

Moville City Council

October 4, 2017

Mayor James Fisher called the meeting to order at around 6:00pm. Roll Call: Tom Conolly, Bruce Schmidt, Jake Thomas, Kirk Lubbers and Nate Bauer are present. Bauer motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Thomas motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Lubbers. Ayes, motion carries. There were no permits to review.

Guests include Police Chief Jereme Muller, Fire Chief Jerry Sailer, Kent Baker, and SIMPCO representatives Jon Winkel and Michelle Bostinelos. Attorney Ryan Beardshear is sitting in for the vacationing Glenn Metcalf.

Jon Winkel and Michelle Bostinelos presented information regarding the benefits of an annual SIMPCO membership.

Fire Chief Jerry Sailer presented information on thermal imaging units options that can attach to the breathing gear they will buy with the recent grant they were awarded. The cost of each unit is around \$800 and the department would really like to have 4. Thomas motioned to for the City to buy four of these units for the Fire Department for a total of approximately \$3200. Schmidt seconded. Ayes, motion carries.

Clerk Peterson provided the 2017 Street Financial Report for council review. Bauer motioned to approve the submittal of this report, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries.

In regard to the property at 102 S. 4th Street, the portion of this property that includes the house is currently for sale. A group of local stakeholders met last week to tour townhomes that are similar to the ones proposed for this empty lot. They met after the tour to choose a developer and are working with Engineer Scott Gernhart to move forward on options for possible development. They would like to see the City give MCDAI a letter of intent regarding infrastructure. Metcalf/Beardshear will draft letter of intent and plan to present to council at the next meeting.

Clerk Peterson presented the proposed training repayment contract for Edgar Rodriguez. Bauer motioned to approve this contract, Thomas seconded. Ayes, motion carries. Chief Muller will present to Rodriguez for discussion and signature.

The council discussed buying iPads for council use. Lubbers motioned to buy iPads from WiaTel. Conolly seconded. Thomas voted No. Ayes, motion carries.

Clerk Peterson presented a Resolution to identify US Hwy Route 20 as Historic US Route 20. Since we are working to determine current ownership of Historic 20 (original Hwy 20), the council would like more specifics on exactly where before they agree to place signs.

The council discussed possible members of an "Appeal Board". Roger Christiansen, Scott Linden, Joel Robinson, and Doug Leckband were recommended as appointees. Council is still looking for one more board member.

Attorney Beardshear presented a Resolution to close the East 575 feet of Sunnybrook Street temporarily while Haberl Tile and Stone uses it to store materials. Attorney Metcalf has talked to Larry Etler about this limiting his access to his property at the end of Sunnybrook. The council would like written permission from Etler that he agrees to this closing. Conolly motioned to approve this Resolution to close the East 575 feet of Sunnybrook Street providing that we get agreement from Larry Etler. Schmidt seconded. Ayes, motion carries. The resolution recommends "leasing" the street to Haberl and the council agreed on a \$1 lease until June 1, 2018. Attorney Beardshear will draft a lease to present to the council for approval on the next agenda.

The council discussed the status of Frontage Road. Attorney Metcalf had presented the council with information that Dakin Schultz with the DOT had provided that confirmed that Frontage Road from South 2nd Street to Fair Street is owned by Woodbury County.

Mayor Fisher gave an update on possible sidewalks along Fair Street and hopes to discuss the issue with the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors in the near future. The City of Merville received \$80,000 for this proposed project. Sidewalks along Highway 140 were not discussed.

The council briefly discussed vacant buildings in Merville business district. Members of Main Street Iowa group will be here October 5th to walk our business district and offer suggestions for improvement. No action taken at this time.

Mayor Fisher let the council know that the Planning and Zoning Board is currently reviewing our proposed Zoning Ordinances and plan to meet soon October 19th for a public hearing and meeting regarding the topic.

With no further business Thomas motioned to adjourn at around 7:30 pm and Conolly seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson

James Fisher

City Clerk

Mayor