

Moville City Council –Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Roll Call: Paul Malm, via speaker phone, John Parks, Calvin Mellies, Bret Hayworth, Jared Rapp joined later. Malm motions to approve agenda, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motions to approve the minutes from the last three meetings, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the bills, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve the reclassifying of general ledger accounts for MidAmerican, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Open Forum speakers: No one wishes to speak at open forum. Guests present: Pat Smith, Dave Christensen, Gerri Hunter, Gene Groetken, Mike Ofert, Michael Benson and Janel Benson.

Pat Smith gives ISG Engineering update from December 2025. ISG continues to draft Capital Improvement Plan for Moville. Set dates for public bid letting and public hearing for the Capital Water Tower project in February/March 2026. Environmental review for this project is finalized and finding no significant impact. The council will meet with ISG to discuss and approve CIP city plan. No Public Works update currently.

The council tabled ordinance 2026-01 for adding automatic water shut off when residents are non-compliant when asked to schedule a water meter change/update. The council would also like to add a connection fee to this ordinance as referenced in Ordinance 2025-12, Chapter 92, Section 92.05.

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave an update for the month of December. They issued 30 nuisances, 8 abatements, 2 letters sent, 12 pending reviews, and 8 no action taken or on hold. Amount billed in December \$9261.90. Hayworth made clear that the inspector has brought in \$50,000 revenue in $\frac{1}{2}$ a year and Christensen clarifies he will be busier in the spring. Christensen is also working on a rental inspection program with a couple of other towns to allow inspections to be conducted inside of rental properties and life safety then they will issue a certificate.

Mayor announces there will be survey work done on Hwy-140 both east and west side of the highway from City Hall to Main Street. This is yet to be done to prepare for the future of Moville and the possible expansion of City Hall.

Mayor Fisher allows another open forum due to residents who were not present at the beginning of the meeting. Michael Benson speaks at open forum asking again for the Carol Drive update due to the flooding that occurs in that area next to a home daycare facility.

Pat Smith mentions this is in the works and part of our 2026-27 Capital Improvement Plan. Janel Benson speaks at open forum and requests Moville's open records request paperwork be updated according to state public records request from 30-days to 20-days response. Janel questions the state's laws on acceptable ways to request via electronics, phone, e-mail but verbally in person requests are not accepted. Hayworth asks for this to be put on February 4th, 2026, agenda to discuss when legal council is present. No Police update was given at this time as Chief Frick was called out on duty. Hayworth motions to hire Julius Hopp as a full-time police officer, 6-month probation, then police academy completed within 1 year to date of hire, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. No wage was approved at this time as Chief Frick was not present with that information.

Hayworth gave an update of the Parks committee meeting Parks and him had with sponsors from MYRA. MYRA would like to split the cost of 2 loads of Agri-Lime with the city and possibly add a playground piece by baseball fields depending on the budget. The city has asked Micayla Nyreen to landscape our flower beds at the parks, City Hall, Community Center, Welcome to Moville sign and Main Street planters after the Garden Club has retired those duties. We really appreciate the Garden Clubs hard work, beautiful landscapes and years of service to our community. Malm motions to approve resolution 2026-12 appointing Bret Hayworth as Moville's representative to the housing authority for the next two years, 2026-2028, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries.

Parks motions to approve renewing the \$214,758.22 CD with UBI for 11 months at 3.8%APY, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries.

Parks motions to approve changing the Community Center rental and deposit rate to \$250 **non-refundable** deposit on a three-day rental plus \$1000 rental fee to include a bartender and the small meeting room also \$250 **non-refundable** deposit plus a \$400 rental fee for a one-day rental, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries.

2026-2027 Budget was discussed for Inspector, Police, Community Center, and City Hall departments.

Everything has been approved except for wages, and the council consensus was to wait to hire an additional inspector at this time and will revisit this topic in 2 years. Mayor Fisher attended two meetings, one with 9-1-1 and the other EMS. He will attend the next landfill meeting in February.

Mayor and Council concerns were discussed.

The Council welcomes Moville residents to the council meetings.

Next council meeting is set for February 4, 2026, at 6:30pm. Next Budget meeting is set for Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor

With no further business Rapp motions to adjourn at 8:47 pm, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.