

CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF July 11th, 2023
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Written minutes may not contain a verbatim record of meeting events. If clarification or additional specific information is desired, please reference any available audio recording.

The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 11th, 2023; at 7:00 PM. The following were present: Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors James Alley, and Travis West. City Staff, John English- Director of Public Works (DPW), and Brittany Wood- City Administrator (CA). Citizens- Ray Mabe, Roberta Aldrich, Carey Hughes, Randy Francis, Perry Thurston, Brennah Miller, James Baisinger, Aaron Underhill, and Angela Irzyk. Remote Attendees: Mayor Bert Perisho, and Councilor Bryan Cranston.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The council meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President Anderson. Due to the Mayor's remote attendance, Council President Anderson Chaired the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA-MINUTES-BILLS-FINANCIAL REPORT-

The minutes from June's Council meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made to approve the minutes as presented **(Alley/West) Motion Carried.** The financial report for June was reviewed for check # 13268-13288, 15137 with bills totaling \$88,829.95. A motion was made to approve bills as presented **(Alley/Cranston) Motion Carried.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY)

Moro resident, Perry Thurston, made a comment regarding the review of the City's Legal representation and stated that he was in favor of the City securing different legal representation.

VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –

K'Lynn Lane, submitted a request to ask the council to allow a Beer Garden hosted by The Dirty Cowgirl, at the Harvest Fest event on Jul 23, 2023 . After brief discussion, the Council members agreed to allow the beer garden at the event.

Council Member Travis West had to leave the meeting at this time, and all future votes and motions did not include his vote; a quorum was still present.

OLD BUSINESS-

Project Updates- ODOT ADA Ramp Correction project is beginning to wrap up on some intersections in town. Alley asked what the completion process looks like, if there is a checklist that needs to be reviewed with the contractors; noting a few bricks that may need to have additional adjustments before the contractors leave town.

CEM WELL GENERATOR PROJECT- Brennah Miller, Co- Owner of Over the Bank Construction Company asked for consideration of an extension of project deadline; some of their equipment necessary for project completion was tied up on other projects in the County. The council agreed, and a motion was made to extend the deadline for completion to August 16th 2023**(Alley/ Cranston) Motion Carried.**

USDA OFFICE- DPW shared that he had been in touch with extended city staff, to see if it was a

requirement for the city to take the project out to bid, to install the manhole for utility lines for this project. The Developer will be required to reimburse the city for all required man hours and supplies. Councilor Cranston wanted to ensure that this job is done right.

DPW Staff Report- John English (DPW) shared that the reservoir inspection is scheduled for beginning to mid August and that he has a call in with Tech support from Mission Control due to some of the alerts that he has received from the monitoring software.

City Hall Staff Report- Mrs. Wood (CA) updated that the Jetter Trailer and GMC pickup were received in the last month. Both pieces of equipment have been added to the City's insurance policy; the City of Wasco has been invoiced for their portion of the 50/50 Jetter Trailer. Extensive time this month was spent researching Moro Cemetery operations and records, as well as Audit Prep for FY 22-23.

NEW BUSINESS-

Past Due Water/ Sewer- A list of past-due accounts was reviewed; 1 resident is past due, and has since moved out of town. CA Wood will continue to follow up with this individual to collect payment, or submit a bill to the Landlord.

Kirk Fatland- Grant opportunity- Council President Anderson shared that he spoke with Planner Fatland and that a grant opportunity has come along that could provide funding for development of a Subdivision Ordinance, OR update the City's Comprehensive Plan. It was agreed upon that if Grant Funding is secured, the council would like Planner Fatland to begin work on the City's Comp plan.

Water System Master Plan- CA Wood will follow up with Brad Baird to see if the requested revision of a 1-year deadline will be included in the WSMP contract; a motion still stands to allow Mayor Perisho to enact the contract if such revisions are made.

Azure Standard Warehouse- CUP 1 year review- Council President Anderson read aloud a review that was provided to the council by James Baisinger, representing Azure. The document outlined the 6 points that were listed on the Conditional Use Permit issued in July 2022, and the effort that Azure has put forth to comply with the stipulations. Council President Anderson questioned if the OSFM had concerns that the fire suppression pond was not being maintained at a specific water level. Council Member Alley suggested that a deadline would be added to the 6th bullet, concerning the paving of the parking lot. It was agreed upon by council and James Baisinger that October would be a good deadline for that item.

Nuisance Letter Follow up 2nd Notice/ violations- Alley requested that CA Wood issue a 2nd notice to property owners who received an Ordinance violation notice, if the violation remains in non-compliance. Anderson and Alley will do a second review of the list and make sure that properties were not overlooked in the initial list.

Review of City Legal Representation- CA Wood shared that Kristen Campbell with Campbell Phillips just took on two new smaller municipalities, and she was not wanting to take the City of Moro on as a Client. Mrs. Campbell provided a suggestion of a colleague that she recommends. CA Wood was given direction by the council to continue to research and see if there are other options, or if we stay with current Legal representation.

Moro Main Street Facade Program 22-23/23-24- CA Wood allowed the council to review the document provided by Carey Hughes for Husky's 97 Market for the 22-23 award. Upon review, a motion was made to issue payment to Carey Hughes for the approved improvements to the market, limited to the door replacement and the solar lights; but to not reimburse for the replacement of the window that was broken during the replacement process. **(Anderson/ Alley) motion carried.** It was also agreed upon that the 23-24 Main Street Facade program would not run this year. The program's outline needs to be thoroughly reviewed before the next round of this program. Community member Randy Francis offered

to help revise the outline with his knowledge as a contractor.

First reading of Ordinance # 275- Ordinance # 275- Pacific Power Franchise agreement was read by title. CA Wood informed the council that this was the same agreement that was passed in June's council meeting, to remain at a 3.5% Franchise Fee with Pacific Power, it was just given an Ordinance number to finalize the process. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 275 (**Anderson/ Alley**) **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Verizon Tower Lease Extension- A new lease extension proposal was submitted by Ameri-Tower. The proposal added (8) 5-year terms, an annual rent escalator, and the First right of refusal verbiage removed. Council elected to remain with the existing contract and complete the 19 years remaining.

Pinkerton Drive discussion of possible transfer to County for maintenance- Tabled until August.

Pavers/ Bricks at Recycling Depot- It was decided that upon completion of the sidewalk project on Mainstreet to correct the ADA ramps, the City will open a program to the residents who live within City limits for those who wish to identify a project, location, time-frame and request a quantity of bricks they would like. City Staff will begin to plan out the logistics of this program.

Ordinance Enforcement/ County IGA- The Council members reviewed an IGA that was found in the computer, dating back to 2008, which would enact the County to help the City of Moro enact our Code enforcement process. Historically the IGA was never endorsed/ enacted for some reason or another. The council agreed unanimously to move forward with this process. CA Wood also presented two documents that the City of Rufus is using to help with the authorization to reside in RV's, for the Council's feedback. The Council considered using some sort of a form for information intake, but it was agreed upon that ultimately the City Council will be the deciding force in if RV requests for living quarters will be allowed or not. Decisions will be made in council meetings on a case by case basis.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA-

Perry Thurston - Commended the council on the idea to offer the bricks back to the citizens of Moro, he stated that he would like to see security cameras installed in City Hall, and noted the volume of water that he observed being used by contracting outfits.

Roberta Aldrich- Praised the City Council for doing a great job.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Bert Perisho- Confirmed that when he is attending the meeting remotely, he is still acting as the Mayor and voting roles do not change, despite the meeting being chaired by the Council President. Mayor Perisho extended thanks to Anderson for chairing the meeting due to his remote attendance. The City Charter was referenced for the Council President's role on Council.

ADJOURNMENT-

A motion was made to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:40 PM (**Alley/ Cranston**) **Motion Carried.**

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 1st, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

 Date 8-1-23
Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST:  Date 01 August 23
Brittany Wood, City Administrator