

Moville City Council Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Due to no quorum at the meeting scheduled for August 2nd, the meeting was rescheduled to this evening. Mayor Jim Fisher calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll Call: Tom Conolly and Bret Hayworth are present. Paul Malm connects via Zoom video call. John Parks and Joel Robinson are absent. Malm motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Conolly motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motioned to approve the Utility Billing trial balance, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. No permits to approve. Guests include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes, Andrew Anderson, Jerry Sailer, Stee Maxwell, Diane Dreves, and Pam Clark.

During open forum, Medical Board President Diane Dreves gave an update on the new clinic proposed for Frontage Road. Chief Jerry Sailer gave a Fire Department update. Police Chief Joe Barnes gave a Police Department update. Conolly updated the council that the Police Committee has met and recommends \$27.50 as Barnes' hourly wage as newly appointed Chief. Conolly motions to approve Barnes rate of pay as Chief to \$27.50 per hour retroactively from July 1, 2023 and going forward, seconded by Malm. Motion carries. Barnes has completed interviews and checked references and recommends hiring Cynthia Alavez for the police officer position. Due to her education, she would be able to attend WIT for the "short" police academy starting in September and expects to be fully certified at the end of November. Due to the WIT academy costing less and being shorter than the one in Des Moines and not needing room and board while she attends school, Barnes has drafted a tentative two-year contract that includes an estimated repayment cost of \$5500. Hayworth motions to approve the hiring and contract of Alavez at a starting wage of \$23.50 per hour with an increase to \$25.00 per hour after certification, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Stee Maxwell and Pam Clark represented the Moville Senior Center and gave the council an update on the upcoming repairs needed at the center. They're applying for a MRHD grant and need to show they have 25% matching funds secured and asked for the City's support to reach that goal. Council supports the endeavor, but wants to first ascertain from where within the budget the funds could come. No action at this time.

Council reviewed the 28E agreements for the Building Inspector services that have been signed and returned by the cities of Akron, Kingsley and Correctionville. Hayworth motions to approve the inspection services provided through 28E agreements with these towns, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. No discussion about the topics for the upcoming Woodbury County Board of Supervisor's meeting – will move to future agenda. A motion to approve a temporary 5-day liquor license permit application for Jeff's Bar to serve at a wedding at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds was motioned by Hayworth, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries.

Council comments and concerns were discussed. Clerk Peterson let the council know that the last day of the pool is coming up August 11th and it has been an incredibly successful, safe, and well-managed season thanks to the collaboration with the Kingsley staff. Lifeguards provided 236 swimming lessons in Moville and 463 lessons among the pools at Moville and Kingsley combined. This is a terrific community service endeavor considering the short 9-week season that the pool is open.

With no further business, Conolly motioned to adjourn at around 7:00 pm and Hayworth seconds. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor