

**CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF AUGUST 2nd, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022; 7:00 p.m., The following were present: Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors Bryan Cranston (Arrived 8:15), James Alley, Travis West, John English-Director of Public Works (DPW), Brittany Wood -City Administrator (CA), Amanda West, Cindy Heater-Judah, Paul Sather, Roberta Aldrich, Bill Harvey, Mike Harvey, Carey Hughes, Perry Thurston, and Meredith Smith- Timmons Law (Rep for Laterre Partners). Remote attendees: Mayor Bert Perisho, 541-XXX-XX23 (Heather Coffie- Azure Standard)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Anderson ran the meeting, due to Mayor Perisho's remote attendance. Anderson opened with Pledge of Allegiance and called regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA-MINUTES-BILLS-FINANCIAL REPORT-

The minutes for June 7th meeting were reviewed, a motion was made to approve minutes (Alley / West) **Motion Carried unanimously** (Cranston Absent).

The minutes from July 5th meeting were reviewed, a motion was made to approve minutes (Alley/ West) **Motion Carried unanimously** (Cranston Absent).

The financial report was reviewed for Check # 13012 to 13053, 15124 & 15125 with bills totaling \$104,270.80; a motion was made to approve bills (Alley / West) **Motion Carried unanimously** (Cranston Absent).

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY)

Perry Thurston, presented questions on where the funding for the Pinkerton/ Apex water project was coming from and also presented concern about the development of a possible business registry.

Amanda West, owner of Hotel Moro presented a letter she had prepared about the proposed push to adopt a business license and how as a small business owner there are many other required fees and hoops that she has to jump through which consume time and other resources which yield little benefit to her business. She stated that this push for a business license will not benefit her business.

Carey Hughes, owner of Husky's Market presented questions about the extension of the Main Street Façade deadline and was unaware that notice of the extension had been posted in the post office, city hall door and the city's website. She also presented opposition to the business license registry and stated how it would not be beneficial to the scope of our small community.

VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –

Roberta Aldrich submitted a formal complaint against Azure Standard and the warehouse expansion project due to the copious amounts of dust being generated from the ground work efforts. Roberta submitted pictures throughout the month, to document the complaint. Roberta was advised by Mayor Perisho that on one of his more recent trips by Azure, there was a water truck running and there was effort put in to suppress the dust issue, but it wasn't touching the issue. Roberta was advised that the City can only enforce ordinance to a certain extent and was advised to call DEQ with complaints and concerns to the hotline.

OLD BUSINESS

USDA Office- Meredith Smith of Timmon's Law requested sign off of the Mylar Plat for final approval. City Planner Kirk Fatland had touched base with CA Wood earlier in the day and gave approval for her to sign off in the City planner capacity, stating that he had looked it over and that it was complete to his standard. Mayor Perisho additionally provided written documentation, requesting Council President Anderson to sign in capacity of Mayor.

Waste Water update (DPW) English- Gave an update that annual samples will be happening soon for the 3 wells sites.

Azure Warehouse Expansion update- Heather Coffie (telephone) stated that she would request that Azure will increase the frequency of watering of the construction site, to ease the stress for the local residents. An update was given that Azure is "working with the state" to obtain a building permit, stating that it is in review. Anderson confirmed with Heather that the City still has yet to sign off on the Build Permit Application, due to needing the requested information for the original Sanitation Report issued from DEQ.

Paul Sather build update- Paul voiced discontent with "the City's broken system" and how long it took for his documents to be signed off/approved. Paul asked for clarification on the road placement for his driveway and the width required for the street. A meeting was scheduled for August 3rd, with President Anderson and DPW English to meet at Paul's address to discuss street placement in person.

Mrs. Wood (CA) gave an update on a wastewater study that funds Brad Baird had mentioned in July's meeting were depleted and the City was encouraged to apply for SIPP grand funds to fund the water study.

FEMA Back-up Generator Project- Erik Glover provided an update that a credit application had been submitted and accepted. Erik has requested a 20% down payment be made to order the generator. The remaining amount will be due once the item ships.

CREP Grant- Solar Panels- waiting for an update, we have received confirmation that the application has been received and an update will be shared once available. Alley asked if the City will own the solar panels, and asked what the city's plan is once the panels reach their toxic 25 year life span.

ODOT Ramp Project- Moro is starting to see the beginning process of the ramp project. Still not a set timeframe has been established.

Moro Façade- One completed application was received by the original deadline and council elected to extend the deadline by 12 days, to allow one or two more applications to be completed that they were aware were still outstanding. By the end of the extended deadline 2 completed applications were received in total. A motion was made to appoint Dave Messenger as a Committee Chair (**Alley/ Anderson**) **Motion Carries.** (West Abstain). Mayor Perisho affirmed

vote.

Audit Service update- CA Wood accepted 3-year Audit contract with Accuity, meeting planned to go over Audit procedure and process.

NEW BUSINESS-

Currently 2 Water/ Sewer accounts are delinquent/disconnect notice worthy. One Customer has a meeting with an assistance program to bring bill to current. Other customer will receive a written letter followed by a door hanger. The remaining 6 accounts will be 3 months behind on payments after the 10th of the month passes.

November Election- Reminder Mayor, Council Seat 1 and seat 3 are all up for reelection.

Deadline to file is August 30th 2022 2 PM.

Business License Discussion Ordinance- Feedback from community members has been heard and is being taken into consideration. Discussion is tabled for next month's meeting.

Possible merger of Rural Fire/ City fire department- Council wants more information presented in September's council meeting; the Council is in favor of moving forward with merging efforts. Cranston has previously abstained from discussion, and present councilors affirm to continue to research for further discussion.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA-

Mike Harvey owns property on Columbus Street and recently had a survey completed. Which placed a property pin in the middle of the intersection Mike wants to be put on a future agenda to address possibilities of trading property to not have to move shed that is a pre standing structure outside of property line.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

James Alley- Gave thanks to Mrs. Wood (CA) for communication efforts and work put in, and requested to see Cyber security and passwords/ laptop policy on the next Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT-

A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 8:26 PM (**Cranston/ Alley**) **Motion Carries.**

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 6th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.



Date 9-6-22

Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Date 9-6-2022

Brittany Wood, City Administrator