**CITY OF MORO**

**MINUTES OF JULY 07, 2020**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, July 07, 2020, 7:00 p.m,. The following were present Mayor Bert Perisho, President of Council Bryan Cranston, Councilors Seth vonBorstel, Andy Anderson, James Alley, Erik Glover-City Administrator (CA), John English-Director of Public Works (DPW)

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

There was a motion **(vonBorstel/Cranston)** to approve the June 02, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes**. Motion Carried**

There was a motion **(Cranston/Anderson)** to approve June’s bills totaling $77,893.72, check #’s 12544-12570, and 15098. **Motion Carried**

**Visitors/Correspondence**

**None**.

**Citizens Comment Items on Agenda**

**\*None**

**PROJECT PRIORITIES** –

**WATER SYSTEM/Telemetry** –DPW English advised that Simtek made a site visit, and fixed a flow fail alarm at Cemetery Well, through a parameter change on the alarm; from 30 seconds to 60 seconds on startup. He also added that he was waiting on data recording results from Pacific Power, but would share those results once he had them. City Hall Well meter has been installed, 80 GPM was proposed and it produces 90 gpm, with static levels holding steady. DPW English also shared that he and CA Glover would be starting to work on the PLC/Telemetry quote process again, since the previous quotes are aged.

**2019/2020 ODOT Small City Grant, Sidewalks Project**

DPW English advised that the Sidewalk Project was going good, and concrete would be starting the first week of July, with full completion the end of the next week. DPW English also shared that the project has made a few minor inconveniences for Moro residents, but overall been well received by Moro residents he has spoken too.

**Welcome to Moro Signs** DPW English advised that everything was ready for this project, the poles on south entrance sign would be erected tomorrow and expected to finish the south entrance sign in full this week. He also added he was researching solar lighting options for the sign, and he has had lots of help from various community members and businesses with this project and wanted to thank them.

**Barnum Creek-** DPW English had no update right now, but would be commencing the permit process with the Sherman County Soil and Water District in the near future.

**Fiberoptic Internet Agenda Addition-** Councilor vonBorstel shared that he wanted to discuss the recent fiber outage, it was out for 4 hours, due to the failure of a power supply on a main system for GorgeNet. The battery backup ran out at 9, and from 9-11 the fiber optic internet system was down and restored at 11:10 pm. Mayor Perisho advised the fiber/internet hotspot in the Moro City park was operational.

**PAST DUE WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS** – Erik Glover (CA) advised that there were 2 shutoff notice/delinquent reminders sent this month, which seems like a record low number. He also provided a summary of an account holder that has not paid any portion due, or made an effort to make any arrangements since service was started, approximately 3 months behind. Due to Covid restrictions it wasn’t possible for the City to shutoff, or assign fees for nonpayment. Council directed CA Glover to send the bill for full payment the day the State of Emergency is lifted, and to shut-off the services if not paid and send bill to landowner.

**November Election**

CA Glover shared that he Mayor, 2 Council Positions are up for Election this November- Position #2, and Position #4 Andy Anderson is Position 4, James Alley is Position 2. Mayor position is 2 year term starting Jan 2021, Council positions are 4 year terms starting the same. Deadline for filing is August 25, 2020 at 02:00pm. Applications must be hand delivered, and will be time stamped. Interested parties can file by paying a $10.00 fee to the City, or by petition which requires obtaining sufficient validated signatures. Contact City Hall if interested

**Grant Funded Cemetery Work Finalized/Completed**

CA Glover shared the grant funded Cemetery Work was completed. Originally he had a custom site built kiosk, but did not have enough time to complete that, so he submitted a change order for a prefabricated kiosk, which was more cost effective. He added he wanted to thank DPW English and Assistant Marcus Henricksen for assisting for layout, and setup of the kiosk, and the City Council for allowing him to complete the badly needed project CA Glover advised that reimbursement request has been submitted for $5,546.14, or roughly 22% under estimated budget.

**Part Time Maintenance Assistant Employee**

DPW English advised that his assistant would be leaving in two weeks for the military, and he needed to get someone else hired. DPW English shared that he and CA Glover would advertise, and interview for the position. It was generally concluded by Council to proceed.

**Nuisance/Fire Hazard Properties**

CA Glover advised that Moro Fire Chief Henricksen did the yearly nuisance/fire hazard survey. Most residents have abated the nuisance or made arrangements that they are aware and will. Two properties did not and the next step was to post the properties. Council directed CA Glover to proceed with posting and 2nd letter. In addition, Council shared that they wanted to thank Azure Farms for completing the previous work regarding tumbleweeds, and appreciate the continued diligence from Azure in monitoring it. Council added that some of the platted Azure lots in Moro City limits had extreme fire danger/overgrowth, and noxious weeds and requested that CA Glover send a letter and post the Azure Farms properties in the Moro limits, as well the Old Moro Hotel which had fire danger/nuisance on the east/rear side.

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Councilor vonBorstel-** Shared that he purchased property out of town, and would be moving in August. He shared that he enjoyed his time on Council, and all the City projects completed. He appreciated working with a good Council, and great City Staff, and August would be his last meeting.

**Councilor Anderson**-Requested that CA Glover add Vista/Apex/Pinkerton Sewer system back on the agenda, going forward.

**Mayor Perisho-**Shared that the Sherman County Fair had receiving funding towards a $4.5 million dollar facility at the Fairgrounds. He advised he is on the Fair Board and will be abstaining, but a representative will be coming to discuss the project with the Council in the near future.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 07:30 PM**

**The Next Council Meeting is scheduled for August 04, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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Bert Perisho, *Mayor*

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Attest, Erik Glover, City Administrator

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