

CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF May 5, 2026
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The Moro City Council met for a council meeting on May 5, 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, Engineering Staff- Brad Baird with Anderson Perry. Resident: Perry Thurston.

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 April council minutes as presented. **(Anderson/ Cranston) Vote: 4** in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.** The financial report for April was reviewed, including check # 14063-14084 with bills totaling \$75,099.66 A motion was made to approve the bills as presented **(Anderson/ Cranston) Vote: 4** in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY)

None Heard.

VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –

Resident Perry Thurston submitted a letter regarding questions related to the Water System Improvements Project. Council discussed and addressed the questions presented. Thurston suggested the City hold a town hall meeting regarding the project.

OLD BUSINESS-

DPW staff report- Public Works Director English reported that staff completed seasonal irrigation work, sprinkler repairs, and pond level management. Source water samples were completed with no deficiencies reported. Maintenance was performed at the park restrooms, flowers were planted along Main Street, three utility locates were completed, a water issue on Scott Street was resolved, and a sewer issue near the post office was repaired and continued to be monitored.

City Hall Staff Report- City Administrator Wood reported that staff time had been focused on budget preparation and completion of the ODOT Small City Allotment grant application. Land use matters related to a lot line adjustment on Dewey Street were reviewed with consulting staff. Final closeout documents for the State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds project were submitted and accepted.

Engineering Staff Report- Engineer Baird presented a project update packet and reviewed the following:

Dewey Street Housing Project: No update available.

Water System Improvements Project: Baird reviewed maps and infrastructure data from the Water System Master Plan outlining proposed water main replacements and upgrades. Council reviewed the benefits of completing a geological study to help identify aquifer depth and possible well locations. Council agreed to move forward with consultation from GSI Water Solutions, Inc. for the study.

Discussion was also held regarding future water rates and affordability requirements tied to the project funding. The target water rate identifies \$74.54/ 7,500 gallons of water as our criteria to meet for program compliance.

Leak detection study agreement: Council reviewed a termination document of the previously approved Anderson Perry agreement for the leak detection study under Amendment 01, as the City planned to move forward with a water rate study instead. A motion was made to approve the termination of the prior agreement to have Anderson Perry perform the Leak Detection Study, as the City is now going to perform the Water rate study. **(Messenger/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Approve Contract with Anderson Perry to perform Water Rate Study for Amendment 01 S26005:

A motion was heard to approve the contract presented by Anderson Perry to perform the Water Rate study, pending the final approval of Business Oregon's review of the contract. **(Cranston/ Anderson) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Water System Improvements- authorize approval of S26020 contract and signature card. Council reviewed the Business Oregon funding agreement totaling \$4,596,000.00 structured as half grant and half low interest (1% interest for 30-years). A motion was made to authorize Mayor Perisho to sign the contract **(Anderson/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.** A motion was made to authorize CA Wood and Anderson to sign the contract deposit option form as signers. **(Cranston / Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Project updates if needed- Huffman Development- Staff reported that pressure testing within the subdivision had been completed and that compaction and backfill work would occur soon.

Rock Production- Council discussed ongoing aggregate production and noted that testing results continued to meet project specifications. City Administrator Wood reported that the City had received the first repayment invoice related to the project.

Sewer Line Ordinance- A revised sewer ordinance reviewed by City Attorney Wyatt Baum was presented to Council. Due to timing requirements under the Charter, the ordinance would be scheduled for first reading and consideration at the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Approve contract extension for PKP- Crushed aggregate contract- Council discussed extending the deadline on the contract completion date due to delays caused by vandalism to equipment in the rock quarry. A motion was made to extend the contract for crushed aggregate with PKP Enterprise for a revised completion date of June 22nd, to allow for project completion this Fiscal year. **(Anderson/ Messenger) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Resolution 2026-03 General Fee Resolution- Council reviewed Resolution 2026-03 establishing the City's updated fee schedule. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2026-03 City General Fee Resolution. **(Anderson/ Alley) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.** Council also requested future discussion regarding scheduled water bill increases be added to the next agenda..

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA-

Resident, Perry Thurston, asked additional questions regarding the fairgrounds well and requested clarification regarding the Huffman Development and rock production operations.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Bert Perisho, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brittany Wood, City Administrator

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