

Moville City Council
August 16, 2017

Mayor James Fisher called the meeting to order at around 6:00 p.m. Roll Call: Jake Thomas, Nate Bauer, Tom Conolly, and Kirk Lubbers are present. Bruce Schmidt arrived at around 6:07. Bauer motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. The council reviewed the minutes of the July 5th meeting and Lubbers motioned to approve them. Thomas seconded. Ayes, motion carries. The council reviewed the claims list and Thomas motioned to approve it, seconded by Bauer. The council reviewed the July Treasurer's report. Bauer motioned to approve it, seconded by Thomas. Ayes, all motions approved and accepted. Clerk Peterson presented and the council reviewed the utility billing Trial Balance and Accounts Receivable Audit Report.

The council reviewed the fence permit received from Lynn Morgan for her property at 533 Main Street. Conolly motioned to approve this permit, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries. The council reviewed the fence permit for Jim Fisher for his residence at 510 N. 4th Street. Fences that are greater than 5 feet from all lot lines do not need council approval- just review.

Guests include Mike Weaver, Kent Baker, Police Chief Jereme Muller, Rick Beckman, Scott and Lori Linden, Dianne Everhart, Dave Christensen, Jerry Sailer, I & S Group representatives Dave Doxtad and Kyle Blank. At around 7:30 pm around 15 more guests arrived to witness the swearing-in ceremony of Edgar Rodriguez.

During Open Public Forum, Scott Linden gave an update on the new garage at his residence at 521 S. 4th Street. He asked if it was the council's preference that he exchange the vertical siding he purchased and instead use horizontal siding. The council verified with Inspector Dave Christensen that what is being put up complies with current zoning and will be allowed.

Fire Chief Jerry Sailer gave a Fire Department update. He wanted to invite everyone to their Open House on September 9th from 4 to 7pm.

Mike Weaver gave a Public Works Department update. He has been researching snow plow trucks to replace our older one and presented the council with one of the possibilities. This possible new truck is budgeted and the council agreed that Mike should go ahead and start the process of buying the new one and selling the old.

Police Chief Jereme Muller gave a Police Department update. The interview and testing process is complete for the hiring of a new Police Officer and Edgar Rodriguez has been offered and accepted the position at an annual salary of \$37,500.00. Lubbers motioned to accept this hiring, seconded by Conolly. Thomas abstains. Ayes, motion carries. Rodriguez is enrolled and will attend the ILEA Academy for 16 weeks starting at the end of this month. The council discussed a possible \$2000.00 certification bonus to be added to Rodriguez's salary at July 1, 2018 and the council agreed to add that to the next year's budget discussions.

The council reviewed the Resolution to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract, and engineer's estimate of cost for the lift station improvements. Bauer motioned to approve this resolution, seconded by Lubbers. Ayes, motion carries.

At around 6:55 pm, the public hearing on the authorization of a loan and disbursement agreement and the issuance of the notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder was opened. There were no public comments before the meeting or during, so at around 6:58 pm the public hearing was closed. A resolution instituting proceedings to take additional action was made by Schmidt, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Dave Doxtad with I & S Group reviewed the construction contract bidders' information on the lift station project and recommended we award to Grundman-Hicks for their \$654,000 construction contract bid. Bauer motioned to approve this bid, seconded by Lubbers. Ayes, motion carries.

The council discussed the municipal advisor's recommendation to add \$3.00 to the base sewer rate per month. These extra funds are used to pay back the loan for the necessary improvements. Metcalf read the

proposed resolution to add this charge. Conolly motioned to approve this resolution, seconded by Lubbers. Ayes, motion carries.

Clerk Peterson presented information regarding the nuisance letter for 508 Main Street. The landlord has received 2 letters regarding cleaning up vehicles and weeds along the back alley near the garage. This cleanup has not been completed and an appeal letter was not received by the August 10th deadline. Metcalf will issue a Municipal Infraction for the weeds and vehicles.

Clerk Peterson presented information regarding the nuisance letter for 522 Jackson Street. The shed in the back yard is in need of repair and paint and the homeowners let us know that they plan to replace it with a new one within 12 to 18 months. The council discussed the issue and decided that due to the poor condition of the building, we will require that the building be removed within a 60 day time frame. Inspector Dave Christensen will send a letter stating as much.

Mayor Fisher discussed the issue of dust control at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds during the Fair. There are many residents of Merville that benefit from dust control measures and Fisher asked if the Council would agree to pay half of the \$1500 that the Fair pays to take care of this. Lubbers motioned to pay half of this bill at \$750.00, Thomas seconded. Ayes, motion carries.

Clerk Peterson presented a breakdown of all Haskell Pool employee hours for the summer and requested that a bonus check be issued. Lubbers motioned to divide a \$1500 bonus check among the pool employees and managers based on total hours worked this season. Bauer seconded. Ayes, motion carries.

Mayor Fisher gave an update on the property at 102 S. 4th Street. MCDAI has the house up for sale. Mayor Fisher, members of MCDAI, and Engineer Scott Gernhart have been meeting and talking to several developers to determine interest in possible future building on this lot.

The council discussed the issue of dilapidated buildings along Main Street. Clerk Peterson learned of a program that another town has used that works with owners of vacant Main Street properties to assist them host an "Open House Night" to spread the word about properties for sale. Peterson sent this information to Dianne and Larry Everhart to gauge interest. No other action taken at this time.

Mayor Fisher updated the council about the MRHD grant for Fair Street sidewalk improvement that we applied for.

Mayor Fisher led the swearing-in of Edgar Rodriguez as Police Officer. His wife Denise Rodriguez pinned his badge.

With no further business, Thomas motioned to adjourn around 7:50 pm and Schmidt seconded. All ayes, motion approved- meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

James Fisher
Mayor