**CITY OF MORO**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 01, 2020**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 01, 2020, 7:00 p.m,. The following were present Mayor Bert Perisho, 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/Anderson)** to approve the November 03, 2020 Regular Council Meeting minutes**. Motion Carried**

There was a motion **(Anderson/vonBorstel)** to approve November’s bills totaling $76,897.62, check #’s 12664-12678, and 15104. **Motion Carried**

**Supplemental Budget RES 2020-05** **C.R.F Grant Funds $25,000**

CA Glover explained that the auditor advised the City needed a supplemental budget, to expend CRF funds from the State of Oregon. Councilor vonBorstel read Resolution 2020-05 in full, and public comment was requested, none was heard. A motion was made (**Anderson/vonBorstel**) to approve Resolution to 2020-05, and authorize the Mayor to sign. **Motion Carried**

**Visitors/Correspondence**

**Citizens Comment Items on Agenda**

**\*None**

**PROJECT PRIORITIES** –

**WATER SYSTEM/Telemetry** –DPW English advised that Abbas Pump performed a site visit at Cemetery Well, and the pump was pulled. Investigation showed multiple check valve failures, and Gus with Abbas Pump felt that cavitation could be happening due to hard water. DPW English also advised there was some scaling on the pipes and that would be addressed on replacement, further that the well would be camera inspected the next day and he expected to have more information then.

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

DPW English advised that he would be performing a site visit with Brad Baird of Anderson Perry Associates on December 16. Councilor Anderson shared he would be there as well.

**Barnum Creek-** DPW English advised that he didn’t have a major update right now. He had a burn scheduled with the Fire Department, but they had another call and canceled. DPW English added he would be in Hood River for annual recertification conference on December 7-10, but would have an update at a later date.

**PAST DUE WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS** – Erik Glover (CA) advised that there were 6 shutoff notice/delinquent reminders sent this month. 1 accounts made arrangements, or paid a portion due. CA Glover advised the City was working to make contact with the other account holders.

**Burn Barrel Policy**

Councilor vonBorstel advised that he requested this be on the agenda, but he was rescinding his request as he was the only proponent on the matter.

**League of Oregon Cities Elected Essentials Workshops-Virtual**

CA Glover shared that he put a handout in the Council Packets and if anyone on Council was interested he would get them registered to attend.

**City Council Long Term Vision/Planning Discussion**

Mayor Perisho shared he requested this item on the agenda. He felt it was important for Council to brainstorm long term “pie in the sky” ideas/concepts for the future of Moro, and report back at the next meeting. CA Glover also was requested to investigate the feasibility of installing a TV monitor in the Council chambers for meeting use, and public notice purposes like a letter board.

**Addition \* System Operator IGA City of Wasco/City of Moro**

DPW English shared that the City of Wasco recently lost its certified operator to retirement, and he was requested to assist the City until its operator gets certified. DPW English explained it is a common thing, and the City of Wasco certified operator helped the City of Moro prior to DPW English getting certified. Following discussion, a motion was made (Anderson/Alley) to approve/accept the full IGA, approved City lawyer Ruben Cleveland to draft an agreement. **Motion Carried**

***Addition\* City of Moro CRF Funds***

CA Glover provided a summary of the cities expenditures of CRF grant funds, and requested direction on other potential sources of expenditures by the 12-31-20 deadline. Council held discussion and suggested a horseshoe style conference table to promote social distancing, the feasibility of using funds to make up for lost water/sewer revenues, a TV monitor for council chambers for virtual meetings and public notice, and the potential for offering a small business relief grant modeled after the County program. The Council indicated that it was essential to get the grant funds into the hands of Moro businesses quickly. A motion was made (**vonBorstel/Anderson**) to direct CA Glover to investigate the potential to use funds for Covid business relief grants/individual hardship applications for unpaid utility bills, and to approve CA Glover and Mayor Perisho to establish a program and approve the release of funds. **Motion Carried**

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Councilor vonBorstel-** Mentioned that it is the time of year to consider holiday bonuses for City Staff. Brief discussion amongst Council took place who recalled it was not allowable for the City to gift bonuses to staff, but individual Councilor’s could do so. CA Glover and DPW English advised that they appreciated the thought, but they were good without holiday bonuses from Councilor’s.

**Mayor Perisho-** Shared that he was very appreciative for the great Council, and exceptional staff, it is a good crew and the City has a bright future.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 08:07 PM**

**The Next Council Meeting is scheduled for January 5, 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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