

CITY OF MORO
MINUTES OF August 4, 2026
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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The Moro City Council met for a council meeting on August 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM. Present: Mayor Bert Perisho*, Council President Andy Anderson, Councilors: Bryan Cranston (arrived at 8:30), James Alley and David Messenger. City Staff: Brittany Wood- City Administrator Anderson Perry Staff: Josh Robinson, and Brad Baird. Public: Times Journal*. *Indicates remote attendance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Council President Anderson.

CONSENT AGENDA-MINUTES-BILLS-FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made to approve the July Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **(Alley/ Messenger) Vote: 3** in favor (Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.** The July financial report was reviewed, including check #14140-14168 with bills totaling \$114,157.33. A motion was made to approve the bills as presented **(Alley/ Messenger) Vote: 3** in favor (Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS (Agenda items ONLY) -

None heard.

VISITORS – CORRESPONDENCE –

A. A written complaint was read regarding a business operating out of an unoccupied house in the Residential Zone, a violation of Ordinance 284. CA Wood was directed to document the complaint and send a letter to the owner of T&R Builder and Randy Francis, regarding the zoning violation.

B. A written complaint was received regarding vehicles parked behind 408 Scott Street in the alleyway in excess of allowable loading time, blocking alleyway access. CA Wood was directed to issue a letter to Randy Francis referencing Ordinance 276 limitations.

C. A written complaint was received regarding two trailers parked in excess of the allowable time in the Residential Zone in front of 408 Scott Street. CA Wood was directed to send a letter to Randy Francis regarding the two trailers parked on a City street in violation of City ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS-

City Hall Staff Report- CA Wood reported that the audit for FY 2025-26 was complete and that the findings were consistent with previous years, specifically noting limited segregation of duties. New findings included an expense that had been reported as revenue and one Visa card receipt that was not located during the audit review. The receipt was found the following day and submitted via email to Accuity. The biennial cemetery audit was completed. The IGA with Wasco for operator services was terminated at the request of DPW Director English. A wrap-up meeting for Harvest Fest was held, and it was reported that next year's event would be held in Grass Valley in coordination with the Farmers Market. The fire hazard at 200 Court Street was abated, and a land use review was issued for construction activities at 102 Bidwell Street.

Water system project updates/ Anderson Perry Staff reports-

Review and identify well site location- Exhibit A was provided by Anderson Perry staff and reviewed by the Council. The document outlined the advantages and disadvantages of five possible sites that have been explored within or owned by the City of Moro. The importance of maintaining a 100-foot radius around the wellhead was discussed. It was noted that rights-of-way and City streets may encroach within this measurement. Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each site and the benefits of working with other governmental agencies versus private property owners. A special meeting will be held in mid-August to determine the preferred well site location once additional follow-up information and property owner availability have been obtained.

Water Rate Study update and discussion- A recap of the preliminary water rate discussion was provided. Engineer Baird discussed the importance of establishing a solid base rate for budgetary purposes to ensure future loan repayment obligations could be met, while also satisfying the affordability criteria outlined in Business Oregon's IFA contract for the water system improvements.

Councilor Cranston arrived at 8:30 p.m., and a brief recap of the well site discussion was provided.

Dewey Street Housing project design- Engineer Baird presented the preliminary concept design for the proposed senior housing site on Dewey Street owned by Sherman County. Discussion was held regarding parking considerations and the possible addition of a caregiver unit. Modifications to the layout will be made, and an updated design will be presented for further review.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Resolution 2026-09- CA Wood reported that adoption of the resolution was required for completion of the FY 2025-26 audit, and that the resolution had been on display in accordance with City Charter. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2026-09, a resolution establishing a level of significance for accounting changes and error corrections in accordance with GASB Statement No. 103. **(Anderson/ Messenger) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

SAM Speed Radar Trailer Quote- Two separate quotes were provided for Council review for speed radar trailers similar to the unit purchased by the City in 2024. A motion was made to authorize staff to coordinate and purchase the trailer in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. **(Cranston/ Messenger) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

Conditional Use Permit Extension request- Pratt excavation for Hogue 504 5th Street- a 12 month extension was requested for Hogue's Conditional Use Permit. A motion was made to grant the extension. **(Cranston/ Messenger) Vote:** 4 in favor (Cranston, Alley, Anderson, Messenger). **The motion carried.**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA-

None heard.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

Council President Anderson requested that the Old Opera House be added to the next agenda for discussion regarding the condition of the building and the potential hazard it may pose.

ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for September 1st, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Bert Perisho, Mayor

Date _____

ATTEST: _____
Brittany Wood, City Administrator

Date _____

APPROVED 9/1/2026- SIGNED COPY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST