

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 Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Conolly motioned to approve the Utility Billing trial balance, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Inspector Christensen presents two building fence permits to review. Guests include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes, Stee Maxwell, Jerry Sailer, Dave Christensen, Jared Rapp, Scott Linden, Cynthia Alavez, and Steffani Kotz. Open Forum: Stee Maxwell spoke during open forum. He thanked the City for their commitment of \$5000 to Senior Center, Working on a grant through WiaTel. Also, Stee mentioned the Medical Clinic will begin breaking ground next week and MCDAl donating 18 lounge chairs to the city pool. Michaela Peterson had concerns for the council of resident and unpaid water bill and what action to take next?

Building Inspector Christensen gave his report over Moville nuisances, visited all 9 towns and presented his services to Pocahontas County. Attorney Thompson will set up 28E agreement with Cushing. Explained Health Clinic will begin dirt work yet this year. Applied for a work permit from IDOT to remove trees in the highway 20 row, east of Fair Street where work will be completed by April 1, 2024. Totaled billed for his services was \$37,921 through November 2023.

Fire Department update was given by Fire Chief Jerry Sailer. There were 6 calls that the Fire Department responded to in November. The firefighters were able to do local training on fire hose, ladder and masking up. The department was approved for a grant from DNR to offset an expense for the truck. Some of the members will attend certified training in Kingsley this December through February. One of the firetrucks was present at the ground breaking ceremony for Moville's future medical clinic.

Police Chief Joe Barnes gave a Police Department update. He provided an overview of 10 arrests and 36 calls that the department responded to over the month of November. Chief Barnes included an update of the Iowa STEP traffic grant throughout November resulting in 55 written warnings and 55 written citations issued on traffic violations to include seat belts and car seats. The highlight was Officer Alavez, graduated from the police academy and currently undergoing field training as a certified officer. Chief Barnes noted his department's commitment to upholding the law, ensuring public safety and fostering positive community relations.

Building Inspector Christensen let the council know that Moville does not currently have an ordinance on signage. Dakin Schulz will meet with the Planning and Zoning committee on February 6th to draw up an ordinance on signs in Moville. Also Christensen asked the council for permission to hire Scott Gernhart, True Engineering to survey the right away on Highway 140. Hayworth motioned to approve the hiring of Gernhart to survey the right away, seconded by Parks, Ayes, motion carries.

Hayworth motioned to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-5, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Nos. 2018-038 and 2021-5, providing that general property taxes levied and collected each year on certain property located within the Frontage Road Urban Renewal area, in the City of Moville, County of Woodbury, State of Iowa. Seconded by Parks, Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motions to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 2023-5, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Conolly motions to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2023-5. Seconded by Parks, Ayes, motion carries.

Mayor Fisher discussed Frontage Road Infrastructure and talked about his presentation to the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors wanted more numbers and Mayor Fisher will have True Engineering draw up a Reconstruction of Frontage Road estimate. Mayor Fisher hopes to be added to the next agenda for the WC Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2023. The Council agreed that Moville would appreciate a commitment from the County since it has been well maintained and the Medical Clinic will be an asset to a great number of communities around the area.

Hayworth motioned to approve City Employees begin accruing vacation days from employment start date, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Hayworth motions to approve the liquor license for Sunnybrook Floral, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Council comments and concerns were discussed. Mayor Fisher noted: The Rural Route Ramble was a huge success and it appeared that everyone had fun!

With no further business, Conolly motioned to adjourn at around 7:45 pm and Parks seconds. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor