**CITY OF MORO**

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 05, 2021**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 05, 2021, 7:00 p.m,. The following were present Mayor Bert Perisho, Councilors Seth vonBorstel, Andy Anderson, Bryan Cranston, James Alley, Erik Glover-City Administrator (CA), John English-Director of Public Works (DPW), Steve Allen-Times Journal,

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

**SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICIALS-** CA Glover gave the oath of office to Mayor Perisho and he was sworn in as Mayor’s elected mayor for a two year term. Mayor Perisho gave the oath of office to Councilor’s Anderson and Alley, and they were sworn in as City Councilors for 4 year terms.

**SELECTING A COUNCIL PRESIDENT-** A motion was made (**vonBorstel/Alley**) to appoint Bryan Cranston as President of Council. **Motion Carried**

There was a motion **(vonBorstel/Anderson)** to approve the December 01, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes**. Motion Carried**

There was a motion **(Anderson/Cranston)** to approve December’s bills totaling $65,278.50, check #’s 12679-12708, and 15105, Check # 12688-12696 voided. **Motion Carried**

**Visitors/Correspondence**

**Citizens Comment Items on Agenda**

**\*None**

**PROJECT PRIORITIES** –

**WATER SYSTEM/Telemetry** –DPW English advised that Cemetery Well was repaired and back online by Abbas Well Drilling. DPW English also shared that the previous PLC communication issue was still occurring so the well is operating in manual mode, in addition it appeared that the transducer was providing suspect readings, but it could be pulled/replaced if needed. Councilor vonBorstel shared that it may be worth looking into a capless head unit for the City Hall Well, in lieu of a replacement pump house. Councilor vonBorstel advised it would use underground power, and move the controls inside. DPW English that the City received one quote for a pre-fab City Hall Well pump house. Councilor Cranston requested that DPW English also look into a smaller vault to replace the existing City Hall Well pump house.

***Anderson Perry Engineers- Vista/Apex/Pinkerton Sewer Engineering***

DPW English advised that he and Councilor Anderson met with Brad Baird of Anderson Perry Engineering, for a site visit. Land owners in the area are ok with the survey work, the exception being Mark Corey. Councilor Anderson advised that the work includes new sewer, and storm sewer design and 8” pipe replacement all the way to the sewer lagoons.

**Barnum Creek-** Mayor Perisho thanked DPW English for a job well done. DPW English advised the project was complete under the permit limit. Moro resident Dave Poirer did a lot of work on the creek adjacent to his property as well. DPW English advised that the creek area from the Moro Park to 1st Street will be getting burnt soon.

**PAST DUE WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS** – Erik Glover (CA) advised that there were 8 shutoff notice/delinquent reminders sent this month. 6 accounts paid portion due, 1 account made arrangements, 1 account was disconnected, account holder paid a substantial portion due and service was reinstated. Councilor directed CA Glover to look into current payment plan form, and encouraged the development of a 6 month signed agreement form, and terms to include staying current. Councilor Alley inquired about the current hardship program. CA Glover advised it is primarily for serious medical illness, and requires a visit in-front of the Council, to request temporary deferment. Council requested to have the current shutoff ordinance at the next meeting.

**Verizon/American Tower Request for Lease Modification**

CA Glover advised that the City had received a request for a lease modification from Verizon/American Tower. Current lease is $850 per month. The company stated that they are facing issues in the competitive market and need to reduce rents. The company provided 3 options, with rent below current. CA Glover advised that a 3rd option was a permanent easement. City Legal was not in favor of an easement. Councilor advised that they would not be making a decision tonight, as they wanted the existing agreement available for the next meeting.

**ODOT IGA FOR CURB Ramps**

Mayor Perisho advised that due to conflict of interest, he was not participating in this process as an ODOT representative, as he would be acting as Mayor for the City of Moro on the agreement. He further advised Pat Cimmiyotti with ODOT would be acting as ODOT representative for any City questions. Mayor Perisho further advised that the City had some issues with receiving project plans, but the latest set was December 20, and the current play is no bulbouts and removing the brick in the ADA ramps. The IGA appeared to be a right of way agreement, and his recommendation was to approve. Councilor vonBorstel noted the date was 2015 in the IGA. Mayor Perisho advised ODOT uses a form date in their process, but potentially the City could request this be removed. DPW English advised that he had concerns with utility locates, and had been talking with Keith Ferguson Project Manager with HDR about utility relocates. The last word was that the contractor, or ODOT would be handling those with no cost to the City, but he was waiting for written confirmation. Councilor Cranston inquired as to if the ramps would be rounded in the smaller bulb-outs. Mayor Perisho noted that any project plan with a hash mark was not in the 1st stage of the project. Councilor Anderson also noted that it may be an issue with form language changing to incorporate new language in the IGA at the state level, and that if the City stops the project then it will be at their expense to replace them. A motion was made (**Anderson/vonBorstel)** to Approve the Mayor to sign the IGA with ODOT, with the stipulation that the IGA is tied to approval of project with plan date of Dec 20, 2020. **Motion Carried**

**Review of City of Moro Small Business Interruption Grants CRF Funds**

CA Glover advised that following the last meeting Mayor Perisho and he drafted a program for remaining CRF funds and released them to Moro businesses. 3 applications were complete/received by the deadline, one from Deborah Rudometkin, one from Huskey’s 97, one from LCL Hughes Enterprises they were each awarded a grant of $3,419.14. An application was received by Apex/Trans Tow after the program deadline and they were not awarded.

**City of Moro Long Range Planning**

Mayor Perisho requested that the 15 items brainstormed by Council will be reviewed on the agenda next month.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA  
None**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Councilor Anderson-** Shared that there had been a couple of snow events recently. He did not plow sidewalks because it was under the 6” City snow removal policy limit. Also that the solar lights on the City entrance signs did not light up the signs very well, so DPW English was requested to look into something else. DPW English advised that the hollow space makes it hard for illumination, but would review other options. Councilor vonBorstel shared it may require more lights at differing angles, evaluate moving solar panels off the ground to prevent cover by snow and install of a battery backup. Mayor Perisho shared that top down lighting may be the best option for signage, and not result in an issue with permitting.

**Councilor vonBorstel-** Shared that he wanted to thank staff for doing such a great job for the City.

**Councilor Cranston-** Advised that Mayor Perisho and himself finished staff evaluations, and wanted to also thank staff for doing good work for the City. Councilor Cranston also requested that shutoff/nonpayment for water sewer bills be added to next agenda.

Mayor Perisho- Advised that the Sherman County Fair Board are hiring an architectural firm for the new building at the Fairgrounds, and a representative would be attending a Moro Council Meeting soon.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 08:08 PM**

**The Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Feb 2, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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Bert Perisho, *Mayor*

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Attest, Erik Glover, City Administrator

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