

**CITY OF MORO**  
**MINUTES OF May 2nd, 2023**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023; at 7:00 PM. The following were present: Mayor Bert Perisho, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors James Alley, Travis West, and Bryan Cranston. City Staff, John English- Director of Public Works (DPW), and Brittany Wood- City Administrator (CA). Citizens- Ray Mabe and Roberta Aldrich. Lori Wyman- (Pacific Power) Remote Attendees: None.

**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-**

The minutes from April's Council meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made to approve the minutes as presented (**Anderson/Cranston**) **Motion Carried.** The financial report for April was reviewed for check # 13216-13235, with bills totaling \$63,858.31. A motion was made to approve bills as presented (**Cranston/ Alley**) **Motion Carried.**

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

None heard.

**VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –**

None heard.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**Project Updates-** DPW shared that the ODOT ADA Ramp Correction project is well underway, he made several attempts to request a schedule for the project but had not had any response. USDA building- DPW shared that he made contact with the project lead and is working to determine the utility placement and the central location for the fire hydrant placement on the other side of the street. Additional discussion was heard on the possibility of a manhole/ placement for utility access. Azure Warehouse- CA Wood shared that the Pendleton Field Office reported to her that the foundation permit will be issued for the warehouse project in the coming weeks. It was asked that Paul Sather's build be removed from the Agenda moving forward.

**DPW Staff Report-** John English (DPW) provided an update that he hadn't yet received a schedule confirmation from the dive team for when they will be able to complete the reservoir inspection. A further update was given that the Cemetery Well pump is currently out of commission. Hire Electric was able to confirm that the motor in our pump is burnt out. CA Wood made contact with CIS and the proper channel is being pursued to open a claim to replace the pump.

**City Hall Staff Report-** Mrs. Wood (CA) gave a reminder that the Moro Clean-up day is scheduled for June 10th, 2023, and all arrangements for the event have been made. Waste Connections will be providing a scrap trailer for our use. Mrs. Wood has been working diligently to complete the Budget



proposal, so that the Budget Committee and Councilors are able to review the document before the Budget Committee meeting on May 10th.

Conclusion of McCoy/Scott Street Alleyway discussion-

It was determined that this item could be removed from the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Past Due Water/ Sewer- A list of past-due accounts was reviewed; 1 resident is working with CA Wood, to get caught up on their past-due account.

Cemetery Well Generator Update - Mrs Wood informed the Council that she adjusted the deadline for project completion, due to the Original RFB needing to be extended. The new completion date for this project is July 16th, 2023. No further updates at this time.

Water System Master Plan/ Contract Documents- The complete documents have been signed and submitted to Business Oregon, to receive the funding for the Water System Master Plan update. CA Wood will reach out to Brad Baird and communicate the progress with him.

Roto-Rooter reimbursement- 500 Main- DPW provided a copy of a bill from Roto-Rooter and informed the council that the blockage was on the City's side of this property owner's hook-up. A motion was made (Cranston/ Anderson) to reimburse the citizen who paid for the bill. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2023-01- A resolution adopting the fee schedule for FY 23-24 was reviewed and raised questions on when the last increases were approved for some of the items. After further discussion, it was decided and a motion was made to double the connection charges to City Offered Utilities, effective July 01, 2023. (Cranston/ Alley) Motion Carried. A second motion was heard, to adopt the fee schedule, reflective of the newly adopted adjustments, and the newly adjusted CPI water/ sewer rates (Alley/ Anderson) Motion Carried.

Living in camp trailers within City limits- Our Zoning Ordinance was referenced, as there are some residents living in Camp Trailers, or permitting individuals to reside full-time in camp trailers on their property. Such an act is prohibited by Ordinance 272. Mrs. Wood was directed to send letters to the property owners and allow the individuals to come before the City Council to plead their case or come into compliance with the Ordinance.

Developing a driveway for new property- Resident Ray Mabe came before the council and further discussed his desire to place a private driveway off Rail Road Ave, for a future single-family dwelling. Mr. Mabe understood that the future development of the street is a possibility, but it is his financial responsibility to provide access to the future residence. Mayor Perisho confirmed that Rail Road Ave is already a platted street on the City's Street Map. Being that Rail Road Ave is a platted street, a motion was not needed to allow Mr. Mabe to move forward with the development of the road/ driveway access.

Review and Approve the updated Wasco IGA contract- Mrs. Wood Shared that the Wasco IGA has been updated for review and adoption. The IGA presents an 8% increase for DPW's rate that he serves the City of Wasco at, to match his wage Increase for FY 23-24. A motion was made to approve the revised IGA contract and have Mayor Perisho sign it. (Anderson/ Cranston) Motion Carried.

Pacific Power Franchise Agreement Renewal- Lori Wyman, with Pacific Power, Shared with the Council that it is time to renew our Franchise Fee Agreement with Pacific Power. Currently, the City of Moro is set at 3.5% in our agreement, any increase in that rate would be passed directly along to the consumers. Knowing that and mindful of the residents, a motion was made to remain at the 3.5% Franchise Fee and to renew the contract for 20 years. (Cranston/ Anderson) Motion Carried.

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

None Heard.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER-**

Andy Anderson- Shared that John (DPW) and Jim (Waste Connection) got a new sign for the recycling depot and it looks good.

Bert Perisho- told the council that it may be in the City's interest to see if the County would be interested in taking over ownership and maintenance of Pinkerton Drive. There are 7 or 8 kids that ride the bus that live on Pinkerton Drive. It was asked that this item be placed on the Agenda for next month's meeting.

In accordance with ORS 192.660, an executive session was entered.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

A motion was made to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:06 PM **(Cranston/ Alley) Motion Carried.**

**Next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 6th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

  
Bert Perisho (Jun 20, 2023 10:23 PDT)

Date June 20, 2023

Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST: Brittany Wood Date 6/20/2023  
Brittany Wood, City Administrator