

CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF November 1st, 2022
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The Moro City Council met for a regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 1st, 2022; 7:00 PM, The following were present: Mayor Bert Perisho, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors Bryan Cranston, James Alley and Travis West. Moro Residents- Roberta Aldrich, Perry Thurston, Scott Belshe and James Baisinger (Azure). John English (DPW) and Brittany Wood (CA) Remote Attendees: None.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Perisho opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA-MINUTES-BILLS-FINANCIAL REPORT-

The minutes for October's Council meeting were reviewed, a motion was made to approve the minutes **(Anderson/ West) Motion Carried**. The financial report for October was reviewed for Check # 13090-13114, 15129, with bills totaling \$34,121.58; a motion was made to approve bills and check report as presented **(Cranston/ Anderson) Motion Carried**.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY)

Perry Thurston followed up on the previous month's information that he had presented to the Council about Ordinance 232, specifically section 5. Mr. Thurston wanted to discuss the portion of road which provides access to Apex/ Pinkerton Lane and the process in which it was given to the City, and why the city accepted a piece of property which was located outside of City limits. He specifically asked if there were urban growth boundary plans in place that included the expansion of City Limits.

VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –

CA Wood shared two items of correspondence that came into City Hall over the last month. The first was a donation to the Cemetery with a very thoughtful letter, from Melzer Farms LLC. The donation was made in the memory of Wayne & Evelyn Melzer, John C. Brown, Arly & Nadine Page, Martin & Edna Melzer, Howard & Belle Conlee. In closing it stated "The work that has been done on this cemetery over the past few years has been wonderful. Thank you so much for taking such good care of it." The second item shared was a complaint filed by a resident who wished to remain nameless. The individual asked Council to consider a leash law, as a dog that was not on a leash, chased a cat, and the owner of the dog responded to the event that "his dog does NOT like cats." The individual, who filed the complaint, concluded by saying "it is not fair for cats to be chased or hurt."

OLD BUSINESS-

Paul Sather build- no update.

Azure Warehouse- James Baisinger shared that in the past month the DEQ had an onsite meeting to discuss the fugitive dust control issue, no further communication efforts have been made on behalf of DEQ since the meeting. It was also confirmed that City Staff has not been contacted by DEQ regarding

the meeting. Mr. Baisinger stated that the other item that Azure is currently working to complete is their Building Permit Application. In July of 2022 it was requested for Azure to furnish a copy of the Sanitation report from 2006, for review. Mr. Baisinger shared that the document was lost in the fire in Dufur over the last year, and that DEQ does not have a copy of the sanitation report on file. A notarized affidavit was provided to the council, stating that Mr. Baisinger had done his due diligence and that he was requesting council to allow City Staff to sign off the remaining box on the permit application. City Staff will look into what needs to be reviewed to properly sign off on the Sanitation box for Local Government Approval.

ONGOING PROJECTS-

Mr. English (DPW) updated that the 2022 samples have been submitted and accepted. In the last week, ODOT was using their vacuum truck, and it broke down mid job. Mr. English will be contacting Crestline to complete the cleaning efforts. It was also confirmed that the lagoon levels are prepared for the winter weather ahead.

City Hall Staff Report- Mrs. Wood (CA) presented a staff report from Erik Glover, who informed council that the generator's ship date has remained the same, and that pipe bursting project is still a task on his radar along with revising the employee hand book. Mrs. Wood shared that a mobile radar trailer has been ordered from Stalker Radar in the amount of \$9,999.00. Looking ahead at the month of December, there is an Oregon Main Street walking tour set for the City of Moro on December 1st; all council and City Staff have been invited to attend. Council President asked CA Wood to send over the Downtown Design Master Plan, created in 2015 to K Lynn prior to the walking tour.

AARP ADU Update- Planner Fatland provided for the council's review an update on the ADU designs and the project. The task is still set to be completed on time. CA Wood confirmed that both designers have received their initial payment of grant provided funds.

Merging of Moro Rural Fire- No update to give at this time. The City's Attorney has not provided an update on the required process.

Main Street Façade- Mayor Perisho signed off on both of the completed applications for the 2022 Main Street Façade Program. Mrs. Wood will provide both parties with a sign to display onsite during construction as well as a copy of the signed contract for their records.

ODOT ramp Project- Andy Anderson- DPW English updated that the ramp correction project was set to start the past week, and we have yet to see any construction in Moro presently. Over the last month, Mrs. Wood prepared a letter addressing the Council's concerns about the design being a safety issue, and the increased risk for our citizens. Mayor Perisho signed the letter on behalf of the City council and a copy was sent to the Oregon State Legislator, Senator, and the Project Head with ODOT.

Business Registry Proposal- Council Member West shared that the next step will be to create a draft of a business registry form for businesses to voluntarily fill out. Additionally it would be good to start to think about a way that we will display or solicit the information (like to the Chamber) once it is collected.

Options to keep Water/ Sewer Bills accurate- An annual utility review draft was included in the Council's packet that CA Wood had prepared which followed the EDU usage information. The concept would be that businesses would be required to fill out the form annually, to see if bill adjustments need to be done, to keep utility billing accurate. A few edits were suggested and the form will be sent out to businesses January 2023.

NEW BUSINESS-

Past Due Water/ Sewer- Mrs. Wood (CA) updated that as of present, 8 water/ sewer accounts were past

due and door hangers will be delivered in the coming week.

City Hall Cyber Security/ Remote work Policy- A complete remote policy proposal was provided to the council for review and discussion was held. A few more changes will be made, and an acknowledgement will be added to the employee handbook for review by new employees. Solutions IT, based out of The Dalles, provided a quote to install a firewall in City Hall, and set up new a new secure network, cloud storage, double factor authentication, and provide a back up. The council will have further discussion at the next meeting after more information is available.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCEWRNING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA-

Scott Belshe- Shared that at the last council meeting he voiced his concern about the speeding and his worries about children’s safety on Halloween. Mr. Belshe came to extend his gratitude to the responsible party that requested ODOT to place reader boards on both end of town; urging motorists to slow down and watch for children. Mr. Belshe said that the number of drivers cautiously passing through town being aware was notable.

Perry Thruston- Held a document in the air and asked if the council had reviewed Ordinance 232 since the last meeting. He wanted to know why the city accepted the road leadig to the Apex Lane/ Pinkerton Lane that is located outside of city limits? “I appreciate your smiles, that is really good- but I mean, I am serious. What benefit is it to the rest of the community that this council authorized the funding for any devleopment up there, above the trunk line that was currently existing. If that was the case, if you were gonna do it, it should’ve been brought forth to the public in a referendum, to say ‘yeah, we’re for that.’ Not for the council to simply say, ‘yeah, lets do it.’ And I’d like that to be part of the minutes that I made those comments.”

Roberta Aldrich- Asked if there was a generalized update on what Azure was going to do with the Old School Building, and what the plans are over there.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

President Anderson requested to add System Development review fees for next meeting’s agenda.

ADJOURNMENT-

A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 8:04 PM (Cranston/ West) **Motion Carries.**

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for December 6th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

 Date 12/6/22
Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST:  Date 12/6/2022
Brittany Wood, City Administrator