

Roll Call: Bret Hayworth, Calvin Mellies, Palm Malm (zoom), Jared Rapp and John Parks are present.

Mellies motions to approve agenda, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve the bills, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries.

Guests present include Dave Christensen, Pat Smith, Anna Brever, Chad Thompson, Gerald Frick, Gerri Hunter, Mike Ofert, Missie Lenz, Ashton Gardner, Tyler Brinkerhoff, Chase Thomsen, Nicci Flewelling, Joel Robinson, Chris Kyle, Sam Thomas, C. Walker, Pat Rogers, Matt Rogers, Jerry Sailer, Jeff Petersen, Kelly Shanks, Judy Ericsson, Halle Dennison, Ty Dennison, Zac Rocha, Tom Dennison, Bryce Jensen, Lacinda Jensen, Ashley Knight, Houston Scheer, Katie Miller, Sean Murphy, Angie Sleezer, Nicole Jensen, Jim Krause, Cinda Krause, Kasie Compton, Justine Sleezer, Sandra Cain, Trissa Bates, Tori Wardrip, Rebecca Bates, Joe Mehlhaff, & Sean Murphy speaks at public forum

Ashton Gardner speaks at public forum regarding seatbelt laws in place on golf carts on public roads in Moville.

Cinda Krause speaks at public forum regarding the rumor of banning electric scooters in Moville.

Katlynn speaks at public forum expressing her concern for children afraid of the Moville Police officers.

Bryce Jensen recalls last council meeting and the comment made by the Chief about confiscating the kid’s electric scooters and now some kids are afraid of the police officers. He would like a public apology from the Police Chief for the comments made illogically. A resident shares her concern about kids getting hurt riding their electric scooters around town and not adhering to road safety.

Judy Ericsson speaks at public forum to request state laws are followed.

Hallie Dennison recalls her childhood riding around with family in golf carts and having fun and no seat belts were enforced.

Joel Robinson speaks at public forum taking a deep dive into Moville City Ordinances and public safety. He requests people holding kids and parents accountable for public safety and following the rules of the road as well as the Police Department in any event or situation that may occur. He touches on the Iowa law 321.1 and Federal regulations 571.500. Requesting the council to contemplate small town liberties when deciding future enforcement of slow-moving vehicles and scooters versus enforcing city ordinances which have been in place for a long time. He reminds us that the police department does a lot of good and is better for the taxpayers if they stay within budget because our budget is less than Woodbury County could charge Moville for law enforcement. Joel expresses the need for better, friendly and more community policing.

Judy Ericsson asks the council if it is required to have seat belts in golf carts right now.

Sam Thomas speaks at public forum on the need for kid safety classes on bicycles and scooters. The public needs education and common sense and to ensure adults are paying attention to the roads before a child is hurt.

Mayor Fisher stresses the public not to go out and purchase a seat belt for your golf cart currently. The City Council and attorney will do more research on our current golf cart ordinance and plan to write up an ordinance for electric scooters and bikes at the April 22nd meeting.

Pat Rogers speaks at public forum to educate the residents that most homeowner policies exclude golf carts and scooters so in the event of an incident there can be a serious financial loss.

Chief Jerry Sailer gives an update on the fire department with 12 incidents to include 8 grass fires, 1 fire alarm, a structure fire and an EMS call. The Fire Department attended a Hazmat refresher course. Truck checks: tanker has a right front caliber leaking fluid. Twelve members attended a NW Iowa Regional Fire school in Sergeant Bluff. Thank you, and Happy Retirement to Danny Harmes who has been a Fire Fighter for the past 50 years. Chief Sailer attended a meeting for the Hwy 20 project that will be down to two lanes beginning this April with very essential information so the Fire Department can route accordingly and effectively for the next two years.

Superintendent Pat Smith gave a Public Works update:

- Pumped 3.4 million gallons of water in February
- Pumped 2.8 million gallons of wastewater in February.
- Flushed 4 hydrants due to resident stating discolored water
- Replaced two water meters
- Graded and seeded 2 water leak spots and repaired fence at one property
- Located curb stop at CNOS and will have to dig up and fix
- Worked on sewer back up on Pearl Street, Roto Rooter jetted sewer main
- Checked sewer main on Jackson Street/ determined residents service line
- Cleaned lagoon building
- Electric Company checked out South Lift Station
- Cummins set up to service the generator at lift station
- Ground 36 stumps, filled holes and seeded
- Repaired spots damaged by snowplow
- Cleaned storm sewers
- Sanded streets
- Installed bongo repair parts at Memorial Park fabricated by Chris Helay
- Ordered replacement swings
- Cut trees at parks
- Replaced broken pool basement heater
- Removed fireplace at the WC Library
- Hauled crushed concrete to soccer field and baseball field parking lots
- Repaired a door at the Fire Station
- Replaced batteries for WC Library handicap door
- Replaced warning siren batteries on schedule
- Ordered new Flags and poles for street light poles

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave an update on February activity.

- 39 Nuisances
- 33 letters sent
- 6 Official notices
- 2 Permits
- \$5,173.62 billed for February

Parks motions to approve paying senior center \$520 towards food program via resolution 2026-17, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries

Hayworth motions to approve ICAP Liability Insurance rates of \$92,998 for the 26-27 fiscal year, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Parks motions to table electric scooter/bike/all-terrain and golf cart ordinances and topic, seconded by Mellies. Ayes motion carries.

Mellies motions to **not** set dates for an open burn in Merville due to residents may burn yard waste in a fire pit or burn barrel via resolution 2026-21, seconded by Rapp. Motion carried unanimously.

Rapp approves 1st reading of food truck ordinance 2026-02, seconded by Parks ayes, motion carries. Parks motioned to waive 2nd and 3rd reading, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Rapp motions to adopt Food truck Ordinance 2026-02, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes ordinance adopted.

Parks motions to approve adding an apron when paving the 20-foot section onto 4th street from Movillatte driveway via resolution 2026-22, seconded by Malm. Ayes motion carries.

Mellies motions to approve replacing a fireplace at WC Library, seconded by Parks, Ayes, motion carries

Hayworth motions to approve hiring Jake and Wyatt Ofert for Public Works summer help at \$15 per hour, resolution 2026-23, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

Hayworth motions to set a public hearing date to then approve the Budget 2026-2027 on April 22, 2026, at 6:30pm via resolution 2026-24, Mellies seconded. Ayes, motion carries.

Hayworth motions to adjourn at 8:21 pm, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Mayor and Council concerns and comments were discussed. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, at 6:30 pm. With no further business Mellies motioned to adjourn around 7:54 pm and Hayworth seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor