

**CITY OF MORO**  
**MINUTES OF March 5th, 2024**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, on Tuesday, March 5th 2024; at 7:00 PM. The following were present: Mayor Robert Perisho, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilor James Alley. City Staff: John English- Director of Public Works, and Brittany Wood- City Administrator. Residents: Roberta Aldrich, and Minerad Kuettel. Remote Attendee: James Baisinger

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The council meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Perisho.

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

Being that a quorum was not present, the minutes and financial reports will be approved in April's meeting. CA Wood updated that payment was received from Moro Federated LLC, a vendor that was 90 days past due.

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

None Heard.

**VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –**

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sather- CA Wood read a letter to the council that was received from the Sather family. They expressed gratitude for the city staff and the extent that the employees go to take care of business, including snow removal, street maintenance, and office help they have received.

Letter from Amelia Alley- Amelia informed the council that she would like to raise her 4H Pigs at her house from April 13th to August and she asked to keep it at her house. The council granted tentative approval; a final vote will be taken at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

Project Updates/ DWP Staff Report- DPW English reported that the VFD at Cemetery Well is back online and is cycling properly after the completion of the repair and programming. Hours this month were spent on snow removal, alley maintenance and street sweeping. Both Public Works employees completed training and have obtained their flagger certification for the next 3-years.

City Hall Staff Report- CA Wood advised that the application to join the National Flood Insurance Program, NFIP, was submitted. The next step will consist of adopting a Resolution and Ordinance. Mrs. Wood also shared that the Cemetery audit from October 2023 was complete and there were no violations or findings.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Past Due Water/ Sewer- The status of 7 past due water/sewer utility accounts were reviewed. Disconnect notices will be sent for past-due amounts after the 10th of the month. One resident submitted a hardship request, and is working with CA Wood to establish a payment plan that will allow the resident to make payments over the next 4 months. Consent was given for CA Wood to move



forward with her office responsibilities and set up the payment plan.

Azure warehouse update- Mr. Baisinger provided a letter for the council members which outlined the progress made on the warehouse development. He reported that phase one of construction has been completed and they are in the process of applying for the permits which are required for phase 2 of the project. Paving of the parking lot is set to be completed in June, and the landscaping will be completed well in advance of July 1, 2024. It was communicated that Azure has been working with the Building Codes and the OSFM. Azure requested an extension to their Expired Conditional Use Permit until 7/01/2024. Anderson asked if the OSFM raised concern over the fire suppression pond being empty through the permitting process, and he was told by Mr. Baisinger, “no.” Mayor Perisho informed Mr. Baisinger that there was not a quorum present at the meeting so this item would need to be on the agenda next month for further discussion and voting.

Azure Old School update- Mr. Baisinger informed the council that he was working to familiarize himself with the projects at the Old School and confirmed that no further construction is happening in the building at this time. When questioned if permits have been obtained for the development of the apartments that were recently discovered, James informed the council that permits are not and have not been applied for. CA Wood was asked to send a copy of the documents to outline the process to apply for a Conditional Use Permit, when Azure wished to move forward.

City of Moro City Council Long Term Plan- Project Priorities/ SIP Funding allocation- Being that a quorum was not present, this item will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

Fiscal Year 24/25 Budget Calendar- The tentative budget calendar with adjusted dates was provided. Staff will consult the Budget Committee Members to ensure we have a full committee heading into the next Budget Season.

Water Reservoir Repair- DPW English advised that he has been communicating with Shearer, the tank manufacturer, and a date of April 17th has been set for an inspection of the reservoir. Once the inspection is complete a plan will be formulated, pending the inspection results. CA Wood provided an update on the project's funding, and the City should be able to expect an award letter/ contract before the next council meeting.

Maintenance plan for Cemetery Well Generator- Council members reviewed a schedule for generator maintenance that was provided by the unit's manufacturer. City Staff was directed to reach out to City of The Dalles, and other entities that have similar units, to see what the City has as far as options go, to stay in compliance with the Generators 7-year warranty.

2nd Street curb and gutter design- Mayor Perisho made a proposal that the City ask engineer Brad Baird to develop and design shelf plans for curb and gutter development on the first block of 2nd street and explained that the annual run-off should be addressed. Anderson asked if the issues experienced on Bidwell are similar, and DPW English explained that at times the runoff can be a safety concern. Being that a quorum was not present, this item will be discussed next month.

2024 Audit Law Change- CA Wood advised that HB 2110 amended Municipal Audit Law and the City will not be required to have a full Audit for the upcoming FY, as required in years past. CA Wood will discuss options with the Auditor, and specifically ask about the contract the City has engaged with Accuity, LLC. An update will be provided at the next council meeting.

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

None.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER-**

Mayor Perisho- Seconded Paul and Carol Sather's letter and thanked City Staff for the work that they

perform. He also extended condolences to the Wood Family.

CA Wood- Thanked the council for allowing the flexibility in allowing her to tend to family matters last week, it was very much appreciated.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

**The next Council Meeting is scheduled for April 2nd, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**

 Date 4/15/24  
Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST: Brittany Wood Date 4/15/24  
Brittany Wood, City Administrator