

Moville City Council –Thursday, January 2, 2025

Roll Call: Paul Malm, via zoom, John Parks, Bret Hayworth, Calvin Mellies all present. Jared Rapp is absent. Parks motions to approve agenda, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Mellies motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve the Utility Billing Trial Balance, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to accept Russ Walker’s resignation from the Planning and Zoning committee, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries.

No one wishes to speak at Open Forum.

Guests present include Dawn Thomas, Gene Groetken, Chad Thompson, Jerry Sailer, and Joe Barnes.

Mayor Linden Declares January as, “National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.”

Council reviews and acknowledges the Proclamation for National Human Trafficking Prevention Month of January. Parks motions to approve and seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Mayor Linden reads the approved proclamation out loud. Gene Groetken is present and mentions a former Siouxland area graduate who was trafficked will be sharing her story and speaking out against human trafficking at the Sioux City Public Museum on January 26, 2025 at 2:00pm.

Chief Jerry Sailer presented a Fire Department update. He presented the Annual year end incident report to include breakdowns of services calls, man hours and training. Chief Sailer attended a Fire Conference which focused on breathing apparatus, 2 members going to Kingsley for their Firefighters I class, also approved to receive a DNR grant which they will match 50/50 for dual purpose gear.

Chief Joe Barnes gave a Police Department update. In December, Moville officers responded to 36 calls for service, which include burglary and theft investigations, assault reports, medical assistance and animal-related calls, 7 written citations, and 41 written warnings. This month, the department acquired an "ID Bag," a vital tool for improving our investigative capabilities. The ID Bag includes a new high-resolution camera and equipment for fingerprint and forensic collection. This equipment enables our department to process crime scenes more effectively by collecting fingerprints and DNA evidence and documenting scenes with detailed photographs. This is a significant step forward for our investigative capabilities. The PD participated with Woodbury County Sheriff’s office for “Shop with a Cop” for two Moville kids to do some Christmas Shopping at Fleet Farm. Chief Barnes had the opportunity to meet with a representative from the Moville churches, which have established a combined fund to assist individuals and families in need. The PD is exploring ways to collaborate with them to ensure these funds are distributed effectively to those requiring help in our community.

Council reviews Resolution 2025-01 appointing City Clerk. Hayworth motions to approve the re-appointment of Michaela Peterson as city clerk as stated in the Resolution, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews Resolution 2025-02 appointing City Attorney. Hayworth motions to approve the re-appointment of Chad Thompson as stated in the resolution, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2025-03 approving Security National Bank and United Bank of Iowa as banking institutions. Parks motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews Resolution 2025-04 appointing records custodians. Parks motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Council reviews Resolution 2025-05 approving investment policy. Parks motions to approve resolution, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2025-06 appointing planning and zoning board members. Hayworth motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Parks. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2025-07 appointing The Record as the official newspaper. Hayworth motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Malm. Ayes, motion carries. Mayor Linden recommends re-appointment of John Parks as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mellies motions to approve this appointment, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2025-08 the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 maximum property tax levy dollars public hearing to be set on April 7, 2025 at 6:30pm. Hayworth motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Mellies. Ayes, motion carries. Council considers Resolution 2025-09 approving the 2025 IRS Standard Mileage rate of \$ .70 per mile. Parks motions to approve the resolution, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries. Parks motions to approve Resolution 2025-10 to correct a duplicate resolution number used in 2024 and declare Resolution number 2024-45 for the council approved Annual Financial report, seconded by Hayworth. Ayes, motion carries.

Each Council member signed up for two annual sub-committees. These committees consist of council members, city staff, and community representatives to enhance communication between the City Council and City staff to achieve goals, objectives and develop policies that align with the cities strategic priorities. They discuss hot topics, issues, changes or needs where the few can bring before the Council and the public, their valued opinions and answers to gain results for a better understanding of the future.

The council members were given a spreadsheet showing the past 5 years of budgeted dollars needed per department to help with research and for a better understanding of projected dollars considered for the next fiscal year.

Mayor and Council concerns and comments were discussed. First Budget meeting combined with the next council meeting will be Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.  
With no further business Mellies motioned to adjourn around 7:31pm and Parks seconded. All ayes, motion carries-meeting closed.

Michaela Peterson  
City Clerk

Scott Linden  
Mayor