

Moville City Council Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Mayor Jim Fisher calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll Call: Joel Robinson, John Parks, and Tom Conolly are present. Paul Malm connects via Zoom video call. Bret Hayworth is absent. Malm motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motioned to approve minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. Robinson motioned to approve the Utility Billing trial balance, seconded by Conolly. Ayes, motion carries. The building permit from Lloyd and Tami Jenness for a new home at 609 Circle Drive has been denied and the appeal is going to the Board of Adjustment for review. Guests include Chad Thompson, Joe Barnes, and Cynthia Alavez. No speakers during Open Forum.

No Fire Department update given. Police Chief Joe Barnes gave a Police Department update. He introduced newly hired Officer Cynthia Alavez. She has successfully completed many stages of the pre-employment rigors and is slated to begin at the WITCC Police Academy on September 18. Council discusses pay for part time Police Officers. An increase to \$20/hour for part time officers was discussed at budget time but was unintentionally omitted from the discussion for July 1, 2023 raises/rates. Conolly motions to approve paying part time Police officers \$20/ hour retroactively from July 1st, 2023, seconded by Robinson. Ayes, motion carries.

No new 28E agreements for Building Inspector services to review. Mayor Fisher and Christensen are meeting with members from the cities of Hinton and Holstein to further the 28E process. Council reviews feedback from property owner Larry Etler regarding the tentative easement / option to purchase a site for test well drilling. Attorney Thompson will reach out to Mr. Etler to get feedback on possible edits to the contract that could be amenable to each party. No action at this time. No action on sending out RFP's until the easement/contract is in place.

Council considers the liquor license application from the 4-Way Stop and Shop. Robinson motions to approve, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. A motion to approve a temporary 5-day liquor license permit application for Crankshaft Bar to serve at a wedding at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds was made by Robinson, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries.

Council comments and concerns were discussed. Clerk Peterson let the council know she has accepted other employment and will be resigning her position as City Clerk. At this time she has offered to perform the essential functions of the position on nights or weekends as possible until a replacement is hired in an effort to ease the burden on the current staff. Council wished her well on her new endeavor and accepted the offer to continue employment as needed. Mayor Fisher informed the council that, due to his new job, council member Bret Hayworth is unable to attend the council meetings as currently scheduled. Fisher asked if council was willing to move the meetings until 6:30 pm. Council was agreeable to the idea. Peterson will add to a future agenda for discussion and/or action.

With no further business, Parks motioned to adjourn at around 6:30 pm and Conolly seconds. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Jodi Peterson
City Clerk

Jim Fisher
Mayor