**CITY OF MORO**

**MINUTES OF MAY 04, 2021**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 04, 2021, 7:00 p.m,. The following were present Mayor Bert Perisho, Councilors Bryan Cranston, Andy Anderson, James Alley, Seth vonBorstel (Teleconference) Erik Glover-City Administrator (CA), John English-Director of Public Works (DPW), Kirk Fatland (Tenneson Engineering/City Planner), Jeremy Mark, Dan Talley (Moro), Travis West- Old Moro Hotel

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

There was a motion **(Anderson/Cranston)** to approve the April 06, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes**. Motion Carried**

There was a motion **(Cranston/Alley)** to approve April’s bills totaling $20,513.04, check #’s 12760-12777, and 15109 **Motion Carried**

**Fin Report-** CA Glover advised no financial report tonight due to being at budget time.

**Visitors/Correspondence**

**Travis West, Old Moro Hotel**– Shared that he and his wife purchased the Old Moro Hotel, and are cleaning out antiques. Long term plans include a coffee shop, snacks and sandwiches. On the agenda long term is nightly room rentals on the 2nd floor, 3 long term rentals exist already and 1 more is being made ready. They are considering opening a tap room patio as well. The project will call for leaving the exterior of the hotel as is, primarily during some interior renovations and opening the old dining hall as a event/community center.

Council thanked Travis for the summary, and suggested he reach out to K’lynn Lane with the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce for marketing efforts.

**Citizens Comment Items on Agenda**

**\*None**

**PROJECT PRIORITIES** –

**WATER SYSTEM/Telemetry** –DPW English advised that sewer irrigation project was currently at $6,000 of the $6,500 project cap and need to buy a few more things.

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

DPW English and CA Glover advised they had no update. Council President Anderson explained he didn’t foresee a size issue for any potential UGB expansion, and the project can move forward with Anderson Perry.

**Barnum Creek-** DPW English advised that the project required a spray program and he was working on putting one together.

**Review of Long Term List and City of Moro Goals**- CA Glover advised no update.

**PAST DUE WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS** – CA Glover advised that there were 5 shutoff notices, 3 paid 1 trustee was notified and will pay. Councilor vonBorstel requested clarification if the previous hardship account paid and CA Glover clarified that the account was brought current last month.

**Dan Talley-Discussion/Request for Extending City Water Service Outside City Limits**

(Item was tied together with possible UGB expansion agenda item) Kirk Fatland City Staff/Contract Planner with Tenneson Engineering advised that the City received correspondence from Dan Talley inquiring about the feasibility of extending water service outside the City Limits. Kirk advised that the City Comprehensive Plan says that the City will not extend water outside City limits, and sewer restrictions are set by ORS/State Statute. Kirk advised that the City would need to have a successful comp plan amendment to remove the water service restrictions. It would be less arduous than a UGB expansion, but still has to be approved by the State. Dan Talley inquired does it require approval from the City or the State? Kirk clarified that it is mostly asking for permission, and requires public hearings and it is not impossible, but may be unlikely. Planner Fatland clarified that if a comp plan amendment is done, it is best to look at the document in its entirety, not just amending one part since the document works together as a whole. Councilor Anderson inquired as to if it was feasible for the City to pump water from outside UGB/City Limits to inside the City Limits. Planner Fatland clarified yes, and it was done frequently. Jeremy Mark inquired as to if water service already existing would be viewed favorably with a UGB expansion request. Kirk clarified it didn’t seem likely. Dan Talley inquired as to what classifies out of town, since the meter will be in town, and did that matter? Planner Fatland advised that any time it crosses the ugb/city limits line it constitutes out of town. Dan Talley clarified that with existing zoning under the county it is possible to build homes already, but that he did not prefer a well for a variety of reasons. Councilor Cranston shared the best way to move forward is a UGB expansion, as the rule is you cannot cross the line, and if the City moved forward it was best to go for a UGB expansion and run the process through town halls. Councilor Cranston clarified that platted city lots have more value than rural real estate for this very reason, and if the City needs to poll the community to see what they want to do, and will not support moving forward without that being done.

Councilor vonBorstel echoed Cranston’s sentiments, and requested town halls and the opportunity for citizens to comment. Existing property owners in the City need to the opportunity to discuss it and determine if they want to develop anything or not. Councilor Alley shared that the City Council represents the best interest of the residents within the limits of Moro. Planner Fatland clarified that he doesn’t like to be the no person, but has heard of successful efforts to do an acre for acre swap with moving some sections within existing city limits, to outside the City limits. Councilor Anderson clarified that he liked the idea of reviewing the entire comp plan before a decision was made, and agreed with the other Councilors; the process needed done right or not at all.

Mayor Perisho requested a motion to direct Kirk Fatland to pursue the UGB Expansion. A motion was made (**vonBorstel/Cranston**) to direct Planner Fatland to move forward with the UGB expansion process. **Motion Carried**

Brief discussion was held on lot sizes, and how a swap may change the process. Planner Fatland clarified that the state may view it more favorably since it does not remove farm land from production, in lieu of residential land.

**Discussion Kirk Fatland City Planner Possible Urban Growth Boundary Expansion in Moro** Item discussed earlier.

**Discussion- City Planner Kirk Fatland Moro Zoning Ordinance**

Kirk Fatland advised he wanted to approach the commercial zone different than residential, and shared a list of potential changes. General discussion was held on the potential amended commercial zoning ordinance language and Council was generally in favor, and the consensus was to move forward.

**FEMA HMGP Grant Status Update for Municipal Well Backup Generator**

CA Glover shared that the project was finally awarded after 3 years of work, and would be providing an update at a later date.

**AZURE STANDARD Truck Routing/Truck Routing Issues**

DPW English advised that he talked with the County Road Department who was ok with sign alterations, and he provided height and placement specs to Azure. 2nd one will be at the sign on Jager’s side of VanGilder road/North Side. CA Glover advised that the current road appeared to be a private driveway, but would follow up with Azure to ensure they knew City specifications and was waiting for a site plan for the road.

**Enterprise Zone Resolution Co-Sponsor Discussion**

CA Glover shared the County Enterprise Zone was up for renewal, and Georgia Macnab with County Planning would be in attendance in June. Councilor vonBorstel asked if there was a reason to not sign it? Mayor Perisho advised that it can reduce taxes received by the City for a period of time, but the goal is to encourage development and receive taxes at a later date, so short term it can be bad for a city, but long term those revenues come back.

**Addition-Discussion on Baker City Resolution on Covid Restrictions**

Discussion was held on Baker City Oregon Ordinance #3881. The general consensus was to move forward. A motion was made (**vonBorstel/Cranston**) to add on agenda in June meeting, and to match the Baker City Resolution #3881 identically. **Motion Carried**

**Addition- Bob Thomas Pest Control Services Contract**

Mayor Perisho clarified that the City was contacted by Bob Thomas who explained he didn’t provide any services to the City last year/no calls for pest control, and owed the city a free year. A contract renewal was needed with no compensation. A motion was made (**vonBorstel/Anderson**) to move forward/approve the pest

control services contract with Bob Thomas for 1 year, at a max dollar amount/expense of $0.00 to the City. **Motion Carried**

**Declare as Surplus John Deere X300 Riding Lawn Mower**

A motion was made (**vonBorstel/Cranston**) to reenter new business and declare as surplus the Cities ½ interest in a 10 yr old JD X300 mower and give to Robert Powell. **Motion Carried**

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**DPW English-** Shared that Robert Powell, current Moro Cemetery caretaker had resigned, the City would be taking over the maintenance work, but a question came up about ownership of an nearly 10 year old John Deere x300 riding lawnmower, which was previously owned 50/50 between the City of Moro and Moro Cemetery board. DPW English also advised that Councilor Cranston personally purchased and donated a brand new John Deere riding lawn mower for the Cities use, and wanted to thank him for that.

* Council moved to reenter new business to settle a question regarding an older JD x300 mower.

**Councilor Cranston-** Clarified that a Council work party at the Cemetery may be a good option to get the Cemetery in good shape before Memorial Day. He added that he purchased and donated the lawn mower because he loves and appreciates the community, and thought very highly of Eileen Moreau who was very active at the Cemetery for years. Councilor Anderson shared he would be interested in volunteering time to help with that effort.

**Councilor Cranston** requested that CA Glover put out notices regarding no spray signs on individual plots being necessary at the Cemetery, due to upcoming work.

**Councilor Cranston** also shared that the new John Deere mower is 100% the cities property, with no strings attached, for any use, not just the Cemetery.

* With no further business the meeting adjourned at 08:30 pm.

**The Next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 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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