

Moville City Council

June 6, 2018

Mayor Jim Fisher called the meeting to order at around 6:00 pm. Due to A/C issues at City Hall, the meeting was held at the Moville Community Center, 815 Main Street. Roll Call: Nate Bauer, Paul Malm, and Mike Ofert are present. Bruce Schmidt and Tom Conolly are absent. Malm motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Fisher discussed the fence permit application from Jason Johnson at 754 Glen Drive. He plans to replace the existing fence with a different type of fence along his lot line. This requires neighbors signatures, and Bauer motioned to approve the permit if the proper signatures are acquired, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Guests include Police Chief Jereme Muller, Officer Edgar Rodriguez, Fire Chief Jerry Sailer, Chad Thompson, Kent Baker, Amanda Goodenow, Flora Lee, Jason Bush and guest, Dave Christensen, Stee Maxwell and Mark Sanders. The council reviewed the Utility Billing Trial Balance for June 1st and Bauer motioned to approve, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

During open forum, Flora Lee introduced herself and let the council know she is a candidate for Woodbury County Board of Supervisors. She is interested in the needs and issues that Moville faces and invited the council to share feedback. Mark Sanders of 512 Main spoke in response to the nuisance letters he received regarding the condition of the exterior of his residence and garage. He had previously been focusing on remodeling the interior of his house and is ready to make progress on improving the exterior. He assures the council and they should see progress soon.

Fire Chief Jerry Sailer presented a Moville Fire Department update for the month. He would like to gather more information regarding a possible incentive so no decision was made. Chief Jereme Muller presented the council with the Moville Police Department update for the month.

ISG Engineer Amanda Goodenow updated the council regarding construction progress and presented the pay request from Grundman Hicks for \$28,101.80 for work on the new lift station. Bauer motioned to approve the payment of this request, Malm seconded. Ayes, motion carries.

Stee Maxwell presented a MCDAl update. The sale of the house at 102 S. 4th is progressing as is the fundraising for new Christmas lights. The Hotel Feasibility Study has been completed and MCDAl is reviewing the results. MCDAl is communicating with Nick Graham regarding re-opening the grocery store. MCDAl requests the City commit \$10,000 towards the economic development, payable in the event we get a signed contract commitment from Mr. Graham. Bauer motioned to approve this \$10,000 to MCDAl, Malm seconds. Ayes, motion carries.

No update regarding the Meredith Lane Development (previously known as 102 S. 4th Street).

Inspector Christensen discussed the property at 212 S. Pearl Street. After the 45-day deadline, Christensen, Ofert, Malm and Mayor Fisher inspected the property on June 4th. Jason Bush spoke regarding the progress. The cars in the yard have been removed, they have taken care of the yard, 1.5 rooms upstairs have been cleaned out- with 1.5 left to go. Their current plan is to continue to clean items out of the house, have an auction for the items inside, and then sell the house. They have no plans to renovate the house. For that reason, Inspector Christensen recommends the council start the nuisance abatement process. He recommends Bush talk to local contractors to gauge their interest in renovating the house, and talk to the bank that holds the lien so they're aware of the process. Malm motioned to start the nuisance abatement process, Ofert seconded. Ayes, motion carries.

At around 7:11 pm Malm motioned to open public hearing for Budget Amendment 1 for FY 17/18, seconded by Bauer. Ayes, motion carries. City Hall had received no verbal or written comments, and no one present had any comments regarding the Amendment. At around 7:12 pm Malm motioned to close public hearing, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Bauer motioned to accept Resolution to approve Budget Amendment 1 for FY 17/18, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries.

Ofert introduced first reading of Ordinance 2018-31 to rezone 305 Elm from R1 (single-family) to R2 (multi-family) seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned and Bauer seconded approval of the first reading of the Ordinance 2018-31. Bauer motioned to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Ofert motioned final adoption of Ordinance 2018-31, seconded by Bauer. Ayes, motion carries.

Attorney Thompson presented the Resolution 2018-29 approving the contract and bond to RP Contractors, LLC. Bauer motioned to approve this Resolution, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries.

Council did an annual review of our 2017 ordinance allowing ATV's. Ofert asked if we had considered a registration system for ATV's – City Attorney at the time had not recommended such a system so the council didn't put one in place. No other major issues with the ordinance at this time.

Clerk Peterson gave an overview of the suggested amendments of the Chapters 1 – 17 of the proposed new Code. Council and Chief Muller had a few suggestions- Peterson will send changes to Codification people for updating.

Clerk Peterson reported on Cigarette Permit Applications from Dollar General, Casey's and 4-Way. These expire annually on June 30th. Bauer motioned to approve the renewal of these cigarette permits, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Peterson also presented the liquor license renewal for the City for the Community Center Bar. Malm motioned to approve this renewal, Ofert seconds. Ayes, motion carries.

Since the last meeting there were a few changes to the seasonal staff at the Haskell Pool for 2018 so Peterson updated the council with the changes. Among other changes, proposed manager Brittni Bormann was not able to accept the manager position; Brittney Gernhart was hired as Manager. Ofert motioned to accept the changes to the staff, Malm seconds. Ayes, motion carries. The council discussed possible reimbursement of lifeguard recertification fees. Clerk Peterson will research to find out what was done in the past and update council.

The council discussed Overnight parking on Main Street ordinance. Chief Muller has been dealing with violators and working out solutions to their parking issues. No action at this time.

Council discussed the council meeting scheduled for July 4th and Ofert motioned to cancel this meeting, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

During Council comments and concerns, Ofert asked what solution is proposed for the lack of sidewalk along South 1st Street in front of Motorville. There is a lot of bicycle and pedestrian traffic dangerously close to and onto the Highway in this area. Also, Ofert is researching a system that other towns use to register and inspect vacant properties in town. Attorney Thompson is working on a draft. He also wanted to let Christensen know about a possible nuisance issue at 18 S. 2nd with brick issues. Peterson gave a Merville Days update. Mayor Fisher outlined several issues for the council to be aware of.

With no further business Bauer motioned to adjourn at around 7:55 pm and Malm seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor