

Moville City Council –Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

Roll Call: Paul Malm, (zoom), John Parks, Calvin Mellies, Bret Hayworth, all present and Jared Rapp is absent.

Malm motions to approve agenda, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the minutes from the last two meetings, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve the utility trial balance, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Trissa Bates speaks at open forum asking how long the cones will be up in front of Movillatte. Public Works Superintendent Pat Smith responds they will put bollards up to protect the fire hydrant this Spring so the cones will remain until that task is complete.

Guests present: Pat Smith, Anna Brever, Gerry Frick, Chad Thompson, Jerry Sailer, Donna Chapman, Lance H, Carol Nelson, Steffani Kotz, Joe Mehlhaff, Debi Weaver, Gerri Hunter, Trissa Bates, Tori Waldrip, Michael Benson, and Janelle Benson.

Attorney Thompson discusses open records requests and stating a person must either fill out a public records request form (located in City Hall public access), call in or email their request into City Hall. Attorney Thompson publicly asks residents to state his open records request verbally during the council meeting so that it is noted publicly and they don't have to fill out any paperwork, email or call in. A records retention person in charge of that department's information requested may collect the information he seeks if it is not deemed confidential. The residents did not give their public records requests at this time and stated they were not prepared.

Parks motions to approve the new 3-year contract with the Woodbury County Library, that included \$15,000 for the building rental and \$10,500 for electric utilities with a renegotiation clause in the contract, if need be, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carried.

Hayworth motions to approve changing the Fire Protection Tax Levy with Arlington Township contract for Fire Protection Services and to take out the wording of \$3,000 will be paid to the Moville ambulance for Emergency Services due to the annual fire tax levy which should only be applied towards Fire Protection, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

Arlington Township may donate \$3,000 to the Moville ambulance for their services.

Fire Chief Jerry Sailer gave a Fire Department update. 4 incidents including vehicle fire, field fire and fire alarms. Training was a webinar for the National Volunteer Council hosted by Thomas Merrill. Truck check and equipment checks were good. There will be an open house on March 15, 2026, from 2:00-4:00pm for Danny Harms 50 years of service. They have applied for a farm credit service grant. Chief Sailer is having a Fire Safety Presentation on February 8th at 6:30pm. The Council has given Jerry Sailer their consensus to apply for the MHRD Grant and will pay for his grant writing services. The Council is clear they would like to apply for grants as needed for city improvement projects and may seek out grant writers.

Mellies motions to approve Chief Frick hiring contract, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

Mellies motions to begin new fulltime Police Officer, Julius Hopp wages at \$45,000 with a 5% increase upon graduation of the (ILEA) Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and a 5% increase after 6 months with a good review, plus the hiring contract of 4 years, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Police Chief Frick gave a police update on several incidents. Hayworth motions to approve hiring Steffani Kotz as a part time police officer at \$31 per hour at approximately 30-42 hours per month, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Hayworth motions to approve tobacco and alcohol grants and a 28E agreement with Woodbury County Treasurer's office on tracking any parking tickets and fines, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Hayworth motions to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-01 amending Chapter 91, by adding section 91.11 allowing the City Superintendent to shut off water and an additional reinstatement fee will be applied, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motions to approve waiving the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 2026-01, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to adopt Ordinance 2026-01, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes motion carries.

The City Council touches base on 2026-2027 Budget and will follow up at next meeting to approve it when most members are present. Hayworth states that he appreciates all City Hall and City staff for their efforts and hard work. Public Works Superintendent mentions that several other surrounding towns are also working on water projects and water tower projects of equal costs if not more than Moville. Mayor and Council concerns were discussed. The Council welcomes Moville residents to the council meetings. Next council meeting is set for February 18, 2026, at 6:30pm. With no further business, Hayworth motions to adjourn at 8:06pm, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor