

Moville City Council Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Mayor Jim Fisher calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Roll Call: John Parks, and Tom Conolly, Bret Hayworth are present. Paul Malm connects via Zoom video call. Joel Robinson is absent. Parks motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Conolly motioned to approve the Utility Billing trial balance, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. No new building permits to review. Guests include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes, Mike Weaver, Jerry Sailer, Dave Christensen and Michaela Peterson. No speakers during Open Forum.

Fire Department update was given by Fire Chief Jerry Siler. There were 7 incidents that the Fire Department responded to in August and September. The firefighters were able to do training at a house before it was demolished in Moville. They were also able to use the new brush truck while responding to a call. Chief Sailer met with the IMWCA representative for a work comp audit, he also did an inventory with EGR regarding covered equipment

Police Chief Joe Barnes gave a Police Department update. He provided an overview of arrests and calls the department responded to over the last month. Chief Barnes also wanted to let Council know what a tremendous job the Moville EMS/Ambulance squad does. On a recent call there was a minor they assisted with and he was very impressed with how that group managed the situation and care they provided. Chief Barnes noted that he would like to hire two Reserve Officers. With Alavez in training and Anderson being unavailable for a period of time Chief Barnes needs officers for coverage. Hayworth motions to approve hiring two Reserve Officers, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

No new 28E agreements for to review. Building Inspector Christensen gives an overview of the towns he has been working with and details of revenue over the last month. There was discussion of a house in Moville that needs a new shed, Christensen will look into whether LMI money can be used. He also had a call with someone from the Pocahontas County Development group to see about potential services for their area.

Council discussed the easement/option to purchase land for a test well. Conolly motions to purchase easement for \$30,000/acre, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motions to approve ISG to send RFP's for test well proposals to interested contractors, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Council considers the liquor license application from Sunnybrook Floral. Hayworth motions to approve, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Council comments and concerns were discussed.

With no further business, Hayworth motioned to adjourn at around 7:39 pm and Conolly seconds. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Megan Cross
Deputy City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor