

CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF August 5, 2025
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The Moro City Council met for a regular council meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Present: Mayor Perisho (remote), Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors James Alley, Bryan Cranston (remote) and Travis West. City Staff: John English, Director of Public Works and Brittany Wood, City Administrator, City Planner of Record- Jaime Crawford, Bell Design. Others in Attendance: Roberta Aldrich

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Anderson chaired the meeting due to Mayor Perisho's remote attendance. The meeting was called 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 July Council Meeting as presented (Alley/ West) **the motion carried.** A motion was made to approve the July financial report including check # 13842-13873, 15163 with bills totaling \$69,289.94. (Alley/ Anderson) **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 on ongoing Public Works projects, including a locate at 5th and Hood and coordination with Pratt on the Huffman Development. Cemetery grounds had been mowed, and yard maintenance was completed around the exterior of City Hall. A fire hazard list had been prepared, and notices were distributed to high-risk properties. Staff also conducted mowing and weed eating throughout City right-of-ways. A standpipe was replaced at 1st and Hood Streets. A significant sewer blockage was identified on First Street and successfully cleared.

City Hall Staff Report- City Administrator Wood reported a busy month with the successful closeout of the SCA sidewalk project and completion of the FY 2024–2025 audit. Final transactions were reconciled in QuickBooks Online to finalize the accounting system conversion in preparation for the audit. The Dewey Street infrastructure grant had received carryforward approval, and the initial 20% distribution was expected to be deposited in the City's bank account in the coming weeks. Planner Meader with Tenneson Engineering had officially retired. An annual review of business water/sewer accounts had been conducted; two commercial customers would receive utility billing adjustments due to employee growth. A minor clerical error was discovered in the City's zoning ordinance; Planner Crawford was addressing and amending the document accordingly.

Former City Planner Staff Report- Jaime Crawford- Planner Crawford presented information to the Council regarding SB 757 and its potential impact on the City's land use planning. She also discussed her recent employment transition and offered the City an opportunity to maintain a contract with her for

ongoing and future planning and land use consultation services. (Mayor Perisho and Councilor Cranston logged into the meeting remotely at this time.)

Council President Anderson suggested moving ahead to “New Business” to determine the City’s Planner of Record. Planner Crawford offered to leave the room for the discussion, but the Council declined her offer. City Administrator Wood provided a staff recommendation to continue the contract with Crawford under her new firm. The Council unanimously agreed to retain Crawford and engage Bell Design as the City’s Contract Planning consultant for land use matters.

Tower Alliance- consider to sell out remaining Cell tower lease- City Administrator Wood advised that the City’s counteroffer to sell the remaining lease to Tower Alliance for \$275,000.00 had been declined, and two alternative offers were presented. The Council was not interested in either. It was agreed the City would present a final counteroffer of \$250,000.00 before deciding to retain the existing lease for the remaining 16 years.

New Business

Review of past due water/sewer accounts- A list of 3 past-due accounts was reviewed.

Determination of City Planner of Record- A motion was made to appoint Jaime Crawford as the City’s Planner of Record **(Alley/ West) the motion carried.**

Resolution 2025-09- A resolution authorizing the establishment of a Local Government Investment Pool account for Cemetery funds, closure of existing cemetery accounts and designation of authorized signers.- City Administrator Wood presented Resolution 2025-09, a resolution authorizing the establishment of a Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account for Cemetery funds, the closure of existing cemetery accounts, and the designation of authorized signers. Guidance from the auditors indicated that the appropriate method of managing these funds was to maintain non-expendable funds in a separate LGIP account.

A brief discussion was held regarding the management of interest income. Council President Anderson recommended that interest earnings remain within the Cemetery LGIP account.

A motion was made to adopt **Resolution 2025-09**, “A resolution authorizing the establishment of a Local Government Investment Pool account for Cemetery funds, closure of existing cemetery accounts, and designation of authorized signers,” by title only **(Alley/ West) the motion carried.**

Sewer Line Ordinance- Item tabled until next month.

Authorize Mayor to accept Grant Young Memorial Planning assistance Grant- CA Wood presented this grant opportunity for \$2,000.00 in planning funds. The stipulation that the grant funds were to be used for Planning and Land Use matters. It was suggested that these funds could be used for incorporation into the National Flood Plane Insurance Program, which the City will need to do this next year. A motion was made to accept the grant **(Alley/ Anderson) the motion carried.**

Authorize Mayor to Sign Business Oregon SIPP grant application to fund leak detection study- The Council discussed whether to proceed with a grant application for a system-wide leak detection study through Business Oregon’s Special Infrastructure Planning Program (SIPP), particularly in light of the City’s ineligibility for CDBG funding. Council members and DPW Director English confirmed that the study would still be beneficial. It was determined that a formal motion was not necessary to proceed with the grant submission.

Acknowledge FY 25/26 Budget interest discrepancy on Resolution 2025-05; correct document- City Administrator Wood reported that, during the audit review, a formula error had been discovered in the adopted FY 2025–2026 budget. The Cemetery interest from the Nationwide annuity had been mistakenly entered twice, resulting in a \$17.00 overstatement. The corrected total budget was confirmed to be **\$3,200,287.00.**

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended copy of Resolution 2025-05 reflecting the corrected amount (Alley/ West) the motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA-

None heard.

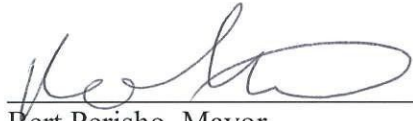
GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Councilor Alley expressed appreciation to John and Isaac for their efforts in restoring water service during the standpipe repair. He noted they worked late into the evening to ensure residents were not left without water overnight.

ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

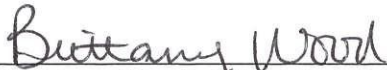
The next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.



Date

9/02/2025

Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Date

9-2-2025

Brittany Wood, City Administrator