

CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF June 2, 2026
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The Moro City Council met for a council meeting on June 2, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Present: Mayor Bert Perisho, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors: Bryan Cranston*, James Alley and David Messenger. City Staff: John English- Public Works Director, Brittany Wood- City Administrator.
*indicates remote attendance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Perisho.

CONSENT AGENDA-MINUTES-BILLS-FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made to approve the May Council Meeting Minutes and Budget Committee Minutes as presented. **(Anderson/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.** The May financial report was reviewed, including check #'s 14088-14109, 15174 with bills totaling \$48,248.86 A motion was made to approve the bills as presented **(Alley/ Messenger) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Public Hearing- FY 2026-2027 Budget- Mayor Perisho opened the public hearing on the FY 2026-2027 Budget at 7:02PM. City Administrator Wood presented a brief overview of the proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget totaling \$8,106,812.00. The Mayor called for public testimony; none was heard. The Mayor called for Council discussion; none was heard. A motion was heard to close the public hearing **(Cranston/ Messenger) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Resolution 2026-03 – A Resolution to Impose and Categorize taxes was reviewed. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2026-03 as presented. **(Alley/ Cranston) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Resolution 2026-04 – A Resolution for Volunteer Work Compensation was reviewed. A Motion was made to approve Resolution 2026-04 as presented **(Messenger/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Resolution 2026-05– A Resolution to adopt the 2026-27 Budget and appropriations AND levying property taxes was reviewed. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2026-05; adopting the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27, **(Messenger/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Resolution 2026-06– A Resolution accepting infrastructure funding from Sherman County and allocations by fund. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2026-06; accepting infrastructure funding from Sherman County and allocations by fund as presented **(Anderson/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY) -

None Heard.

VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –

None Heard.

OLD BUSINESS-

DPW staff report- Public Works Director English reported that staff continued seasonal irrigation activities, utility planning associated with the Huffman development, street cleanup efforts, and cemetery maintenance in preparation for Memorial Day. Staff repaired a broken water line on Dewey Street, completed utility locates for ODOT and Anderson Perry, and experienced increased park and restroom usage during the Memorial Day weekend. Five 24-hour disconnect notices were delivered during the month.

City Hall Staff Report- City Administrator Wood reported that the City's ODOT SCA grant application had been withdrawn, at her request, due to maintenance obligations still under contract from the last round of street resurfacing/ street improvements that remain under a ten-year maintenance contract. The City plans to submit the application next year. Staff time was focused on budget preparation, required publications, and preparation of resolutions and ordinances for adoption. Meetings were held with planning and project partners throughout the month. Wood noted that Michelle Colby had departed MCEDD and acknowledged her contributions to City projects. Planner Jaime Crawford had been added to the Dewey Street project team to assist with land use matters. Cemetery donation letters had been distributed, and donations for FY 2025-2026 had exceeded the budgeted amount. A reminder was also provided regarding the Citywide Cleanup Day scheduled for June 6, 2026.

Approve Revised Anderson Perry Contract for Water Rate Study- Project S26005- CA Wood reported that Business Oregon did not approve the contract previously adopted by Council because required language had been unintentionally omitted. Engineer Brad Baird revised the agreement and added the required language as Exhibit A. A motion was made to approve the revised Anderson Perry Contract to perform the Water rate study (**Anderson/ Alley**) **Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Water System Improvement updates- Public Works Director English reported that the next project coordination meeting with Anderson Perry had been scheduled for the week following Independence Day. Councilor Alley reported that recent water sourcing efforts had been completed and had generally confirmed the findings of previous efforts. Council agreed to await the results of the geological study, ordered by Anderson Perry, before making decisions regarding well site selection and property negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of past due water/sewer accounts- A list of 9 delinquent water and sewer accounts was reviewed.

Approve Sewer Line Ordinance #282 for first reading- Ordinance No. 282- Sewer Line Ordinance was presented. CA Wood reported that the ordinance had been made available for public review in accordance with Charter requirements. The Ordinance was read by title only. A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 282 by title only and advance the ordinance to a second

reading at a future meeting. **(Alley/ Messenger) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Approve Ordinance #283- Authorizing a Loan from the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund- Ordinance No. 283 was presented. CA Wood indicated that the Ordinance had been on display in accordance with the Charter requirements. The Ordinance was read by title only. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 283 by title only. **(Anderson/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Future water rate increase schedule- Council discussed the future schedule for water rate increases and agreed to defer any additional rate adjustments until completion and review of the water rate study.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA-

None heard.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Councilor Anderson inquired whether there had been any additional requests related to the proposed vacation of a portion of Dewey Street by Ernie Moore. Wood reported that no additional requests had been received.

Councilor Cranston commended the Public Works Department, noting that both the community and cemetery appeared well-maintained and cared for.

Councilor Messenger thanked city staff for their assistance in identifying and helping troubleshoot a water leak on 5th street.

Councilor Alley shared concerns of potential fire hazard properties. CA Wood will make contact with property owners and begin to issue fire hazard letters.

ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Bert Perisho, Mayor

Date _____

ATTEST: _____
Brittany Wood, City Administrator

Date _____

Minutes approved 07/07/2026. Signed copy available upon request