

VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

May 3, 2021

Regular Council meeting called to order, pledge of allegiance at 6:23pm by Mayor Suter, with roll call by Bill Gilpin

English - Present Forbes - Present Roark – Present
Turner - Present Gorth - Present Caudill - Present
Mayor Suter – Present Andrew Gephardt, Administrator - Present
Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer –Present Emily Supinger, Solicitor –Present

Also present – Deputy Brown, Tracey Suter, Rick Beasley, Butch Forste, Greg Martineck, Patricia Bailey, Joe DaGiau, Danny Freeman, Gerald Mercer, Matthew Hurst, Lisa Nichols, Dennis Skeene

*Motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting by English, seconded by Forbes

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

*Motion to pay bills by Caudill, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

GUEST SPEAKER: None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Andrew Gephardt reports:

- **Fireworks Event Prep:** DJ?; Donations received; Other?
- **Zoning:** 314 Third St. tall grass resolved; 67 Elizabeth St. no permit resolved
- **ARC:** Awarded 15k for riverfront; final part of application due 5/7
- **Possible Movie Shoot:** “Bones and All” starring Timothee Chalemet

Andrew Gephardt noted the food vendors that are lined up for July 3; our normal DJ is not available this year; asked for input on alternate suggestions. Mayor Suter noted that we need to be careful with the amount of food vendors allowed due to limited electrical connections available. Phil Turner noted he would only be in favor of alcohol sales if the proceeds were used to offset the event cost. Debbie Roark noted that she prefers to keep the event simple like usual. Mayor Suter noted that the only way to expand the event would be to let a vendor handle the event.

It was reported that there are unlicensed vehicles throughout the village; some people are speeding and ignoring stop signs; there is a trampoline on property in the village right of way.

Andrew Gephardt reported that 314 3rd Street has been sold and that the cleanup enforcement process will need to start over again.

Rick Beasley reported that on 4th Street there are pine trees that completely block the sidewalk and asked that it be addressed.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: Bill Gilpin reports:

Reported working on the 2022 tax budget noting that new funds will need to be opened when the new utility charges take effect.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Emily Supinger reports:

Reported working with the buyers of the Second Street properties on title issues; will close on the properties at a later date.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2021-06 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SANITARY SEWERAGE CHARGE FOR PROPERTIES SERVED BY OR CONNECTED TO THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW SANITARY SEWAGE SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Second Reading

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ORDINANCE 2021-07 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR SOLID WASTE REMOVAL AND RECYCLING SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, Second Reading

Debbie Roark asked if the ordinances could be changed to a January 1, 2022 start date to allow time for residents to prepare for the additional expense. Mayor Suter asked her if she wanted to make that a motion.

*Motion to modify the effective start date of Ordinances 2021-06 and 2021-07 by Roark. There was no second of the motion.

Todd English and Phil Turner noted that there may need to be changes made to the ordinances prior to passage. After discussion the consensus of council was to re-word the ordinances to clarify that trash collection would be billed per household and sewer fees would be billed at the rate of \$20 per household and \$10 for each vacant lot that contains a sewer tap.

Rick Beasley noted that he feels the village should be required to pay for properties it owns that contain sewer taps. Mayor Suter replied that it would only result in moving money around within the village budget.

RESOLUTION 2021-12 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND SETTING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR SUCH COVERAGE

*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2021-12 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill
English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - abstain
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

*Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12 by Caudill, seconded by English
English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - abstain
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

ORDINANCE 2021-13 – AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY 50% FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2021-13 by English, seconded by Gorth
English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-13 by English, seconded by Caudill
English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-13 as an emergency by Caudill, seconded by Gorth
English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

OLD BUSINESS:

Phil Turner asked if there was anything new with the gas line discussion. Andrew Gephardt replied there is nothing new to report but a phone message has been left.

NEW BUSINESS:

Todd English asked what will be done with the old playground equipment. Mayor Suter noted that the old equipment will either be moved over alongside the new equipment at the new location or disposed of due to insurance requirements.

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Todd English asked if the old park area could be converted to a dog park. Mayor Suter indicated he feels that location is too close to residences to be used as a dog park.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Rick Beasley asked that sidewalk repairs be made a priority.

It was asked if there was going to be a riversweep cleanup this year. Andrew Gephardt reported that it is canceled this year due to covid 19.

Tracey Suter asked if a landlord is able to bring in trash from outside the village and use village dumpsters. Mayor Suter replied no.

Joe DaGiau asked if maintenance could clear debris from the riverbank more often.

It was asked if the river bank will be sprayed this year. Mayor Suter noted that the river bank must be sprayed each year due to an agreement made years ago with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Tracey Suter noted that a few years ago council donated a portion of their salary to fund the July 3 fireworks.

*Motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm made by Forbes, seconded by Gorth

English – yea	Forbes -yea	Roark - yea	
Turner - yea	Gorth – yea	Caudill - yea	MC

APPROVED BY: _____
TIM SUTER, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY: _____
BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER