

# Moville News

April 2025

## WATER SYSTEM UPDATES

### The City of Moville's Capital Water Improvement Project

Moville town Officials are continuing to work on a comprehensive project to address problems with our drinking water system. They would like residents and business owners to gain a better understanding of the scope of this project and the cost associated with it. The proposed project consists of drilling two new wells, constructing a new water treatment plant, and a new water tower along with new water mains to supply town.

#### Understanding the need:

##### The Wells:

The two current wells were put into service in 2001 (24 years ago). The wells can only run at 75% capacity today. Running greater than 75% then pulls fine sand into the system. Over time the levels of iron and manganese have risen, causing aesthetic problems or "dirty looking water". The levels have not risen to health concern levels as set by EPA, but the complaints of "dirty water" have increased.

##### The Water Tower and Water Pressure:

The growth of Moville has increased the demand for water over the 34 years the water tower has been in service. With that growth, certain parts of the town have lower water pressure because of their higher elevation. The current water tower's height limits the water pressure that is supplied throughout our town. The current water tower capacity is 300,000 gallons. Looking into the future with continued growth and demand, it makes sense to upgrade to a 400,000 gallon capacity tower, not only for regular domestic demand but fire protection as well.

##### The Project:

Many sites were considered for well locations, north and east of town. Ultimately, a site south of town was chosen for the wells, because of its availability, and location away

from any possible contamination sources. Test wells were drilled on the land in order to identify a good water source. Three out of the five test wells produced very good water both in quality and quantity.

Two separate water mains will feed the town from the water tower simultaneously. That way if problems occur with one main we can still supply water to town through the other one.

A Treatment Plant was discussed. The treatment plant is most cost-efficient to be built near the wells for treating the raw water. Concerns were discussed about iron and manganese levels rising over time, as has happened with our current wells. The decision was made to size the plant to accommodate filters in the future. This is being done so if quality of water decreases over time (iron and manganese levels rise) we can then add filters to our treatment process.

Water tower capacity and system pressure were discussed, including options such as raising the current tower's height and moving the tower to different locations. None of these options addressed the need for additional water storage capacity. The decision was made to place a larger capacity tower on the same land selected for the wells and water treatment plant. The towers proximity to the water treatment plant has the added benefit of better mixing of the treated water before being put into the water system.

#### Funding and Cost:

The projected cost for this project is \$9.8 million. Unfortunately, our town does not qualify for many grants for this project, since they tend to favor lower income communities. Town officials are continuing to explore all funding options.

#### SRF – State Revolving Fund:

The town will finance this project through the SRF, which is a loan program that offers lower interest rates to water and wastewater systems. The SRF program will look at our rate structure, to ensure the town can pay back the loan. The City

## CITY NOTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETS:

April: 2nd & 16th

May: 7th & 21st

June: 4th & 18th

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. The public is welcome to attend.

City Hall will be closed May 26th in observation of Memorial Day.

### FLUSHING HYDRANTS

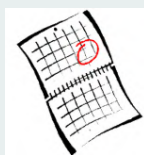
April 21st & 22nd

### SAVE THE DATE:

City Wide Rummages  
April 25th & 26th

Moville Days 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### Chamber Meeting

April 14th @ the Movable Community Center @12pm

### Community Basket Distribution

April 19th @ the Movable Community Center @ 12pm

### City Wide Rummages

April 25th & 26th

### Mother's Day

May 11th

### Chamber Meeting

May 12th @ the Movable Community Center @12pm

### WC Graduation

May 18th

### Memorial Day

May 25th

### Movable Days

June 5th, 6th, & 7th

### Father's Day

June 15th

Check out the community calendar at [visitmoville.com](http://visitmoville.com) for more events.

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICK UP:

### Garbage

Every Thursday

*\*Remember to put garbage cans out Wednesday night as it gets picked up early Thursday.*

### Recycling

April 9th & 23rd

May 7th & 21st

## SPRING CLEAN UP

The City of Movable will provide an opportunity for residents to get rid of unwanted items April 21st through the 25th. During that timeframe two dumpsters will be accessible around the clock in front of City Hall on Main Street on the West end.

Items that will **not be** accepted: regular household garbage, liquid paints, stains, sealers, liquid auto products, liquid household cleaners, liquid building products, construction materials, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, batteries, tires, and appliances (including TV's).

Remember, this is done as a service for Movable residents. Please respect these guidelines and use this resource responsibly.

If this timeframe does not work or you have items that are not accepted please use the transfer station (landfill) South of Movable. Hours of operation are M, T, Th & F from 8am-4pm and Wednesday from 8am-12pm. Starting April 20th they will be open on Saturdays from 8-12pm.



## WATER SYSTEM UPDATES, CONTINUED

Council made the difficult decision to add a Capital Improvement charge to all Movable water consumers on their monthly water bill. Rather than having a big increase all at once it will be increased gradually. The first increase took effect July 2024 where a \$15 charge was added to each consumer's water bill, the base water rate was also raised at that time, along with a meter replacement charge to keep up with rising meter costs. The next \$15 amount increase will be effective July 2025 making the Capital charge \$30 and again next year in the spring/summer 2026 with the amount yet to be determined. If a fourth step in the charge is needed that will be determined as we get closer to the project's completion date.

### Project progress:

Engineering stands at 60% complete, with a final review of plans expected at the end of April. The land needed has been purchased. Once the design of this project is complete, it will be submitted to the Iowa DNR and Woodbury County for permitting. After the design is approved by the DNR, the project will be put out for bidding.

### Goals:

The goals are simple: we want to solve low pressure problems, improve water quality, replace the aging wells and treatment plant, and increase storage capacity. These difficult decisions were made with the intent of providing for the community's water needs into the future.

### Public Meeting:

An informational meeting will take place later this spring. At this public meeting, ISG Engineering and town officials will be available to answer any questions you

## SPRING REMINDERS

**Open Burning.** This is available for yard waste only and is scheduled for April 27th through May 10th. ONLY during this designated time period are you allowed to burn yard waste. The City provides a yard waste dump site (for Movable residents) located southwest of the CPS facility; you may dispose of yard waste, branches and leaves at this location. Please take care to place the materials in the correct piles and do not leave plastic bags or garbage at the site.



The City provides a yard waste dump site (for Movable residents) located southwest of the Nutrien facility; you may dispose of yard waste, branches and leaves at this location. Please take care to place the materials in the correct piles and do not leave plastic bags or garbage at the site. The tree dump is not for building materials/boards, etc.

•**Mowing** Do not mow grass clippings into the streets. The grass clippings clog the storm sewers and can cause sewer backups. It is expensive for both the city and home owner.

•**Weed/Mowing Complaints** Grass and/or weeds need to be mowed by the 15th of the month from May through October. If grass and/or weeds are not mowed by that time the city crew will mow the yard. The fee for mowing and cutting weeds shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) per hour plus administrative fees, those fees will be assessed to the homeowner. See the newspaper for monthly notice.

•**Operating Golf Carts** Golf carts are allowed on city streets by persons possessing a valid driver's license and insurance. However, a golf cart shall not be operated upon Hwy 140. The golf cart needs to have a slow moving vehicle sign and a safety flag and operate on the streets only from sunrise to sunset.

*Reminder: tornado sirens will be tested at  
7:00 pm on the THIRD MONDAY monthly from March*

## RENTAL FEES

The City of Movable has updated rental fees for the locations noted below. Any reservations previously made will be honored at the price quoted.

To book a space please call City Hall 712-873-3545.

Location	Rental Fee	Refundable Deposit
Community Center (Daily)	\$600	\$200
Community Center (Reception-3 days)	\$1,200	\$200
Main Street Pavilion (Daily)	\$100	\$100
Memorial Park (Daily)	\$75	\$100
Fire Station (Daily)	\$100	\$100
City Hall (Daily)	\$50	\$100

## HASKELL POOL

The City of Menville is now accepting applications for the 2025 season. Summer is just around the corner and we can't help but think of all of the sunny days ahead at the Haskell Pool! With that comes the need for pool staff.

We are happy to announce that Shelly Schaeuble will be back as the Manager again this season-we are so excited to have her and the other amazing management crew with us again this season! Along with Shelly and the management team we have a great group of guards returning this season but would love to add a few more to the group.

Lifeguard starting pay is \$10.50. Students must be 15 years old to take the training course. For more information on becoming a certified lifeguard contact City Hall. Applications for new and returning guards can be found on the City website. Please check [visitmenville.com](http://visitmenville.com) for the application

Pool season passes are available for purchase at City Hall-don't forget these

### Daily Admission

0-5 years	\$2.00
6-17 years	\$3.00
18 years & up	\$4.00

### Season Passes

Family	\$100
Single	\$ 40
Senior	\$ 35



## PET LICENSE REMINDER

Pets are required to be registered with the City of Menville each year. To register your pet provide a completed pet registration form along with a copy of updated vaccinations to City Hall, once those documents have been submitted tags will be provided for the current year.

Questions about the process? See below.

License: Pets are due to be registered by the end of February year.

The late fees are as follows:

	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spay/Neutered	\$8	\$11	\$14	\$17	\$20	\$23	\$26	\$29	\$32	\$35
Non-Spay/Neutered	\$13	\$16	\$19	\$22	\$25	\$28	\$31	\$34	\$37	\$40

At Large: Pets running at large will be impounded. Owners will be required to pay a impounding and/or licensing fee before the animal will be released back to the owner.

Nuisance: Pets causing a disturbance by excessive barking or other noise making to such an extent as to annoy or disturb persons in the vicinity of the dog could receive a warning letter and/or Municipal Infraction depending on the number of occurrences of the incident.

Animal Bites: Any animal found to have bitten a person or other animal shall be confined as directed by the Mayor. The animal can then be subject to removal from the City and/or the owner can be fined.

If there are any further questions about any of the information please call City Hall or the Police Department if there are issues or concerns with animals that are at large, a nuisance, or dangerous.