at both residential and commercial properties. Utility locates for the new Bus Barn were complicated by the absence of trace wire. Ongoing maintenance continued at the Cemetery, park, and boulevards in preparation for Memorial Day.

City Hall Staff Report- CA Wood noted that a final amount had been submitted to Blue Mountain Network (BMN) to bring their franchise into compliance. A certified letter demanding \$36,xxx was sent by the City's attorney. Additional efforts were focused on the upcoming income survey and related public outreach, coordinating Clean-Up Day on June 7th, and finalizing the budget document for Council and committee distribution.

SCA Sidewalk closeout documentation and status update- The Council reviewed the contractor's certificate of completion and project summary for the Scott & McCoy sidewalk improvements. Director English confirmed the project was satisfactorily completed, and positive citizen feedback was noted. A motion was made: *"That the City of Moro accepts the Scott & McCoy Street improvements completed by Jones Excavation, LLC, and authorizes the signature of the final pay request for \$204,375.98 and the Notice of Acceptability of Work."* (Alley/ West) **the motion carried.**

#### **New Business**

Review of past due water/sewer accounts- A list of 5 past-due accounts was reviewed.

Request closure of Dewey Street for Harvest Fest- CA Wood requested preemptive approval for the closure of Dewey Street on June 28, 2025, for the 3rd annual Harvest Fest, on behalf of the planning committee. The Council approved the request, and DPW English will notify emergency services.

Tower Alliance Lease Purchase Proposal. David Albergo joined the meeting remotely to answer questions regarding Tower Alliance's offer to purchase the City's existing cell tower lease for \$210,000.00 in place of rent. The current lease runs through 2042, with a 15% escalator every five years. The Council expressed interest in the proposal and agreed to revisit it when the full Council is present at the next meeting.

Resolution 2025-01- A Resolution declaring comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Projects- CA Wood introduced Resolution 2025-01, which outlined the top five Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) projects identified in March. This resolution will be updated annually per the new Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2025-01 (Alley/ West) **the motion carried.**

Resolution 2025-02- General City Fee Resolution- CA Wood explained that the only change to this resolution was a 2.5% CPI increase to the water and sewer user rates. A discussion was held on whether to adjust Cemetery plot pricing. While the Cemetery Fund is currently underfunded, donation letters have yet to be sent. Councilor Cranston requested that the Cemetery annuity be added to the next agenda to explore transferring it to the LGIP account for better returns. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2025-02 (Alley/ West) **the motion carried.**

409 Court/ USPS sewer issue review- DPW English reviewed two sewer-related incidents. At 409 Court Street, a resident experienced a basement backup. After discussion, the Council directed staff to submit the claim to the City's insurance provider to avoid setting a precedent for assuming responsibility. CA Wood will submit the report to CIS.

At the Post Office, an initial plumber suspected a septic system issue. A second service provider later located the blockage between the sidewalk and the street. The Council directed staff to research model ordinances from other municipalities to clarify responsibility for sewer line maintenance between property owners and the City.

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

Perry Thurston recommended the Council consider requiring sewer cleanouts in new construction to assist in future maintenance. He also requested that the road in front of the school be designated a school zone and was advised to bring this matter before the School Board.

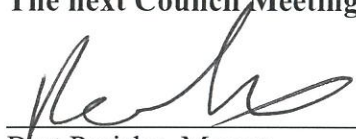
**GOOD OF THE ORDER-**

Councilor Cranston commended the Public Works Department for their continued efforts in preparing the Cemetery for Memorial Day and encouraged the ongoing upkeep leading up to the holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**The next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.**



Bert Perisho, Mayor

Date 6/3/2025

ATTEST: Brittany Wood

Brittany Wood, City Administrator

Date 6/3/2025