

Moville City Council –Wednesday, September 18, 2024 6:30pm

Roll Call: Paul Malm on Zoom, Bret Hayworth, Calvin Mellies, and Jared Rapp are all present. Parks is absent. Malm motions to approve agenda, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Rapp motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve September, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve Treasurer’s report, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to deny Urban Revitalization Tax Abatement for 624 Meredith because it is not eligible due to TIF area, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Guests present include Dave Christensen, Chad Thompson, Jerry Sailer, Chelsea Lux, Mishelle Powell and Cynthia Alavez.

No one wishes to speak at this time at Open Forum.

Chief Jerry Sailer of the Fire Department gave a brief update for the last month as they were on stand-by for the Tractor Pull and Derby at the Woodbury County Fair. They had 3 calls for incidents, training on SOG’s, operations of CO monitor on truck, sat in on Emergency Managements, Disaster Survival Training. The truck checks were good and they did their annual pump testing on the newer truck and the pumper truck.

Mayor Linden gave a brief update on Public Works for August-September due to Superintendent Mike Weaver and Pat Smith gone for training purposes. Pumped 8.2 million gallons of water, 3.1 million gallons of wastewater, tower inspection was done by Viking, Mike Ofert passed his water treatment grade 1 test, 7 new meters were installed, painted Main Street, pool, soccer field, Memorial Park, and crosswalks. Trimmed all low hanging trees above city streets cut down 3 trees, mowed and marked soccer fields, set up barricades for Homecoming. Pat Smith attended a Risk management meeting. A preconstruction meeting for the Frontage Road project is scheduled for Friday, September 20th and a start date will be discussed.

Mayor Linden read the ISG Engineering report to the Council and residents regarding Water System Improvement Progress since last month.

Building Inspector Dave Christensen gave a brief update. Total billed for services to other towns in August 2024 was \$8,688.55.

57 Nuisances, 12 abatements, 14 letters sent, 14 official notices, 1 citation was issued, 8 permits and 16 no action taken.

Due to several businesses starting up this year that do not meet zoning requirements for the zoning district in which they exist, Inspector Christensen met with Hayworth and Parks earlier this month and they presented their idea to the Council. Christensen would like to team up with the Fire Department and do a walk through inspection of all commercial businesses in town and implement the “Certificate of Zoning Compliance” along with assigning an “occupant load” to each business, according to the standards laid out in the 2015 IBC. Chief Sailer of the Fire Department agreed that he is interested in offering a safety inspection for fire hazards to all businesses throughout the city. This will give them a good lay-out of the buildings in the case of a fire. This discussion continued further and the Council’s consensus was to have Attorney Thompson draft up an ordinance, Certificate of Zoning Compliance/Occupancy Application to complete and file for any new businesses starting in our community. Thompson will later present it to the Planning and Zoning Committee at their next meeting for approval.

Memorial Park skate ramps were graffitied last week. Clerk Peterson will get with Public Works Department and check into the cost of a motion camera plus a light pole to be installed in the lower area of Memorial Park for safety reasons since that part of the park is extremely dark at night.

With legal counsel from Attorney Chad Thompson the Council Consensus is to table the readings of Ordinance 2024-7 amending Chapter 69 Section 69.09(2) updating the Parking on Central Business Streets while Thompson adds more defined terms.

Hayworth motions to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-10-A, correcting scrivener’s error, Nunc Pro Tunc on Ordinance 2021-10, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries. Hayworth motions to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of same Ordinance 2021-10-A, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to adopt Ordinance 2021-10-A, correcting a scrivener’s error, Nunc Pro Tunc, for Ordinance 2021-10, seconded by Rapp. Ayes, motion carries.

The City Council goes into a closed session at 7:36 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (c) motioned by Rapp and seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. At around 7:49 p.m. Rapp motions to leave closed session, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. No action taken. Council concerns and comments were shared.

The next City Council meeting will be Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:30pm.

With no further business Rapp motions to adjourn at 8:01 pm, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson
City Clerk

Scott Linden
Mayor