

Moville City Council - September 5, 2018

Mayor Jim Fisher called the meeting to order at around 6:00 pm. Roll Call: Bruce Schmidt, Tom Conolly, Nate Bauer, Paul Malm, and Mike Ofert are present. Malm motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Ofert. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviewed the fence permit from Dustin Hannah of 724 Glen. Malm motioned to approve this permit, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Guests include Fire Chief Jerry Sailer, Chad Thompson, Jim Nixon, Kent Baker, Dave Christensen and Wes Reuter. The council reviewed the Utility Billing Trial Balance for August; Conolly motioned to approve, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. During open forum, Mike Ofert asked for clarification from Dave Christensen on the building permit process.

Fire Chief Jerry Sailer presented a Moville Fire Department update for the month. He has been working to gather more information regarding a possible incentive. He announced the Fire Department's Open House on Saturday September 15th from 4pm – 7pm. Public is welcome. Chief Jereme Muller was absent -no Moville Police Department update.

Council discussed the purchase of a stump grinder from Sooland Bobcat. Discussion regarding stump grinding and typical contractor pricing followed. Malm motioned to purchase the stump grinder, seconded by Conolly. Bauer, Ofert, and Schmidt vote Nay. Motion fails.

Attorney Thompson introduced Resolution 2018-31 regarding Moville Streets Projects 2018 - approving and authorizing a form of loan agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance, and levying a tax to pay the notes and approval of the tax exemption certificate. The loan is for \$800,000 through United Bank of Iowa and scheduled to close 9-18-18. Bauer motioned to approve this resolution, seconded by Schmidt. Ayes, motion carries.

Regarding the installation of a sidewalk at Motorville, 18 S. 1st Street, the City and Nixons both have completed the required sidewalk permit and are waiting to hear back from the IaDOT regarding approval. No action taken.

Clerk Peterson reviewed progress at 212 S. Pearl Street. The Bush Estate is working with the mortgage lender and prospective buyers to potentially sell the house. The Estate has until the September 14th deadline to abate the nuisance or a Municipal Infraction can be issued.

Clerk Peterson presented an uncollectable utility bills list and asked for approval to write-off this \$838.24. Malm motioned to approve Resolution 2018-32 to write off \$838.24 in bad debt, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Council discussed \$50 mowing charges for the Rocha property at 230 S 1st Street and \$ 250 for the Boyle property at 619 South Street. Bauer motioned to approve Resolution 2018-35 (Rocha) and 2018-36 (Boyle) to ask the County to assess these charges to the property, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

Attorney Thompson gave first reading of Chapter 58 of City Code addressing Abandoned/Vacant Buildings. Conolly motioned to approve this first reading, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

Council discussed possible open burning dates of September 23rd - October 7th. Thompson recommends passing an ordinance to Ban Open burning and then set yearly dates that it is allowed. He will draft and propose next agenda.

During council comments and concerns, Conolly asked the council to consider insuring water and sewer breaks for homeowners to cover any breaks from the street to the home- including inside the home. In Sioux City and Sergeant Bluff, they offer this optional coverage by adding a fee to residents' water bills.

With no further business Bauer motioned to adjourn at around 7:05 pm and Conolly seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor