

Moville City Council Meeting Monday, April 19, 2023

Mayor Fisher calls the meeting to order at around 5:30 pm. Roll Call: Paul Malm joins via Zoom; John Parks, Bret Hayworth, Joel Robinson and Tom Conolly are present. Parks motions to approve agenda, seconded by Robinson. Ayes, motion carries. Malm motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Robinson motioned to approve the claims for the month, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Robinson motions to approve the March Treasurer's report, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Building permits were sent to Dave Christiansen for review. Guests present include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes, Mike Weaver, Diane Drevs, Chris Countryman and Russ Spotts.

During Open Forum, members of the Moville Medical Board Diane Drevs, Chris Countryman and Russ Spotts gave an update on the progress of the proposed Medical Clinic on Frontage Road. They are planning an event for the upcoming ground-breaking and anticipate the construction to be completed at the end of November 2023. They proposed the addition of a City-run Wellness/Fitness center on the available floor space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> story of the new Medical Clinic and asked the City to consider adding a full-time Parks and Recreation Employee to run it. The new employee would be housed at the Wellness center and could take on tasks such as managing the Haskell Pool, the Community Center, parks and facilities rental and more, easing the burden on current City Hall staff. They propose revenue from Wellness center memberships pay for the position. The council thanked the group for their work on this valuable project.

Police Chief Joe Barnes gave a Police Department update. He is working to fill the Police Officer position. Public Works Superintendent Mike Weaver gave a Public Works update. Weaver celebrated his 25 year employment anniversary in March of this year. Council considered different options to express their thanks for his service. Hayworth motions a one-time bonus of \$2,000, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviewed the bid from John Deere on a new mower. Robinson motions to approve the purchase of this mower at \$6700, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Council discusses summer mowing help hires and Weaver let the council know that the employees we utilized last summer, Wyatt and Jake Ofert, were interested in being rehired this year. Hayworth motions to hire Wyatt and Jake Ofert for summer mowing help this summer at \$15 per hour, seconded by Robinson. Ayes, motion carries.

Council discussed options and timeline for improving Frontage Road. Preliminary estimates on improving Frontage from Fair Street to Lewis Drug are \$873,500. Council is interested in working with Woodbury County to make these improvements. Hayworth suggests attending a County Supervisor's meeting and getting on the agenda to share more information and garner interest. No action at this time. No update and no action taken on hiring inspector and 28E contracts with other towns for services.

Mayor and Council concerns and comments were discussed. With no further business Robinson motioned to adjourn around 7:20 pm and Parks seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson  
City Clerk

Jim Fisher  
Mayor