

Moville City Council Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Mayor Jim Fisher calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll Call: Tom Conolly, Bret Hayworth, Joel Robinson, and John Parks are present. Paul Malm connects via phone. Malm motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Robinson motioned to approve the Utility Billing trial balance, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews the fence permit from Mike Robley at 603 Main. He has changed his mind on some of the details on the permit, so council would like Robley to fill out and turn in a new permit with new dimensions and details. The current permit will not be approved at this time. Resident Calvin Mellies spoke during Open Forum. He asks the City to consider reimbursing him more for damages caused to his basement at his residence at 625 Main Street during a recent sewer backup. The expenses to repair the damage are estimated to cost over \$10,000. The council thanked Mr. Mellies for bringing the information and let him know they would consider the options. Guests include Chad Thompson, Edgar Rodriguez, Joe Barnes, Jerry Sailer, and Calvin Mellies.

Chief Jerry Sailer gave a Fire Department update. He brought End of Year reports to the council for their perusal. Police Chief Edgar Rodriguez submitted his resignation and thanked the Mayor and council for the employment opportunity he has had during his time here. He let the council know his last day of full-time employment would be March 2nd, 2023. He expressed willingness to return as a part-time officer after his training concludes at his new job. Conolly motioned to accept this formal resignation and wished Rodriguez well at his new endeavor, seconded by Robinson. Ayes, motion carries. Conolly let the council know that the police committee had met with Officer Joe Barnes and discussed options for the Chief position with him. The committee recommends naming Officer Joe Barnes the interim Police Chief with a \$1.50 / hour raise now and then a 5% raise on July 1st, 2023. Conolly motions this change, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Council would like to see the "interim" designation not used indefinitely and recommends a review in 90 days. Conolly motions to have Barnes begin the hiring process to fill the full-time officer position, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries.

Council considers the request from Engineer Scott Gernhart to release \$14,000 of retainage to contractor Mark Albenesius for work completed on Frontage Road / 2nd Street / 3rd Street project. Hayworth motions to approve this payment, seconded by Robinson. Ayes, motion carries.

Council comments and concerns were discussed. Robinson asks the council to be aware of the possibility that multiple vacancies may occur in the upcoming (November) election for council members in the event that current members do not rerun. He would like the City to start advertising and sharing information now for residents interested in becoming council members for next year. Clerk Peterson let the council know that this week marks Mike Weaver's 25 year employment anniversary and asked the council to consider possible ideas to commemorate the occasion.

With no further business Hayworth motioned to adjourn at around 6:56 pm and Robinson seconds. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor