

Moville City Council

July 5, 2017

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

Guests include Chad Rahn, Anessa Opsahl, Blake Stubbs, Steve Thomas, Mike Weaver and Jereme Muller.

A Fire Department update was not presented.

Police Chief Jereme Muller presented a Police Department update. He let the council know that the motor in the Dodge Truck had recently been replaced and the vehicle is now in service again. He let the council know that Assistant Chief Bill Brooks has accepted a conditional employment offer with the Woodbury County Sheriff's Department. Muller wishes to start the process to accept applications for this position as soon as possible. Muller asked and received the council's approval to add some lighting on the side of his cruiser and let them know that the required 60,000 maintenance is soon due on the Explorer as well.

The agenda references action on approval of Ahlers & Cooney as Bond counsel for lift station proceedings. This was accomplished at the last meeting so no action taken tonight.

Attorney Metcalf presented the resolution ordering construction of the lift station improvements. I & S group presented a tentative schedule of August 2, 2017 for the public hearing and August 15, 2017 for the Public Bid letting regarding these improvements. Conolly motioned to approve these items, Lubbers seconded. Ayes, motion carries.

Nick Jensen and H & H builders were not able to make it to the meeting to give their presentation.

In regard to the property at 102 S. 4th Street, the portion of this property that includes the house is currently for sale. MCDAI plans to meet Realtor Tammy Griese on July 10th at 6pm to discuss development possibilities for this property.

Mayor Fisher wanted to recap that we spoke to the owners of Motorville, 18 S. 1st Street at the council meeting May 3rd. At that time, they discussed a plan to improve the concrete sidewalk/parking area of their lot. Updates have not been seen to date, and Mayor Fisher would like Clerk Peterson to contact Motorville for an update on their proposed project. Sidewalk discussion continued regarding other areas in town including a recommendation to use a comprehensive approach to improve all of the sidewalks in town that need it. It was suggested that we contact the Safe Routes To School group to raise money and possibly match their contribution. Another suggestion referenced applying for the MRHD special grant to extend the walking trail and possibly improve sidewalks along Fair Street.

The council discussed vacant buildings in Moville business district. Other towns use different types of ordinances to improve their Main Streets and the council expressed interest in seeing some of these sample ordinances. Some examples we have heard of other towns using include fees for vacant commercial properties, or ordinances that implement guidelines for determining reasonable prices for the sale of commercial properties that have been vacant for an extended period of time.

Clerk Peterson gave a Pool update, a Food Truck update, and encouraged the Council to review our current website to determine if they think an update is needed to make the site more friendly to mobile users.

Mayor Fisher presented a proposed Mission Statement. We will add it for discussion and/or action at the next meeting.

With no further business Thomas motioned to adjourn at around 7:15 pm and Lubbers seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson

James Fisher

City Clerk

Mayor