

Moville City Council

August 15, 2018

Mayor Jim Fisher called the meeting to order at around 6:00 pm. Roll Call: Bruce Schmidt, Nate Bauer, Paul Malm, and Mike Ofert are present. Tom Conolly is absent. Malm motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Bauer motions to approve the claims, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Bauer motions to approve the July Treasurer's Report, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries. No permits to review. Guests include Police Chief Jereme Muller, Jim Nixon, Julius and Raya Hopp, Jim Bleil, Kent Baker, Dave Christensen, Mike Weaver, Jason Bush and Ginger Strohmman. The council reviewed and signed the Utility Billing Trial Balance for August 1<sup>st</sup>.

During open forum, Julius Hopp of 530 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street asked the council to consider forgiving the invoice he received for the City abating the weed nuisance at his property. Because the City hired a local business to take care of the weeds, the council was not interested in forgiving the invoice, but would like to allow Mr. Hopp to pay the bill in increments as opposed to all at once. Jim Bleil questioned the council as to why Elm Street was never paved to extend through to TerrTam Street. Mike Weaver explained that at this point, the area is used as a utility Right-of-Way so it is not suitable for development and there are no plans to pave at this time. Jim Nixon discussed information that the Iowa DOT representative has given him regarding a sidewalk in front of Motorville at 18 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Engineer Scott Gernhart is working with IaDOT to design the sidewalk and will update.

Chief Muller gave a Moville Police Department update. The work on the new Explorer is complete and he is working with the insurance company to cover the rock damage. Mike Weaver gave a Public Works update. He discussed the purchase of a stump grinder for \$7200. Council would like this added to next agenda for a vote.

Mayor Fisher gave an update on the Meredith Lane development. Engineer Scott Gernhart is working with the owner of the neighboring trailer court to gain utility easement. There is a preconstruction meeting scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Council considered the nuisance appeal from the Bush Estate regarding 212 S. Pearl Street. Jason Bush had met with Mayor Fisher, Inspector Christensen, Mike Ofert and Paul Malm at 5:30 this evening before the meeting to review the status of the nuisance. Per Inspector Christensen, the floors are still intact and damaged by pet waste so the nuisance remains. Ofert motions to make the determination that the nuisance remains, and to allow the Bush estate 30 days to abate the nuisance, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Jason Bush gave an update as to the progress of the clean-up of the residence. They held the auction, have been doing light cleaning, have been talking to the bank, a realtor and local contractors about the cost and possibility of replacing the floors.

Mayor Fisher gave an update regarding the sidewalk at Motorville – 18 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. He has been working with Kelly Mulvihill with the IaDot to ascertain what the sidewalk placement requirements will be. Mulvihill states the five-foot wide sidewalk will need to be placed six feet away from the curb. He is working to issue a permit for this work to Engineer Scott Gernhart as Gernhart drafts plans for the Jones Street corner and sidewalk. Mulvihill recommends the corner be installed first and then the abutting sidewalk. Will be added to next agenda for discussion on who will install the sidewalk and whether old concrete in the area will also need replaced.

Council reviewed Chapter 41 through 47 of new Code draft and recommended one edit.

Council reviewed liquor license application from Sunnybrook flower shop. Bauer motioned to approve, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries. Inspector Christensen provided the council with a list of ongoing nuisances in town. Clerk Peterson gave a recap of Pool season 2018 and asked if council would like to give Pool employees an end-of-year incentive like has been done in years past. Bauer recommends \$1500 that will be divided among employees by # of hours work. Council is in agreement. Clerk Peterson will issue this with last payroll checks to the guards. Mayor Fisher

let the council know that he had been contacted by Mid-American Energy to let us know we were not the winning bidder for the property at South Third Street and Frontage Road. Next meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center due to anticipated street construction in front of City Hall at that time.

With no further business Malm motioned to adjourn at around 7:20 pm and Schmidt seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson  
City Clerk

Jim Fisher  
Mayor