

**CITY OF MORO**  
**MINUTES OF January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022; at 7:00 PM, The following were present: Mayor Bert Perisho, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors James Alley, and Travis West. City Staff, John English (DPW) and Brittany Wood (CA). Citizens- Perry Thurston, Roberta Aldrich, James Baisinger(Azure). Remote Attendees: None. Absent- Bryan Cranston

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Perisho opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

The Oath of office was presented to our newly elected officials. President Anderson swore in Mayor Perisho, whose term extends to December 2025. Mayor Perisho swore in Council Member Travis West, which extends his term to December 2027. Council member Bryan Cranston was absent and he will be sworn in at February's council meeting.

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

The minutes for December's Council meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made to approve the minutes (**Anderson /West**) **Motion Carried (Cranston Absent)**. The financial report for December was reviewed for Check # 13135- 13152, with bills totaling \$82,632.00; a motion was made to approve bills as presented (**Alley/ Anderson**) **Motion Carried (Cranston Absent)**.

CA Wood provided a quarterly Profit and Loss statement, upon review of all funds, all accounts were in good standing entering into Q2 of FY 22-23. Mrs. Wood shared that the SIP funds from Sherman County arrived in full and the funds were deposited at BEO. The profit and Loss statement did not reflect the SIP funds or a 2 part donation of \$1100.00 to the cemetery fund.

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

None Heard.

**VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –**

Mrs. Wood shared a letter from Janet Pinkerton, enclosed with a donation to the cemetery fund, Mrs. Pinkerton offered to help with the donation letters next year, noting that letters were not sent this year. Mrs. Wood shared that the cemetery donation request letters are typically sent in June and they fell through the cracks this year with the shift of employment in the City Hall Building. Donation letters will be sent out before the major clean-up effort for Memorial Day, this year.

A letter was also read to bring attention to John English and the work that he provides for the city. John received a public thank you from Kathleen Ahearn for the hours that John worked on Christmas day to remedy a frozen pipe situation. The letter noted his work ethic and stated that the City of Moro is fortunate to have someone so devoted, as John.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

Paul Sather build- No update. Azure Warehouse Update- James Baisinger shared that Azure is still at a

standstill waiting for permit approval at the state level. Mr. Baisinger also shared that the Old School repairs have been completed and any further work that will be done will likely need a permit of its own. USDA building update- Council President Anderson shared that he was approached by a community member who informed him that the USDA building may be running into some issues with the contractor and that the FSA building may be seeking other options for workspace including the option of a modular placed outside of city limits.

### **ONGOING PROJECTS-**

DPW Staff report- John English informed the council that the Stalker Radar trailer will be delivered in the coming week. Mr. English will also be getting in touch with Brad Baird to iron out the final detail of sending the Cemetery Generator package out to bid to meet the pre-determined timeframe of February. City Hall Staff Report- Mrs. Wood (CA) updated that City Hall's business was rather slow for the month of December. Remote access has been established for use when necessary. All office-specific work is caught up. Business Registry forms and Annual utility review forms are beginning to return to City Hall and the general feedback from the community so far has been positive.

### **NEW BUSINESS-**

Past Due Water/ Sewer- A list of past-due water accounts was reviewed. 3 disconnect notices will be delivered on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month if payment is not received from those customers.

City Administrator 6- month review- Council President Anderson shared that Mrs. Wood has reached the 6-month period in her position. A motion was made to end her trial period and make her a permanent employee and offer her a raise of \$2.50 an hour; backdating to the first of the month. **(Anderson/ West) Motion Carried (Cranston Absent).** Mayor Perisho and council member Alley agreed with what Anderson had stated, and both took an opportunity to thank Mrs. Wood for the work and effort that she has put in.

Re-offense of Employees living at 500 Azure lane- Mrs. Wood provided a general update that recapped the course of events that lead up to an Incident report from the Sheriff's office, that was shared with her. The report stated that an Azure customer discovered there were individuals living on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the warehouse in November of 2022. Under further investigation, it was discovered that in December of 2021, OSHA completed an investigation and issued fines to Azure for housing contracted individuals in the warehouse, specifically on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. During the 2021 investigation, Azure was required to remove 11 bunkbeds made of plywood, as well as bring other areas of the warehouse into compliance. OSHA limited the number of individuals who could reside in the building to one female and 3 males. Following up on the most recent incident report, Tim Gorton, the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has done a site visit and asked Azure to furnish a Certificate of Occupancy, which could not be provided. Mr. Gorton stated that until a COA can be furnished there are to be zero occupants to reside in the warehouse.

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

Perry Thurston- Shared that he feels that the council's job is to protect the citizens, stating "I think we do have the best-qualified council here, in the county..." Mr. Thurston asked that the council would continue to do things in good faith and continue to have the city's best interest. Mr. Thurston again spoke on Ordinance 232, in regards to "Azure lane" as discussed in past council meetings when he requested to be on the agenda for the "Azure lane system development," and the process in which the Council at that time, decided to accept property located outside of the city's boundary, as a gift from the land owners, to allow access to the private residences.

James Baisinger- Asked the council if they would be interested in the plans for the warehouse, from 2011 that would show the layout/ design of the warehouse approved under the conditional use permit. Mayor Perisho asked that James would forward that information to Brittany.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER-**

Andy Anderson- January will be the month of employee evaluations. If any council member has comments on any of the 3 city employees, please send them to Andy so that they can be included in the reviews/ evaluations.

James Alley- Stated in response to Andy's comment, that John is worth his weight in gold, he is always looking out for the citizens of the town, moving snow even in the early mornings. And James felt that the city was fortunate to have Erik in the office and then along came Brittany and her work is notable as well.

Bert Perisho- presented a request for next month's agenda- requesting to renew the contract with Bob Thomas in preparation for if the turkeys come back. Bert was also recently approached about what the city's requirements are for a private driveway that accesses a city street and wanted to know what the city's expectation is. Andy asked Brittany to reach out to ODOT to see what guidelines they could provide as a suggestion.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 7:38 PM (Alley/ West) Motion Carries.

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

 Date 02-13-2023  
Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST: Brittany Wood Date 02-13-2023  
Brittany Wood, City Administrator