

Moville City Council - September 19, 2018

Mayor Jim Fisher called the meeting to order at around 6:00 pm. Roll Call: Bruce Schmidt, Tom Conolly, Nate Bauer, and Mike Ofert are present. Paul Malm is absent. Bauer motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Ofert motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviewed the Claims report, Bauer motioned to approve payment, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviewed the Treasurer's report for August and found that items from the Community Center wages line needed moved to correct budget line. Bauer motioned to approve the report pending this change, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviewed the fence permit from Bruce Wayne of 400 Ash. At this time it is not determined if he will fence on the lot line or not so sending to Inspector Christensen for review. Council reviewed building permit for a deck for Jerry White of 525 Terrtam. Conolly motioned to approve this permit, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries. Guests include Chad Thompson, Jim Nixon, Kent Baker, Dave Christensen, Seth Lloyd, Mike Weaver, Steve Heeren, and Chief Jereme Muller.

Chief Jereme Muller presented a Moville Police Department update for the month. Mike Weaver gave a Public Works update for the month. Council discussed the purchase of a UTV for use by Public Works department. Bauer suggested Weaver research options and prices before a decision is made.

Clerk Peterson presented information on the Community Catalyst Grant administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. She is interested in applying for this grant and working with the owners of 6 South 2nd Street to revitalize this previously underutilized building near Main Street. As one of the new owners, Seth Lloyd was present and expressed his interest in working with the City to improve this property. Council agreed to move forward with the grant application process.

Mayor Fisher updated the council on the progress at Meredith Lane development. Dirt work has begun on the new street and contractors plan to install utilities soon.

Clerk Peterson reviewed the progress of the nuisance abatement at 212 S. Pearl Street. The Bush Estate had a September 14th, 2018 deadline to abate the nuisance or a Municipal Infraction could be issued. Bush is working on getting a binding purchase agreement signed this week and requested that he not be issued a MI. Inspector Christensen and Attorney Thompson discussed the Code section that prevents the property in this situation from being sold due to the nuisance abatement proceedings. Thompson will draft a selling agreement so that Bush can sell the house and the City can resume Abatement with the purchaser. Conolly motioned to issue the Municipal Infraction, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries.

Regarding the installation of a sidewalk at Motorville, 18 S. 1st Street, the City has received the IaDOT permit for the intersection portion. IaDot confirms that the remaining sidewalk permit from the Nixons has been approved as well. Council instructed Mike Weaver to get bids for the intersection portion and schedule to get the work completed by October 20th.

Schmidt introduced Ordinance 2018-35 to ban open burning, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Bauer motioned to waive second and third readings, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Conolly motioned to adopt this Ordinance, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Schmidt motioned to approve Resolution 2018-38 to allow open burning from September 29th through Oct 14, 2018, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Clerk Peterson presented and council reviewed the Annual Street Finance Report. Bauer motioned to approve, Ofert seconded. Ayes, motion carries.

Attorney Thompson introduced Resolution 2018-39 to set time and place of hearing to consider the application for voluntary annexation filed by RLW Properties, LLC (Dollar General property). Conolly motioned to approve this Resolution and set the hearing for October 17th at 6pm, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries.

Council discussed proposed Chapter 58 of City Code addressing Abandoned/Vacant Buildings. Ofert motioned to approve this second reading, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Mayor Fisher briefly discussed the progress of the Community Visioning Grant. Council will discuss further at next meeting when more information is available.

Council reviewed proposed new Code chapters 50 through 57 and noted requested amendments.

With no further business Bauer motioned to adjourn at around 7:40 pm and Conolly seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Next meeting scheduled for October 3rd may be at the Community Center if street construction has begun at City Hall.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor