

**CITY OF MORO**  
**MINUTES OF October 4th, 2022**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022; 7:00 PM, The following were present: Mayor Bert Perisho, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors Bryan Cranston, James Alley and Travis West. Moro Residents- Carey Hughes, Roberta Aldrich, Wm Perry Thurston, Linda Dennis, Mary Lou Dennis, Teresa Farmer, Ernie Moore, Amanda West, Bill Harvey, Mike Harvey, Dan Talley, Jeremy Mark, Andy Miller, Lee Langston, Cindy Heater-Judah, Jeff Judah. James Baisinger (Azure) Kirk Fatland (Tenneson Engineering). Remote Attendees: Nick G.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Perisho opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

The minutes for September's Council meeting were reviewed, a motion was made to approve the minutes (**Anderson/ West**) **Motion Carried**. The financial report for September was reviewed for Check # 1372-133089 and 15127, with bills totaling \$36,027.59; a motion was made to approve bills and check report as presented (**Cranston/ Alley**) **Motion Carried**.

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

Wm Perry Thurston opened with questions about the AARP ADU conceptual design and voiced his concern about the steps in the sidewalk located on the corner of Bidwell and he questioned if they were ADA compliant. Mr. Thurston also wanted to discuss the City Hall Cyber Security agenda item and asked if there were plans to put cameras in the City Hall office with audio recording capability so that there would be "a better understanding of any kind of conversations that go on." Mr. Thurston was directed that he had confused ADU with ADA and that he was off topic for the steps on Bidwell.

Amanda West resident at 101 Main Street read a letter to the council stating her view on the Business License and how it has potential to pose as a barrier to startup businesses as it is an additional task for small businesses like hers.

Carey Hughes resident at 411 Main St shared that that business License is not necessary for Moro, stating that other local small cities do not have such licenses; including Condon.

Teresa Farmer resident at 303 4<sup>th</sup> Street wanted to know if non-profit, Sole Proprietor, and 1099's would all be required to file or be involved within the proposed business license/ordinance.

**VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –**

\*No Correspondence

**OLD BUSINESS-**

Paul Sather Final plat approval- Mrs. Wood (CA) had shared that Mr. and Mrs. Sather had signed the Waiver of Remonstrance as set forth by their conditional use permit. Kirk Fatland shared that he had

reviewed the survey and he felt that the terms and conditions had been met as set forth. A motion was made to allow the mayor to approve and sign the Mylar print **(Anderson/ Cranston) Motion Carried.** AARP ADU conceptual design presentation- Planner Fatland presented 4 conceptual designs that were provided by the AARP grant. The council members reviewed and selected two designs-- one 700 sq ft and the other 900 sq. ft. The two selected designs will allow Planner Fatland to move forward and allow further progress to be made.

Mike Harvey Survey line Adjustment- Planner Fatland provided an update that he has been in touch with a Survey Crew and a survey will be scheduled on Mr. Harvey's property. Mr. English (DPW), Council President Anderson and Planner Fatland have all been working on the proposed exchange of property that will be proposed to Council once the survey is complete.

Main Street Façade Program- Council Member Travis West recused himself from the discussion and voting on this agenda item. Council Member Alley shared that after considering the applications; he feels that the council should move forward with the committee's suggestion, sharing that the committee was formed with the foresight to be created as an independent civilian committee as a part of the design of the program.

Council Member Anderson shared that his view of the applications had not changed, and he felt as if some of the applications were outside of the scope of the program's guidelines. Mrs. Wood (CA) read aloud the meeting notes from the Committee Meeting, including the committee's suggestion of awards. Council Member Cranston was okay with the proposal from the committee with the exception for Huskey's Market. He did not feel the chairs qualified. Mayor Perisho shared his concerns and shared that he was willing to support the vote that the council makes.

A motion was made to approve both applications except for the chairs for the Market. **(Cranston/ Alley) Motion Carried** with West Abstain, and Anderson opposed- sharing that if we break the rules for the program, we will struggle to hold the rules in the future.

Azure Standard Warehouse Expansion- An Erosion Control Plan was submitted by James Baisinger for review and approval, as set forth by the conditional use permit, granted in July 2022. Mr. English (DPW) shared that he had reviewed the plan and it appeared to focus on drainage; saying that the dust matter was addressed, but he requested to wait to approve it until he had a chance to review it with DEQ in an upcoming meeting. Mr. Baisinger highlighted parts of the plan which contained the placement of the diversion ditches and a 175 ft. silt fence as an added measure of site preservation. Discussion was held, questioning if the one water truck is meeting the need to suppress the dust issue that residents are raising concern over.

### **ONGOING PROJECTS-**

Mr. English (DPW) updated that it was discovered in the reservoir inspection that a specific inlet fitting will need to be replaced in the future and it may not be able to wait until the next scheduled inspection. Counselor Cranston advised that he rather give the proper attention to the fitting and fix it now. Mr. English also informed the Council that he contacted ODOT requesting a speed study and such requests are currently delayed over one year. The reason in requesting a speed study is due to the 25 MPH sign on the south end of town being located two city blocks inside of a residential zone. Mr. English also had been researching additional sign options and discovered there aren't many options available that meet the required criteria that hold up over time. Mr. English will follow up on the speed study and new speed signs in the coming months.

### **City Hall Staff Report-**

Mrs. Wood (CA) shared that she was able to order a new laptop that met the proposal specs that the Council members approved in September's Council Meeting. She will continue to work on a cyber/

remote work policy for presentation at the next council meeting. An update was provided that the Audit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, with Accuity is underway and will conclude within this next month. An update was given that all council positions coming up for election/re-election in November did have qualified individuals apply Mrs Wood shared that in the previous month, Randy Francis, owner of the Branding Iron building wants to petition the city to add “nose-in” parking in front of the establishment. Mrs. Wood shared that burn permits are attainable at City Hall and the tentative burn ban restriction is set for October 15<sup>th</sup>.

ODOT ramp Project- Andy Anderson-

Council President Anderson provided a recap on the ODOT ramp project and reflected on a recent trip through Condon where he saw the design of the ADA ramps first hand. Council President Anderson reached out to Bob Townsend, where he learned that the ramp project is a national standard. The raised curbs are designed for individuals who are visually impaired; who may use a cane as an aide. Anderson elaborated on the tripping hazard and how difficult these ramps will be to maintain in the winter weather. It was requested that a letter be prepared addressing the shared level of concern that the city foresees with this upcoming project; it is requested to send it to ODOT and our State Senator. Proposed start date for the project in Moro is October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Generator Installation Bid- Mr. English (DPW) provided an update that the project will go out to bid in March. Anderson asked for clarification, thinking that February was the target month that we want to send the bid packets out—The Generator is set to ship mid-March.

City Hall Cyber Security/ Password Security/ Laptop- Mrs. Wood (CA) shared that she had already touched on this item. Councilor West said that he has had several individuals inquire about building security and he wants us to know what our responsibility would be for the Freedom of Information Request Act, should information be requested.

Merger of Moro Rural Fire- Mayor Perisho started off by clearing up some misinformation going around town and stated that the City Council is in favor of the Merging effort and discussion. It had been discovered by the City’s attorney that the steps needed to merge may not be as easy as originally thought; but the council still is working on merging with Moro Rural Fire Protection District. Recent information presented from Special Districts of Oregon encourages the use of an Intergovernmental Agreement, which the City’s fire department currently has in place with the rural district. Resident, Ernie Moore, elaborated on his conversation with Roy Emery of Special Districts of Oregon and the updated merging information that Roy had shared. The council elected that the forward progress they want to see is to go through the complete merging effort, to override the IGA that is in place currently.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Past Due Water/ Sewer- Mrs. Wood (CA) updated that as of present, 5 water/ sewer accounts were past due and after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, door hangers will be delivered to any account that hadn’t made contact or made payment.

Options to keep Water/ Sewer Billing Accurate- Councilor West shared that after a recent discovery of a business in town not paying the accurate water/ sewer rate; he would like to see a system in place where businesses would be required to fill out a form annually that would confirm if employee counts had changed or if there was a change requiring a billing adjustment.

Business License Ordinance Discussion/Business Registry- Council member Travis West abstained from the Business License discussion, as he is associated with several businesses in town. Councilor Alley shared that he did research on other cities in Oregon and it was discovered that it may be a burden to the city staff, additoinally if Moro adopts a Business License, we may be the smallest town in Oregon to adopt such a policy. The council was encouraged to research League of Oregon Cities Chapter 23, for

good reference points. Councilor Cranston stated that he is in favor of doing a business registry. It would be beneficial to have all business information available for easy access, should it be needed for the Chamber of Commerce, or when “we” run programs/ events. Mr. Cranston shared that he would prefer to start with a Business Registry and if that does not work, then evolve into a Business License. Councilor Anderson stated the thing he liked about the Business License idea is that it has “teeth” and business would be required to provide the information rather than on a voluntary basis. Councilor West advanced the topic to the business Registry where he proposed the business registry he would like to see in place, which would offer incentives by allowing the participating businesses to apply for grants through the city.

Ordering of Mobile Radar Trailer/ Signs- Mrs. Wood (CA) shared that she had received a quote for the mobile radar trailer which came in at \$10,900.00 and this purchase would need to go out to Bid because it would be over \$10,000.00. Councilor Alley asked if Mrs. Wood would reach out to Stalker radar Trailers and ask if there was any wiggle room in the price for negotiation. Mrs. Wood will follow up with the company and see what can be discovered.

City Administrator 90 day review- A full review will be held at 6 months with the possibility of a merit increase, as part of a standard review procedure. This 90 day review was a part of this individual hiring process unique to this new position. Council President Anderson shared he was pleasantly surprised and thankful for Brittany being in this position. Mayor Perisho shared that he agreed with Anderson that she is keeping up on the topics and work. Councilor Cranston agreed and thanked Mrs. Wood for putting in for the job.

Apex/Pinkerton- New Road- Moro resident Wm Perry Thurston asked the council if the road was going to be deemed a public right of way and quoted Ordinance 232 [Public Rights of Way] approved in 1997 and asked if the ordinance has been redone since then, specifically section 5. Mr. Thurston wanted to know how the city moved forward with citizen funding to accommodate a private road to a private development. He wanted to know how much this road was going to cost the citizens. Anderson informed Mr. Thurston that the road is complete and it is not going to be paved. Mr. Thurston extended the question to the sewer line and asked if the City was going to pay for the sewer line for that private development. Mayor Perisho clarified that the discussions held for the Apex/Pinkerton Sewer is to develop plans for the sewer expansion for the future, should funding come available in the future. It was stressed by the Council that the City needs these plans so that the City can continue to move forward with infrastructure and take care of the terracotta at crossings that will become problematic in the future. Mr. Thurston carried on with his discussion which expanded to cover run-off of Pinkerton Ln and Bidwell St and his concern with those items. Mr. Thurston then concluded by wanting assurance from the council that the City was not going to pay for any engineering associated with the development costs of the road, its run-off or the sewer lines. Mayor Perisho brought closure to this discussion by concluding with this statement. “I appreciate everybody’s taking part in it [the discussion]. I think that the City is in good standing with the direction they are going. I believe it is the right decision that the City has made. We have been working on it now, since 2013 and I do not believe there is a reason to change the direction on the process at this point.”

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCEWRNING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA-**

Paul Sather- Said that citizens of Moro, himself included have been critical of decisions that the City Council has made, but he does support the decision that the City Council made to hire Brittany as City Administrator.

Perry Thruston- Wanted to again share his concern about the ADA compliance on Bidwell sidewalk/ steps, stating that there is nothing to prevent the kids from riding right off the end of the sidewalk.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER-**

Nothing.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 8:50 PM (Cranston/ West) Motion Carries.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for November 1st, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

 Date 11-1-2022  
Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST:  Date 11-1-2022  
Brittany Wood, City Administrator