

Moville City Council –Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

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

Hayworth will exit the meeting at 7:15pm. Mellies motions to approve agenda, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Rapp motions to approve utility billing trial balance, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Mayor Linden signs and reads the Proclamation of the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children celebrating the week of April 5-11, 2025.

Jeff Sparks speaks at the Open Forum on several topics such as a need for our police department to patrol the city after midnight, the new water improvement tower project, water rates, open buildings and the city buying private property. Dennis Peterson of Crankshaft spoke at the open forum announcing Rooster's Kick off for summer Biker Nights with a beer garden on the Thursday night during Moville Daze this June.

The Daycare Project Committee was present and each spoke of the possible needs for the City's assistance in the future such as dirt work or any smaller in-kind projects. They are hopeful to get this up and going with a possible completion Fall of 2026 and applying for the MHRD Grant this summer.

Tim Grell spoke at open forum and shared pictures regarding a civil matter he is currently working with the Police department. His suggestion is to think about creating an ordinance on shared property lines.

Bryce Jensen voiced a concern about the need for policing the city during the hours of 10:30pm-6:00am.

Guests present include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes, Dave Christensen, Sharon Mrla, Lucian Dimmitt, Butch Grell, Tim Grell, Casey Cooke, Mike Ofert, Pat Smith, Jeff Sparks, Dennis Peterson, Becky Thomas, Robin Beck, Nicky Metcalf, Stee Maxwell, Bryce Jensen, and Cynthia Alavez.

Each Council member shared their ideas of the next 5 year plan on Capital Improvement Projects based on our City's priorities and needs. Casey Cooke and Mike Ofert raised questions regarding their upcoming 2025-26 budgeted raises and why the PD will see a 9.9% increase versus their 3-3.10% increases. The Council explained their decisions based on competing with other departments in the area. Wages for the next budget year were discussed in January and February then one last time for the new budget year and no changes were made.

Mellies made a motion for the second reading of 2nd reading of Ordinance 2025-03 Amending Chapter 92 Section 92.02 rates of service to add an additional \$15.00 per month capital improvement charge to all meters and changing the non-metered/minimum water service rate to \$48.10 per month, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies made a motion to set a Public Hearing date of April 21st, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. for our next fiscal year Budget 2025-2026, Resolution #2025-13, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Mellies motions to approve the conditional use permit on the zoning application for the water improvement project, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Rapp motions to approve adding Brady Hannah to the Board of Adjustments, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

City Attorney Thompson will write up an Ordinance stating, no-parking on S. 6th Street next to the Medical Clinic.

The Council consensus was no, to illuminating the new water tower at approximately \$40,000.

Chief Joe Barnes gave an update on the Police Department March activities. They issued 9 citations, 20 warnings, 38 calls for service, 5 arrests, 2 warrant arrests and one accident to report. Both Officer Alavez and Chief Barnes attended Traffic Incident Management training on street safety to include life saving measures working side by side with firefighters. Chief Barnes announced that Officer Anderson has left to pursue new goals and Officer Kotz is back on duty.

Malm motions to approve the City Inspector/Code Enforcement 28E Agreements for the towns of Cushing, Pierson, Marcus and Rolfe, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave an update for the month of March. They issued 44 nuisances, 14 abatements, 2 letters sent, 5 official notices, 3 citations, 20 no action taken or on hold, 1 fence permit. Amount billed in March was \$7,927.35. Inspector Christensen asked the council to reconsider adding Gilmore City vs Ida Grove due to the monthly hours difference and the consensus was no.

Rapp motions to withdrawal the motion set to hire a manger-in-training for the pool which is no longer needed, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries.

Reminder, City Hall is closed April 9-11th so City Clerk Peterson may attend the IMFOA Spring Conference and will also be closed Good Friday, April 18th.

Mayor and Council concerns were discussed.

The Council welcomes Merville residents to the council meetings for further discussion/questions regarding the Capital Water Improvement and Water Tower Project.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, April 16th, at 6:30pm.

Public Hearing is set for Property Tax Levy on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

With no further business Rapp motions to adjourn at 8:07pm, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson

Scott Linden

City Clerk

Mayor